

Daily News Cultural Diary

Travel around the city with the 'Cultural Diary' which brings you details about fascinating events that are happening in the New Year 2011. 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 events@dailynews.lk or call us on 011 2429652. May year 2011 usher joy and prosperity.

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Every Friday

>> Feel Sri Lanka

Feel Sri Lanka' - the weekly cultural extravaganza initiated by Sri Lanka Tourism to enable foreign visitors to witness authentic traditional Sri Lankan dance forms in Colombo will take a new look this year.

The Colombo City Tour, a unique venture by Sri Lanka Tourism and Ebert Silva Holidays will synergize with Feel Sri Lanka January onwards. Every Friday evening a sight-seeing tour in the Colombo City

will commence from Galle Face Hotel at 4 pm picking up guests from city hotels en route. The Tour on the striking red open-deck double

decker will take the tourists to most of Colombo with a live commentary on board by a professional guide and a brief stop at the Independence Square.

The Colombo City Tour will then arrive at the Hotel School Auditorium 78, Galle Road, Colombo 3 (opposite Cinnamon Grand) in time for the Feel Sri Lanka show commencing at 5.30pm. *Feel Sri Lanka* is a carefully designed program tailored for foreign and



expatriate audience which is fast becoming a must see program in tour itineraries in Colombo. This event will be an opportunity for visiting delegates/tourists and expatriates to experience the rich culture of the island nation.

It is a one hour, back to back show consisting of traditional dances of Sri Lanka with a few fusion acts based on traditional steps. It also includes a superb recital of Wes, Thelma, Sabaragamuwa, and Salupaliya with one or two creative dances.

At a time when Sri Lanka is poised and positioned to take off towards new economic vistas, Sri Lanka Tourism together with Ebert Silva Holidays synergize in an effort to portray the City of Colombo as an exciting destination that offers enhanced and unforgettable experiences to its visitors.

Tickets and more information on Colombo City Tour will be available at all city hotels and on hotlines. 0777 589 963 and 0777 772 995. Information on *Feel Sri Lanka* can be obtained from Sri Lanka Tourism Kumudu 071 4880570, Ninanthal 071 987 2028 and Gayan 077 2544 117.

Every Saturday Sunday

>> Never Ending

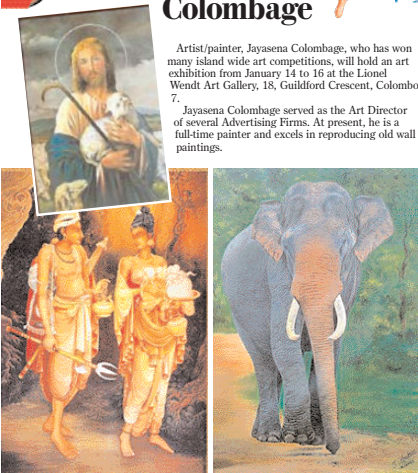
Never Ending, an art exhibition by S. H. Sarath will be held at the Artist Gallery at 18A Sarasavi Gardens, Nawala Road, Nugegoda every Saturday and Sunday from 10.30 am to 7 pm. On weekdays the paintings will be shown on prior appointment for anyone interested by calling 2854737.

January 14

>> Art exhibition by Colomage

Artist/painter, Jayasena Colomage, who has won many island wide art competitions, will hold an art exhibition from January 14 to 16 at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

Jayasena Colomage served as the Art Director of several Advertising Firms. At present, he is a full-time painter and excels in reproducing old wall paintings.



January 15

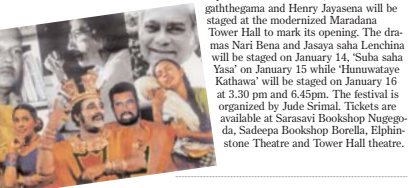
>> Tharawo Iglethi

Lucian Bulatshinhal's 'Tharawo Iglethi' will be staged on January 15 at 3.30pm and 6.30pm at the Gampaha Bandaranayake Vidyalaya.

Nari Bena, *Saba saba Yasa* and *Hunuwataye Kathawa* at Tower Hall Three popular stage dramas created by the veterans of the Sinhalese stage.

Dayananda Gunawardana, Simon Nawagaththegama and Henry Jayasena will be staged at the modernized Maradana

Tower Hall to mark its opening. The dramas *Nari Bena* and *Jessya saba Lenchin* will be staged on January 14, 'Saba saba Yasa' on January 15 while 'Hunuwataye Kathawa' will be staged on January 16 at 3.30 pm and 6.45pm. The festival is organized by Jude Srimal. Tickets are available at Sarasavi Bookshop Nugegoda, Sadeepa Bookshop Borella, Elphinstone Theatre and Tower Hall theatre.



