



Daily News Cultural Diary

With the spirit of Christmas hovering in the air, this week there is an array of Christmas events happening around the city. *Cultural Diary* brings you details about several fascinating events happening in the country. Take your pick of exhibitions, fashion shows or dance performance and add colour to your routine life. Make a little space to kick fast 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 event-calendar@gmail.com or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week.

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December 13 >> Kaputa Saha Keju

Kaputa Saha Keju the latest stage play by award-winning dramatist Keerthi Bandara will be premiered on December 13 (today) at the Elphinstone Theatre, Maradana at 6.30 pm. The stage play features Vinaja Nilanthi, Premadasa Vithanage, Rupa Gomes, Damitha Saluwadana, Susilka Kurage-

ma and many more popular actors and actresses. Music is by Ranjith Navaratne while the stage management is by Lanka Wijesiriwardana and Donald Mapalagama. Hemaka Bandara handles the production management and the drama is presented by Rohana Nishantha Perera.

December 14 >> "Twas a night before Christmas"

Alethea International School presents "Twas a night before Christmas" - a celebration of dance and music from around the world, on December 14 at 7 pm at Bishop's College Audi-

torium. Tickets are priced at Rs 800, Rs 700 and Rs 600 and are available at Alethea International School. For information please contact 2714848/4201439.

December 15 >> Mongolian Nite at cch

Enjoy a sumptuous meal on December 15 (Wednesday) participating at the "Mongolian Nite" at Panorama Roof Top Restaurant of the Colombo City Hotel. The two piece band "Crossfade" will entertain you with soothing music. Happy

hour discounts on beverages will also be offered. Colombo City Hotel will also hold "Hopper Nite" on December 17 (Friday) at Panorama Roof Top Restaurant with Nihal bringing in the entertainment.

December 16 >> Constellation

Constellation - an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Manoranjana Herath, Indika Wijeratne, Vajira Gunawardana and Gayan Prageeth will be held at the Barefoot Gallery, 704, Galle Road, Colombo 03 (behind Barefoot entrance via 8th Lane) from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 16. (Weekdays 10am to 7 pm /Sundays 11am to 5 pm).

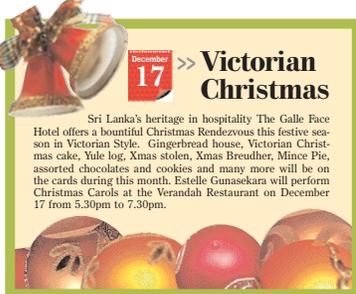


The young artists have held individual exhibitions prior to this event and they have been extensively involved in the field of fine arts for several years. The exhibition is an expression of ideologies of artists in the field of Art production intervene the power politics which prevails in Art.

December 17 >> Art Exhibition

Showing her talents using the brushes and paints, Ruwani Perera will hold an art exhibition at the Lionel Wendt

Gallery, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 from December 17-19. For inquiries please call 2695794.



December 17 >> Victorian Christmas

Sri Lanka's heritage in hospitality The Galle Face Hotel offers a bountiful Christmas Rendezvous this festive season in Victorian Style. Gingerbread house, Victorian Christmas cake, Yale log, Xmas stolen, Xmas Breuder, Mince Pie, assorted chocolates and cookies and many more will be on the cards during this month. Estelle Gunasekara will perform Christmas Carols at the Verandah Restaurant on December 17 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

December 17 >> 'A Christmas Carol'



December 17, 18 and 19 @ the Lionel Wendt 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7

"But he was a tight-fisted hand at the grind-stone. Scrooge! a squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner! Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster!" This is how Charles Dickens describes Ebenezer Scrooge at the beginning of the novel *A Christmas Carol*. Scrooge who says "Bah Humbug!" to his nephew's Christmas wishing will be on stage on December 17, 18 and 19 at the Lionel Wendt, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

"A Christmas Carol" a Christmas evening for the whole family will be presented by the English Literary and Drama Society of St. Peter's College.

The past and present Peterites will join hands in giving life to the many characters of the production which is based on Charles Dickens' famous novella *A Christmas Carol* which was published by Chapman and Hall on December 19, 1842.

The story tells of sour and stingy Ebenezer Scrooge's ideological, ethical, and emotional transformation after the supernatural visitations of Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Future.

The play is directed by Neidra Williams and Jehan Bastians. The play is produced by Miranga Ariyaratne.

The cast will include 34 boys and girls from different age groups with the youngest only seven years old.

