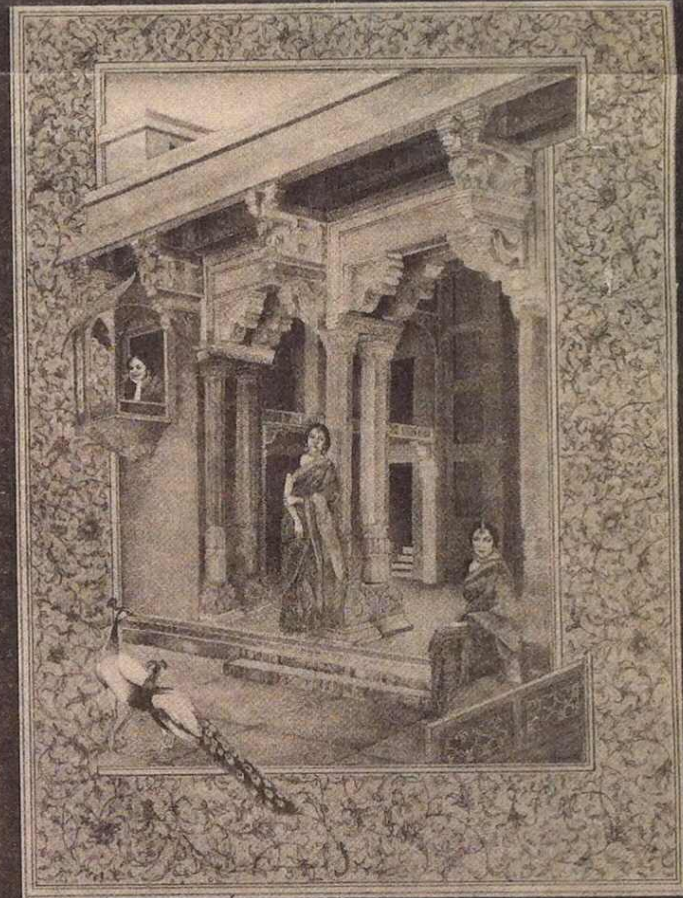


PEOPLE'S PAGE



The People's Page is space this paper makes available for East Siders to share their thoughts, talents or whatever with their neighbors.



Shahzia Sikander is a first-year graduate student in the painting department at RISD. A native of Lahore, Pakistan, she graduated as a miniature painting major from her country's National College of Art last year. There she won the SAKIR ALI award in recognition of excellence in fine arts and her work was selected for display in the national Gallery in Islamabad.

Shahzia's style of miniature painting is to take traditional formats and contemporize them both in terms of technique and theme. Because of the detailed nature of her work, a painting takes up to a month to complete. One paneled project took eight full months. She requires special paint brushes (made of squirrel hairs) and uses watercolors as her medium.

Many of her paintings actually are portraits of friends and family put into traditional and stylized settings. Shown here is a self-designed portrait of her sister dressed in the Golconda style of miniature painting. There are also traditional themes of the act of dressing up, an elopement, and romance. One painting builds a narrative by showing the same figure with three different expressions. Shahzia is currently a resident at International House on Stimson Avenue.

