

Cultural Diary with its new outlook brings you details about several fascinating events happening in the country. The European Film Festival will screen more award winning movies for movie lovers. Take your pick of exhibitions, fashion shows or dance performance and add colour to your routine life. You can also sit back, relax and enjoy a sumptuous meal on offer at a city hotel. 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 eventcalendar@gmail.com or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week.

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Sunetha Kannanagara

November 27 >> Capturing the fleeting moments

Painting keeps her totally focused and living in the moment, almost like meditation. Her hands, eyes and mind in perfect moment-to-moment flow with the element of time losing its relevance. Sunetha Kannanagara interprets everyday scenes and objects in a way that invites the viewer to expand their horizons thereby elevating

the ordinary to the extraordinary making even the most mundane subjects dance before your eyes. Specific beautiful moments are also fleeting and momentary. They have to be grasped and appreciated before it is gone. In an ever changing world nothing is permanent. However, in Sunetha's collection of paintings she has tried to capture the beautiful impres-

sions of many such fleeting moments to instill tranquility and contemplation and to connect people to nature's beauty and healing. You can witness these moments by visiting her first solo art exhibition *Fleeting Moments - Impressions in watercolour*, on November 27 and 28 at the Lionel Wendt Gallery from 9 am - 7 pm. The exhibition will consist of her present collec-

tion of over 70 impressions in watercolour of landscapes, seascapes, fauna, flora and culture which is a tribute and homage to Mother Lanka. Using the best art materials for her work such as Winsor and Newton Artists Water colours and Grumbacher and Da Vinci paints, Sunetha will bring out traditional and contemporary techniques in watercolour painting.



November 08 >> God, Mantras and Other Stories

You can be a part of searching and reaching the divine through painting. Artist, Patrick Morin will hold an exhibition titled *God, Mantras and Other Stories* comprising his recent paintings. The exhibition will be held at the Barefoot Gallery, No 706, Galle Road, Colombo 03 from November 4 - 21 from 10 am to 7 pm. (Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm) Patrick Morin, born in France has been living in Sri Lanka since 1986. He started painting in his twenties, after he arrived in Sri Lanka. *God, Mantras and Other Stories* is his second exhibition at the Barefoot Gallery. His first exhibition was held at Barefoot in 2002. He had also exhibited in Jaffna in 2003.



November 11 >> Sri Lanka Design Festival 2010

Sri Lanka Design Festival 2010 will come alive harnessing talent, creativity and design on one platform.

It is a unique event designed to promote Sri Lanka's creative and design industries and will offer a variety of fashion shows, exhibitions, talks and workshops that cover all areas of design - Graphics and Advertising, Fashion, Interior and Architecture, and Jewellery Design.

The festival will be held from November 11 to 17 at the Mount Lavinia Hotel. Sri Lanka Design Festival will also include two full-day programs for Children -

from the ages of 6-13 years, over the weekend of November 13 and 14. The Sri Lanka Design Festival (SLDF) 2010 is organized by the Academy of Design in partnership with British Council and MAS Holdings with the support of the Sri Lankan Government. Tickets for the Festival Program and the SLDF Children's Program will be for sale online and at the walk-in Box Office at No. 29, Duplication Road, Colombo 04 until November 10 (9 am to 5 pm) and at SLDF Box Office at Mount Lavinia Hotel from November 11 to 16 (9 am to 5 pm). Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be returned or exchanged.



November 13 >> San Damiano - Heart and Soul

The Christian Reformed Church, Dehiwela will present a unique musical evening with the Revelations and Voice Print on Saturday November 13 at the Ladies College Hall at 7 pm. The Evening of song is a unique program as its two award winning choirs will come on one stage for the first time.

The Revelations being ranked 7th at the world choir championships will perform an array of songs with their usual professional stamp on it. They have been performing here and overseas and will guarantee a song choice worthy of all what they have achieved thus far.

Voice Print recently won an accolade for their performance. Two of the finest voices in Sri Lanka today, The De Lanerolle Brothers will also perform as guest



artists. The show produced by Vinodh Senadesera is in aid of the building fund of the Christian Reformed Church. Box Plan and tickets are available at the Commons, CRC Wellawatte and The 500 by Vision Care at Crescat.

November 26 >> Iconic Traditions

Soul Sounds will team up with Voice Print to ring in the seasonal cheer and enthral the audience on November 26 at the Mount Lavinia Hotel. The iconic traditions will begin with the choir and the lighting of the Christmas tree. This year's Christmas tree is estimated to be the tallest

ever tree to be lit in the country. The Christmas tree will be around 30 feet tall and will be made with environmentally friendly recycled materials. The hotel will also be offering the traditional Christmas drinks such as eggnog, Gl h wine and Kokilo as well as other festive beverages from around the world.

Every Friday >> Feel Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Tourism invites visiting delegates/tourists and expatriates to experience the rich culture of the island nation. *Feel Sri Lanka* Sri Lankan traditional dances will be staged at Hotel School Auditorium, 78, Galle Road, Colombo 3 (opposite Cinnamon Grand) 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/Conference Incentive delegates. For further details please contact Kumudu 0714880570/Achini 071 4880571

Every Saturday and Sunday >> Never Ending

Never Ending an art exhibition by S H Sarath will be held at the Artist Gallery at 16A, Sarasavi Gardens, Nawala Road, Nugegoda

every Saturday and Sunday from 10.30 am. to 7 pm. on weekends. The paintings will be shown on prior appointment for anyone interested by calling 2654737.

Big Screen

The European Film Festival

The European Film Festival 2010 - the biggest film festival in town is attracting crowds of movie lovers to the three venues: the Namel Malini Puchi Theatre Borella, British Council Colombo and Goethe Institut.

