



'Cultural Diary' with its new outlook brings you details about several fascinating events happening in the country. This week the European Film Festival will move to Galle to reach out the movie lovers there with a collection of award winning movies. Take your pick of exhibitions, fashion shows or dance performance and add colour to your routine life. 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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November 19 Beaujolais Nouveau

Past midnight on the third Thursday of each November, from little villages and towns over a million cases of Beaujolais Nouveau wines begin their journey through a sleeping France to Paris for immediate shipment to all parts of the world. Banners proclaim the good news: 'Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrive!' 'The New Beaujolais has arrived!' and one of the most frivolous and animated rituals in the wine world commences.

By the time Beaujolais Nouveau is over, over 65 million bottles of new wine of the harvest will be distributed and drunk around the world. It is amazing to realize that just weeks before this wine was a cluster of grapes in a growers vineyard. But by an expeditious harvest, a

rapid fermentation, and a speedy bottling, all is ready at the midnight hour. By French law, Beaujolais Nouveau is to be released no earlier than the third Thursday of November.

Beaujolais Nouveau began as a local phenomenon in the local bars, cafes, and bistros of Beaujolais and Lyons. Each fall the new Beaujolais would arrive with much fanfare. In pitchers filled from the growers barrels, wine was drunk by an eager population.

This year this small South Asian island will also be a part of this wonderful celebration. Mount Lavinia Hotel and Alliance Francaise de Kotte present an evening of fabulous music, authentic French cuisine and the joyful taste of Beaujolais Nouveau. Join the re-creation of the

ceremonial release of the world's most famous vin de premier taking place on November 19 at the Empire Ballroom, Mount Lavinia Hotel.

The Lillimanche quartet, specially flown in from Paris together with dancing rock band French Connection and unlimited food will entice all those who attend.

For reservations please call 2711430. Individual tickets are available for sale at Alliance Francaise de Kotte. For more information call 2581715. To reserve tables for eight, please contact Charmini of the Embassy of France on 2639433.

November 17 Sri Lanka Design Festival 2010

'Sri Lanka Design Festival 2010' will harness 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 run until November 17 at the Barefoot Gallery, No 706, Galle Road, Colombo 03 from 10 am to 7 pm. (Sundays - from 11 am to 5 pm) Morin born in France tries to search and reach the divine through his paintings. He has been living in Sri Lanka since 1989.

ings with the support of the Sri Lankan Government. Tickets for the Festival Programme and the SLDJ Children's Programme 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 SLDJ 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 17 Suba Saha Yasa

The new production of one of the most popular stage dramas 'Suba Saha Yasa' directed by Suman Navarathne is scheduled to be staged at John De Silva Memorial Theatre on November 17 at 6.45 pm. Sriyantha Mendis, Nihal Fernando, Kusum Renu, Sriniath Madumage, Samadani Ariyawansa, Wasantha Witanachchi, Kumara Thirimadura, Amaradasa Thalgoda, Deepika Abeygunaratne, Ratne D. Nambuge, Premakumara Dassanayake, Susil Perera, Neil Ravindra, Ravindra Ariyaratna and Asoka Zoysa are the main actors. Production management and organization is by Jude Srimal.

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November 21 God, Mantras and Other Stories

Artist, Patrick Morin's exhibition titled 'God, Mantras and Other Stories' comprising his recent paintings will run until November 21 at the Barefoot Gallery, No 706, Galle Road, Colombo 03 from 10 am to 7 pm. (Sundays - from 11 am to 5 pm) Morin born in France tries to search and reach the divine through his paintings. He has been living in Sri Lanka since 1989.

His first exhibition was held at Barefoot in 2002. He had also exhibited in Jaffna in 2003.

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.

lit in the country. The Christmas tree will be around 30 feet tall and will be made with environmentally friendly recycled materials.

The iconic traditions will begin with the choirs and the lighting of the Christmas tree. This year's Christmas tree is estimated to be the tallest ever tree to be

The hotel will also be offering the traditional Christmas drinks such as eggnog, Gluh wine and Kokito as well as other festive beverages from the around the world.

November 27 Fleeting Moments

Holding the paint brush in her fragile fingers she keeps herself totally focused on the pictures that take shape on the blank sheet of paper. The noise of the outer world is not heard but she lives in the moment, meditating and concentrating on the colours that give life to the object she draws.

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.

Sunetha Kamnangara, a talented artist from her school days rediscovered the joy of watercolour painting after she retired from a busy career in the corporate sector in UK and Sri Lanka. She interprets everyday scenes and objects in a way that invites the viewer to expand their horizons. Specific fleeting moments which are also beautiful and momentary are captured by Sunetha in her paintings. You can witness these

Sumetha plans to use the net proceeds from the exhibition to provide scholarships to needy students, to provide additional safety facilities to a Home for intellectually challenged adults at Kegalle and to help AWPA with urgently needed funds to build a new cattery for stray cats sheltered at Kahathuduwa.

