



**Daily News Cultural Diary**

As another year comes to an end, a brand new year awaits us. With bundles of hope in the hearts, as you wait eagerly to greet the year 2011, 'Cultural Diary' brings you details about several fascinating events happening around the city on New Years Eve. You can also enjoy a delicious meal with your loved ones in this holiday season. Know about what is taking place at various venues this week and take your pick. You can also enjoy the movies that are screened at well-known venues. If there is an event you would like others to know, drop an email to [eventcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:eventcalendar@gmail.com) or call us on 011 2429652. May year 2011 usher joy and prosperity.

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## >> 'Vintage Ball'

Enjoy a memorable evening with Rajiv and the Clan together with DJ music at the Vintage Ball on this New Years Eve at 'Akasa Kade' managed by Ceylinco Hotels. The venue will also offer you the opportunity to view the scenic beauty of Colombo. Legendary Vijaya Corea will host the event.

An exclusive gala buffet dinner is on the cards. The lucky one can walk away with air tickets and many more prizes.

Hurry for your tickets to Siedles (Sony) Liberty Plaza, Colombo 03; Lanka Hands Music Centre, 135, Baud-dhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 04 or Raja Bojjan, Seylan Towers, Colombo 03. For more information call Palitha

## >> 'Continental Flight 2011'

Ceylon Continental will usher in the New Year with the dinner dance Continental Flight 2011. The event will represent all seven continents taking the guests around the world. A gala dinner and breakfast will be held in the midst of music provided by Lantra and his hand wagon 'Doctor' and popular band 'Kings'.

The bands will play a vast selection of music including disco, oldies and ballads. Hush another exclusive event will be held on the 31st night including a dual set menu and buffet dinner concept for just 60 couples.

The event also includes breakfast on January 01. Versatile female vocalist Sonali will perform at the event along with Rauli Rodrigo as Sonali and Champagne. The night's entertainment will also include a belly dance act, non-stop music from Eugene who flew down from Australia to play a selection of 70s and 80s classics until dawn. Exciting prizes and entertainment including raffle

## December 31 >> Glamour Night

Misty will mistyfy you this new year with their delightful tunes. The band which was ranked as a professional musical outfit since they started playing in Colombo in 1999 will play for you at the Empire Ballroom, Mount Lavinia Hotel on New Year's Eve.

The band which has performed around the world including Maldives, India, Pakistan, Singapore, China, Thailand, Sydney, Germany, UK, France and Canada will enchant you with their musical talents.

Together with Misty, DJ Kapila will also be on stage as all say good bye to the year 2010 and welcome the new year 2011.

Doubling the joy of the dawn of the New Year, Mount Lavinia Hotel will lay the table with traditional breakfast. You can take home mini glamour statuette, personalized pho-



tograph and many more prizes. Feast on the grand shellfish buffet with imported Australian seafood, Live Sushi and Sashimi bar, Asian

steam bar with Dim Sum and Shumai, Tandoori bar with chicken, European style salad bar, international cheese buffet and Lavinia

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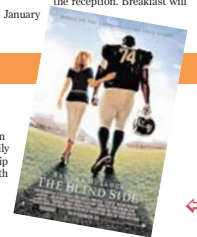
### >> The Blind Side

The Blind Side (2009) will be screened on December 28 at The American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03 at 6 pm (Running Time: 129 min)

Sandra Bullock (Actor), Tim McGraw (Actor), John Lee Hancock (Director), Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron) knows little

about family. Less about football. What the homeless teen knows are the streets and projects of Memphis. Well-to-do Leigh Anne Tuohy (Sandra Bullock) knows little about his world. Yet when she and Michael meet, he's found a home. And the Tuohys have found something

just as life-changing: a beloved new son and brother. This real-life story of family and of Michael's growth into a blue-chip football star will have you cheering with its mix of gridiron action and heart-warming emotion. Share the remarkable journey of the



## >> 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, Thelma, 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, Hasnaji 077 3627733, Nemanthi 071 9872028 or Gayan 077 2544 117.

## >> Never Ending

'Never Ending', an art exhibition by S H Sarath will be 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.

## >> 'The Mount Mardi Gras'

Greet the New Year with loads of merriment at Mount Lavinia Hotel. 'The Mount Mardi Gras' the new year party will be held at the Governor's Terrace. Enjoy jazz, blues, punk, pop and Sri Lankan Balla amidst New Orleans style atmosphere. A sumptuous buffet will be served with delicacies from around the world. For reservations call 2711430.

## >> 'Dinner Dance at CCH'

Razell, Dazell, Twist Jive, Rock and Roll away 2010 will take place at Colombo City Hotel at the 31st Night Dinner Dance.

The dinner dance will be held at the hotel's Panorama Restaurant with Crossfade and Isha. Tickets are available at the reception. Breakfast will also be served on January 01.