

October 25
@ The Lionel Wendt Gallery
18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7
>> Textiles exhibition
 An exhibition of textiles by the Department of Industries will be held today.

@ Harold Pieris Gallery
 (The Lionel Wendt)
18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7
>> Pixel Art
 An Exhibition of photographs by Harsha Maduranga titled 'Pixel Art' will be held today from 9 am to 8 pm. The exhibition will include all his photos that brought him local and international awards. For inquiries please call 2695794.

October 26
@ The Lionel Wendt Theatre
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>> Soprano
Musical Colours on Two Pianos performed by Ramya de Livera Perera and Soundarar David will take place on October 26. Preshanthi Navaratnam (Soprano) and Dushy Perera (Cello) will also perform at the event. For inquiries please call 2695794.

@ Nani Malini Punchi Theatre
37, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
>> Weyo Piaybathi
 Ganimi Nanayakara's popular stage play 'Weyo Piaybathi' will be held on October 26 at 6.30 pm. The play is aimed at creating awareness of HIV/AIDS among the general public. For more details 011-2672121.

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'Cultural Diary' brings you details about several fascinating stage plays and events happening in the island nation. Take your pick of stage plays, exhibitions, or dance performance and add colour to your routine life. You can make merry and enjoy the adventures or sit back, relax and enjoy a movie of your choice. Make a little space to kick into high gear amidst the busy work schedules to enjoy the exciting events happening at venues around the city. If there is an event you would like others to know, drop an email to eventalendar@gmail.com or call us on 011 2429552. Have a pleasant week.

Daily News Cultural Diary

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Ananda College, Colombo 10
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October 29
@ Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo
115, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 2
>> CIMSATON
 CIMSATON - heat up night will be held on October 29 at the King's Court, Cinnamon Lakeside, 9 pm onwards. Tickets are priced at Rs 3,500. For reservation and information call 2564860.

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>> Photographic exhibition
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@ Hilton Colombo Residence
200, Union Place, Colombo 2
>> Phantoms Soiree
 Phantoms Soiree - a Halloween party where ghosts, witches, vampires and everything evil is welcome will be held on October 29 from 7 pm to 11 pm. Be a part of the fun wearing your own eerie Halloween costume and enjoy frighteningly delicious food and freakishly good beverages. For more details please call 5344644.

@ Ladies' College Hall
66, Sir Ernest de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 7
>> Symphony Orchestra concert
 Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka's Premiers Concert will be held on October 31. Tokyo-born Keiko Kobayashi who is a rising star will conduct the concert. Also arriving from Japan to perform with the SOSL is clarinetist Ado Kihara. He will be performing Carl Maria Von Weber's Clarinet concerto No. 1 in F minor - one of the composer's best-known concertos. Dwarak's cello concerto in B minor will be performed by well-known Sri Lankan cellist Dushy Perera.

Aaron Copland will perform 'El Salon Mexico'. Also on the program is Samuel Barber's heart wrenching Adagio for strings. Japan Foundation is the main sponsor of this concert. Asian Alliance is the local sponsor of the concert. Box plan is open at Titus Stores and Liberty Plaza.

October 30
@ Nani Malini Punchi Theatre
37, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
>> Children's concert
 Vidumina Centre will present its children's concert on October 30 at 5.30 pm.



October 31
@ Barefoot Gallery
706, Galle Road, Colombo 3
>> Beyond Illusion

Beyond Illusion, Druvinka's exhibition of paintings which is now being held at the Barefoot Gallery, Colombo will go on until October 31. Druvinka is an established artist who has held exhibitions around the world. Born in Sri Lanka, she is currently painting and residing in Himachal Pradesh, India with her two sons, Tashi and Drona.

November 05
@ Bishop's College Auditorium
No 15, Boyd Place, Colombo
>> Crystals live in concert

'Crystals live in concert' - An evening of dance and bridal elegance which features the dance acts of the dance troupe 'Crystals' and Harris Wijayasinghe's bridal collection will take place on November 5 at 6.30 pm. For tickets and inquiries call Mihirani on 0770641474. Tickets are available at Harris Wijayasinghe's residence - No 63, Peterson Lane, Wellawatte, Majestic Shoes, Wellawatte, Ramada Colombo, Gee Bees Clothing - Fabric - 4, Amira Collection - Mount Lavinia, Fashion Fabric - Colombo 3 and Ganesh Textiles - Main Street.

Every Friday
@ Hotel School Auditorium
78, Galle Road, Colombo 3
 (opposite Cinnamon Grand)
>> Feel Sri Lanka
 Sri Lanka Tourism will stage *Feel Sri Lanka* - Sri Lankan traditional dances for visiting delegates/tourists and expatriates at Hotel School Auditorium from 5.30 pm onwards on every Friday. For the Corporates who are hosting special delegations, Sri Lanka Tourism will undertake staging this on any other day for special groups including Meetings/Conferences/Incentive delegates. For further details contact T Kumudu 0714880570/Achini-071 4880571.

Every Saturday/Sunday
@ Artist Gallery
18A, Saravasi Nugegoda, Nawala Road, Galle
>> Never Ending
 'Never Ending', an art exhibition by S H Sarath will be held at the Artist Gallery every Saturday and Sunday from 10.30 am to 7 pm. On weekdays the paintings will be shown on prior appointment for anyone interested. Please call 2854737.