Every Friday Feel Sri Lanka

Feel the warmth, experience the hospitality and embrace the breathtaking beauty of the pearl of the Indian Ocean. 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/Sunday 'Never Ending'

'Never Ending', an art exhibition by S. H. Sarath will be held at the Artist Gallery at 18A Sarasavi Gardens, Nawala Road, Nugegoda every Saturday and Sunday from 10.30 am

to 7 pm. On weekdays the paintings will be shown on prior appointment for anyone interested by calling ☎ 2854737.

[Big Screen]

The European Film Festival

Movie lovers in Galle, this is the moment you were waiting for. Here is your chance to view some fascinating award winning movies. The European Film Festival 2010 - the biggest film festival in town will move from Colombo to Galle. The screenings will take place at Maritime Museum Hall, Galle at 1 pm and 3 pm. 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.

November 17

Nowhere Boy (UK) - 4 pm

Imagine John Lennon's childhood. A lonely teenager, curious and sharp, growing up in the shattered city of Liverpool. Two incredible women clash for his love. Mimi - the formidable aunt who raised him and Julia - the spirited mother who gave him up.



Madly in Love (Switzerland) - 3 pm

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

The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus (UK) - 3 pm

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 irrefutable opportunity to enter their universe of imaginations and wonders by passing through a magical mirror.



Laissez-passer

Laissez-passer by Bertrand Tavernier will be screened on November 16 at 3 pm and on November 17 at 6.30 pm (163 minutes) at Alliance Francaise de Colombo - Cine Club No 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 07. Two men (Aureche who is a writer and Devaivre who is an assistant director) living in Paris struggle to maintain their integrity while working for the German controlled Continental Film Studios.

Le gout des autres

The French film Le gout des autres directed by d'Agnes Jaoui will be screened on November 19 at Alliance Francaise de Kotte, 139, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05 at 6.30 pm.

Castella is a successful suburban businessman caught behind the fast-changing times. More out of boredom and interest, he allows his wife to drag him to a performance of Racine's Berenice and is overwhelmed by the power and beauty of the lead actress, Clara who plays the queen. So infatuated with her he goes back to the play night after night. When Castella reluctantly tries to learn English for an important business deal, his English teacher turns out to be Clara.

Budapest to Gettysburg

Budapest to Gettysburg will be screened at the American Centre No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on November 16.

One man's new birth of freedom explores the life and work of Dr. Gabor Boritt. This documentary looks at the connection between his coming-of-age under history's greatest villains, and his rising to become an expert on one of its greatest heroes. Gabor, whose family was torn apart by the perils of times of history, has not looked back. While the historian has shunned his own tumultuous history, he has become an expert on the most brutal period of U.S. history...

Chicken Run

Chicken Run (2000)- the children's movie will be screened at the American Centre No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on November 20. Chickens try to escape an egg farm but they can't fly. A circus chicken comes along and the ladies have great hopes he can help them fly the coop.

Chekhovian motifs

A film is based on A. P. Chekhov's play 'Tatiana Repina' and short story 'Difficult People' will be screened at the The Russian Cultural Centre, 10, Independence Avenue, Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo 07 on November 24 at 6 pm. The film has won many awards including Russian Film Critics Award 'Golden Ram' for Best Director (2002), Jury Prize, Russian Guild of Film Critics and Historians Prize at the 9th Russian Film Festival 'Literature and Film' in Gatchina (2002) and Nika Award Nomination for Best Film (2002). The film is subtitled in English. Entrance Free.

November 18

Chopin-pragnienie milosci (Poland) - 1 pm

The film starts when Fryderyk Chopin is still a young man living with his parents and his two sisters in Warsaw where he frequently plays the piano and composes music for the decidedly unmusical Grand Duke Constantine.



Welcome (France) - 3 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.



November 19

Storm Bound (Netherlands) - 1 pm

Three boys embark on their first voyage across the ocean and find themselves shipwrecked on a tropical island.

Ma Che Ci Faccio Qui (Italy) - 3 pm

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



November 20

Happy together (Belgium) - 1 pm

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.



Soul Kitchen (Germany) - 3 pm

Zinos Kazantzakis (Adam Bousdoulos) 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. Bad luck follows Zinos when his girlfriend, Nadine (Peline Roggan), runs off to China and he decides to follow, putting his brother (Moritz Bleibtreu) in charge of the restaurant.



November 21

Upperdog (Norway) - 1 pm

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

