



"Open the Door," 2010, acrylic, pigment, and newspaper on canvas, 89 x 130 cm (35" x 51")

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MONICA JAHAN BOSE

We are delighted to invite you to a **Private Preview** of "Open the Door," a solo exhibition of mixed-media paintings by Bangladeshi-American artist Monica Jahan Bose that is being supported by the American Center of the US Embassy, Dhaka. The Private Preview will be on **Thursday, 15 July 2010 at 7:00 pm** at the Dhaka Art Center, House 60, Road 7/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh.

We have organized this small private viewing for invited artists, collectors, and the press. (The exhibition will be officially inaugurated the following day, 16 July, 2010 at 6:00 pm and will continue until 26 July, 2010.)

We hope that you will join us to meet the artist and preview her innovative work. Using words and phrases in Bengali and English and everyday and symbolic objects from East and West, Monica Jahan Bose's works pulsate with color and meaning, as well as wit and humor. Her vibrant works inhabit many worlds and contain multi-faceted messages about the joys and contradictions in our contemporary world. She has developed her own unique language to create thought-provoking yet beautiful paintings.

Monica has lived and worked in Paris, France since 2006, but will move back to the US in August. She studied art at Wesleyan University (USA), the University of California at Berkeley (USA), and at Santiniketan (India). She studied law at Columbia University in New York. She has exhibited her work in Bangladesh, France, India, Japan, and the US. She was recently invited to exhibit her work in Paris at the prestigious Prix Marin Exhibition, an annual exhibition showcasing emerging painters in France. "Open the Door" is her 5<sup>th</sup> solo exhibition and her second time exhibiting in Bangladesh.

With warmest regards,

Ishrat Akhond

Director, Dhaka Art Center