Big Screen

@ The American Centre
No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3
The Young Victoria (2008) will be screened on October 25 at 6 pm (Running Time: 105 mins). Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend star in the lavish historical drama, *The Young Victoria*. Resolved to establish her authority over those who rule in her stead, a young and inexperienced Queen Victoria (Blunt) draws strength from the love of Albert (Friend), the handsome prince who's stolen her heart. Based on the courtship and early reign of England's longest-serving monarch, *The Young Victoria* is a majestic tale of romance, intrigue and power. For further information please contact the American Center at 2498106 or 2498163.

@ Alliance Française de Colombo - Cin, Club
No 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7
Chocolat by Claire Denis (1988) will be screened on Tuesday, October 26 at 3 pm, and Wednesday, October 27 at 6.30 pm. (105 mins). A young French woman returns to Africa and is haunted by vivid memories of her childhood in the last days of the country's independence. Suitable for persons of 12 years and over.

@ The Russian Cultural Centre
10, Independence Avenue, Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo 7
 Several days from the life of *I I Oblomov* (1979) will be screened on October 27. (Running time: 143 min.). The film is based on the novel 'Oblomov' by Russian writer Ivan Goncharov. The 19th-century Russian landed gentry's life was idle and boring. Its representatives had a hard time of finding a purpose in life, of realizing their potential. Likewise, the film's protagonist, Ilya Ilyich Oblomov, refused to work just for the sake of building up his fortune, for he did not see in it any lofty ideal. Lying on a sofa and indulging in 'philosophical' reflections on the meaning of life, he let the life slip by him, including the love of his life, Olga. Having despaired of ever getting to his heart, she married his friend, Sholtz.

@ Alliance Française de Kotte - Cin, Club
No. 139, Jawatte Road, Colombo 5
La Rafle, historical drama by Rose Bosch will be screened on October 29. Description- In 1942: Jo is 12 and Jewish. Along with his friends and families, he learns how to survive in the middle of Paris, occupied by the Nazis. But one terrible night of July, they all become victims of a roundup organised by the French police on orders of the Nazis. This is based on a true story. 011-2581715

Dine Out

@ Ceylon Continental Hotel
48, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01
Rasi Sri Lanka - Sri Lankan Food festival will be held at the Emerald Restaurant from 7 pm to 11 pm every Saturday and Sunday. Rs 1000 per person. Fine Fashion at the Heist Poolside will take place every last Saturday of the month. High Fashion at the Heist will be held every Friday from 9 pm to 9.30 pm. For information please call 2421221

@ Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo
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The Napoleon Invasion Goodies
 Until October 31, Three layered, custard filled treats inside the Goodies shelves this month. The Mille Feuilles or Napoleons come in Chocolate Fudge, Date and Cashew, Bitterscotch and Nougata, Strawberry, Mixed Berry, Orange and Cappuccino. 2491804

Eating Asia - Sumatra Style
 The Dining Room, October 19 to 28 7.30 pm - 11 pm. Sumatran food is traditionally very spicy with generous quantities of chilli, lemongrass, ginger, garlic and coriander. Discover the diversity of this cuisine at a presentation of food by Sumatran Chefs. Dine as dancers perform, depicting mythical tales. For reservations 2491930

Signature Dish - all outlets
 Baby Lobster with Zucchini Black Pepper Sauce, the Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo signature dish has been created by Chef Jason, our Singaporean Master Chef. It can be requested at any outlet including room service for lunch or dinner. 2491000

@ Galle Face Hotel
2, Galle Road, Colombo 3
 Open until October 31
 Savory Pancakes Promotion, Creamy Tuna, Spicy Chicken, Stir Fried Beef or Vegetarian, Cinnamon flavoured Crème Brulee, Combo Offer (Sufficient for 2 persons), Selection of Pancake, Crème Brulee, 2 glasses of beverage (iced coffee or chilled juice).

SEA SPRAY
Tuesday and Saturday - Sea Food BBQ
Monday and Wednesday - Surf and Turf BBQ
Thursday and Sunday - Asian BBQ
Friday - Fusion of East and West
 1864 Business Lunch - Open Daily from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm

VERANDAH
 Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6.30 am to 11 pm.
HIGH TEA
 Rs 850 nett per person. Fashion show (twice a month) at the Verandah Bar from 5.30 pm to 6 pm.

CHEQUER BOARD, VERANDAH BAR
 Open until October 31 - 10.00 am to midnight. Anchor Beer promotion - 2 Anchor Beer - Rs 425 nett.

IN... ON THE GREEN
Tuesday - Live Entertainment, Open Mic competition
Wednesday - Quiz competition
Thursday - Jazz entertainment
Friday - Live entertainment
Saturday - Live Jazz
Daily - Int'l sports on giant screen
Happy hours - 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

The Library
 October 30 to 31. Come in costume and enjoy the freakishly frightful cocktails this Halloween. Ladies will be served a special Halloween cocktail on the house. A bottle of Moët is up for grabs for the winner of the best costume competition! Library 2491925 / 1924. 7 Degrees North 2491948

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