The main role is played by Kanishka Herath. The production will surely be a memorable experience for everyone who watches it during this festive season.

Letter to Santa

Drop in a letter to Santa with your wish list in the special "Santa's Mail Box" at the Lobby of the Galadari Hotel and receive a gift on Christmas day. (December 14 to 22)

Lunch with Santa

Galadari Hotel will offer a Christmas lunch filled with lots of entertainment for kids as well as adults including a kiddies corner with magic show, gifts from "Santa's mail box" by Santa himself and live music by Kismet. Rejoice in the Christmas Spirit! Spread a little joy by singing best loved Christmas Carols this Christmas with members of Choro Calibre from 1pm to 1.30 pm.

December 18 >> Esperenza 2010

Esperenza 2010 - a musical night featuring some popular bands in Sri Lankan music industry will take place on December 18 at 7pm at Bishop's College Auditorium.

The event is organized by the Rotaract club of the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. The event is organized in aid of Seric, an organization that helps children of soldiers who were born differently-abled due to the stress their mothers were undergoing.

December 19 >> Boru Kakulkarayo

Boru Kakulkarayo by Gayan Mahagajala will be staged on December 19 at 3.30pm at Shalika Ranga Shalawa, Dehitalakandiya, Banda Samarasinghe, Nimanthi Porage and Jeevani Perera will give life to the main roles of this play.

>> Feel Sri Lanka

Attracting crowds of Free Independent Travellers' (FITs) in addition to the diplomats, expatriates and conference delegates Feel Sri Lanka will take stage this Friday. 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. The recital includes a superb recital of Wes, Thelme, Sabaragamuwa, and Salupaliya with one or two creative dances. 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 and complimentary tickets for special guests contact Kumudu 0714880570, Achini 071 4880571, Hasani 077 3627733, Nemanthi 071 9872028 or Gayan 077 2544 117.

>> '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.

December 22 >> 'Joy to world'

Joy to the world: A spectacular Christmas music program with performances by leading Catholic School Choirs, Revelations, Soul Sounds and Peradeniya Singers will be held on December 22 at the BMCH at 6.45pm. A special guest performance by The Alpine Harmony from Austria. Tickets are priced at Rs 2,000, Rs 1,000 and Rs 500. Box plan is available at Aquinas University College. Tickets are also available at selected parish churches. The event is jointly organized by the Archdiocese of Colombo and the Blessed Joseph Vaz Trust and the proceeds will be in aid of charity.

Events at ICC

The following events will be held at Indian Cultural Centre in December
December 14 - Film *India By Choice* and documentaries *Chandrayaan - I* and *India on the Moon* will be screened at 6 pm
December 15 - A lecture on Art and Communication by renowned photographer and Editor Sadanand Menon will be held at 6 pm
December 16 - An evening of dance by the members of the Tagore Society will be performing at 6 pm
December 17 - Lecture Demonstration on Tabla by Shashtrapatni Vadya Nipun Dinusha Rang Perera will be held at 4 pm

Book launch

Jayantha Kalupahana will be launching his latest book *Yakbadde Gurunases* at the Dr N M Perera Center, Borella, on December 16 at 4 pm. Dr Praneeth Abeybandura will chair and make the main speech during the event. Dr Premadasa Sri Alawattage will also speak.

Big Screen

Bounty Hunter

The Bounty Hunter (2010) will be screened on December 14 at 6pm at the American Centre No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03. (Running Time: 110 min) In the bouncy romantic comedy *The Bounty Hunter*, Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler aim to be a contemporary Nick and Nora for an audience that's never even heard of *The Thin Man*. Ex-cop-turned-bounty hunter Milo Boyd (Butler, 200) is ecstatic when he gets his new assignment: his ex-wife, reporter Nicole Hartley (Aniston), has skipped bail to pursue a breaking story.



'Toi et Moi'

"Toi et Moi" a comedy by Julie Lopez-Curval, (2006) will be screened on December 17 at Alliance Française de Kotte, 139, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05 at 6.30pm. Duration 1 hour and 30 minutes Ariane has a habit of transposing the complicated love lives of those around her into the trashy love stories that she writes for a women's magazine. Her current preoccupation is Lena, her half-sister, who has started taking an interest in Mark, a fellow musician. Lena already has a boyfriend, François, but the spark went out of that relationship long ago and Lena is reluctant to let it go any further. When she is not imagining a happy future for Lena, Ariane reflects on her own disappointed love life. She has fallen for Fard, a wealthy businessman who insists that he cannot settle down with her.