The festival in Colombo will be held until November 14 with screenings each day at 4 pm and 7 pm before moving to Kandy, Jaffna and Galle. All Sri Lankans will receive the opportunity to enjoy a collection of various, contemporary

and classic European films. The European Union Delegation, British Council, Goethe Institut, Alliance Francaise de Kotte, the French, Dutch, Swiss, Italian and Norwegian embassies and Polish and Belgian Consulates in Sri Lanka, along with the National Film Corporation has organized this mega festival. The screenings are free of charge and open to all on a first-come first-served basis at Namel Malini Puchi Theatre No. 37, Cotta Road, Colombo 8.

@ Namel Malini Puchi Theatre

Centochiodi (Italy) - 4 pm

November 08
Involved in a difficult investigation a young professor at the University of Bologna decided to drop everything and change the entire life...

Kicks (UK) - 7 pm

Nicole and Jasmine are two teenagers who bond over a mutual obsession for Premiership footballer, Lee Cassidy. Fuelled by their fantasy of meeting him, they track him down and before they know it their dream has become a nightmare.

Im Winter ein Jahr (Germany) - 4 pm

November 9
Two very different people find out they have more in common than they imagined in this emotional drama from Germany. Storm Boy (The Netherlands) - 7 pm. Three boys embark on their first voyage across the ocean and find themselves shipwrecked on a tropical island.

Reprise (Norway) - 4 pm

November 10
Reprise is a playful film about friendship, madness and creativity, about love and sorrow, great ambitions and the often unpleasant clash between youthful presumptions and reality.

Happy together (Belgium) - 7 pm

November 11
Martin and Eline are the perfect example of a happy couple. They live in a beautiful house, together with their two kids. It's like living in a dream. But when they sign the deed to purchase a summer residence in Tuscany, their fortune starts to crumble. The only way out seems to be a drastic one.

Jean de la fontain, le defe - 4 pm

November 11
Paris resounds with thousand noises on this morning of 1661. The powerful superintendent Fouquet is arrested and the young King Louis the 14th takes the throne.

Chopin-pragnienie milosci (Poland) - 7 pm

The film describes the life of Fryderyk Chopin - one of the leading pianists and composers of our times...

Generazione Milie Euro (Italy) - 4 pm

November 12
In Milan, Matteo is an under-employed physicist, giving occasional lectures at a university while working at a PR firm. Without his trying, two women are attracted to him, a blond and a brunette. What will Matteo decide before opportunity passes him by?

Upperdog (Norway) - 7 pm

November 13
As young children, the half siblings Axel and Yanne are adopted to Norway. They are separated on arrival, Yanne to material wealth on Oslo's West side and Axel to an average family on the East.

The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus (UK) - 7 pm

November 13
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus is a fantastical morality tale, set in the present-day. Dr. Parnassus with his extraordinary travelling show 'The Imaginarium', offers to members of his audience the irresistible opportunity to enter their universe of imaginings and wonders by passing through a magical mirror.

Madly in Love (Switzerland) - 4 pm

November 14
Devan, a young Tamil raised in Switzerland, wants to fulfil his father's wish of an arranged marriage. However, a few days before the traditional wedding, Devan falls madly in love with Leo, an European woman.

Welcome (France) - 7 pm

Bilal, a 17-year-old Kurdish refugee has spent the last three months of his life travelling across Europe in an attempt to reunite with his girlfriend.

@ British Council

49 Alfred House Gardens, Colombo 3

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November 9

Nowhere Boy (UK) - 4 pm

Imagine John Lennon's childhood. A lonely teenager, curious and sharp, growing up in the shattered city of Liverpool...

Mannen som elsket Yngve (Norway) - 7 pm

November 1989. The Berlin wall collapses. In Stavanger town, Jarle Klepp (17) who has got everything has no idea that all is about to change.

Jean de la fontain, le defe - 4 pm

Soul Kitchen (Germany) - 7 pm

November 10

Zinos Kazantzakis (Adam Bousdoukos) runs a cheap restaurant in a run-down warehouse district that he calls the Soul Kitchen. While the food isn't very good, it doesn't cost much and a regular clientele shows up each evening for cheap beer, filling food, and the company of their peers...

Kicks (UK) - 4 pm

Ma Che Ci Faccio Qui (Italy) - 7 pm

November 11

Alex is a young eighteen year old with dream of crossing Europe with his friends. The movie is about how this young man tires to pursue his dream.

La fille du RER (France) - 4 pm

Zoo Rangers in South America (Netherlands) - 7 pm

November 12

While on the trail of an extremely rare butterfly, the Zoo Rangers save the South American Rain Forests from total destruction.

Marias Menn (Norway) - 4 pm

November 13

Maria is an unconventional single parent mum of three children, who's got a cool grip on her life...

Hector (Belgium) - 7 pm

Achiel Matheussen owns a bakery in a small village. He is in desperate need of help in the bakery. Eta proposes to get Hector, her second cousin, out of the orphanage, where he was left as a baby 35 years ago.

Yella (Germany) - 4 pm

November 14

Yella longs for the future. She wants to leave the life she had set up until now behind her. On her journey she meets a man.

The boat that rocked (UK) - 7 pm

@ Goethe Institute

39 Gregory's Road, Colombo 7

November 8

La Rabbia di Pasolini (Italy) - 4 pm

Happy together (Belgium) - 7 pm

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La Tete de Maman (France) - 4 pm

November 10

The boat that rocked (UK) - 4 pm

Der Freund (Switzerland) - 7 pm

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Vier Minuten (Germany) - 4 pm

Duska (Netherlands) - 7 pm

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