January 16

>> Glorious Quest

Ranked with some of the most renowned choirs in the world, *Soul Sounds* have enthralled many an audience both in Sri Lanka and abroad with their ability to reach out to the soul with their passionate music. This premier female ensemble, were the first choir in the country to venture into the world of international choral music, and have been truly musical ambassadors to Sri Lanka. *Soul Sounds* once again is ready to spell bind the Sri Lankan audience with their novel concert *Glorious Quest* which will take place at the Lionel Wendt Theatre, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 on January 16 at 7pm. Box office is open at the venue.



January 15

>> Glamour of nature



A photographic exhibition depicting the glamour of nature in the up country will be held at Mahanuwana Sampath Madura on January 15 and 16 by Lake House Free-lance photographer Prasanna C Vithana.

About one hundred photographic taken by him are at display at the exhibition. Vithana hopes to hold photographic exhibitions in different historical cities in the island depicting beauty of such particular cities.

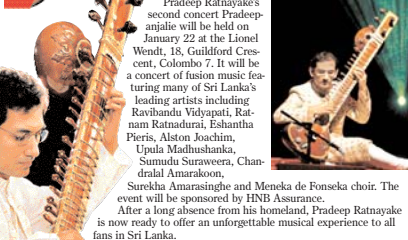
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January 22

>> Pradeepanjali

Pradeep Ratnayake's second concert Pradeepanjali will be held on January 22 at the Lionel Wendt, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7. It will be a concert of fusion music featuring many of Sri Lanka's leading artists including Ravibandu Vidyapati, Ratnam Ratnadurai, Eshantha Pieris, Alston Joachim, Upala Madhusanka, Sumudu Suraweera, Chandralal Amarakono, Surekha Amarasinghe and Meneka de Fonseka choit. The event will be sponsored by HNB Assurance.

After a long absence from his homeland, Pradeep Ratnayake is now ready to offer an unforgettable musical experience to all fans in Sri Lanka. The concert will be held to celebrate the homecoming of virtuoso sitarist after his Fulbright tenure at Colombia University, New York from 2008-2010. During his time as Fulbright student, Pradeep performed and worked with an array of New York musicians. Now all Sri Lankan music lovers will have a chance to hear the magical sounds of the sitar virtuoso. Pradeep who is not merely a performer but a composer and a music director will present you uncharted territories of sound at his concerts. The tickets for the concerts are available at the Lionel Wendt.



February 01

>> Cory Wallia in Sri Lanka

Renowned Bollywood makeup artist and hairstylist Cory Wallia will be in Colombo to conduct a special workshop. The workshop will focus on grooming the skills of Sri Lankan make-up artists and hairstylists for the National Awards 2011 to be held in February. Wallia will visit Sri Lanka on the invitation of SLA-HAR (Sri Lanka Association of Hairdressers and Beauticians). The workshop will kick off with 'look and learn seminar' at the Bishops College on January 31 from 10 am. Hands-on workshops for a limited number of participants will be held on February 1 and 2 from 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Special focus will be on bridal makeup, its modern techniques, preserving makeup and much more. Deadline for registrations is on or before January 25. For more information contact Dilhani on 011 5631597.

Big Screen

Informant

Informant (2009) will be screened on January 11 at The American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03 at 6pm (Running Time: 108 min)

Matt Damon (Actor), Scott Bakula (Actor), Steven Soderbergh (Director)

A rising star at agri-industry giant Archer Daniels Midland Whitacre suddenly turns whistleblower. Even as he exposes his company's multinational price-fixing conspiracy to the FBI Whitacre envisions himself being hailed as a hero of the common man and handed a promotion.

7 ans de mariage

7 ans de mariage by Didier Bourdon (2005) will be screened on Tuesday (January 11) at 3 pm and Wednesday (January 12) at 6.30pm (Duration - 93mn). Alain and Audrey have been married for just seven years, but already the spark has gone out of their love life. Concerned that his marriage may be failing, Alain decides to revise his wife's romantic appetite.

Dine Out

Here are some delicious offers at Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Tarts and Pies Galore
Strawberry Tarts, Berry Almond Tarts, Linzer Tarts, Peanut and Maple Tarts, Mixed Fruit Tarts, Apple pies, Pumpkin and Ginger Pies and Lemon Meringue Pies will be available at Goodies throughout January.

High Tea
Daily High Tea at the Lounge will include an extensive buffet of sweet and savory treats and a la minute waffles and crepes served with tea, coffee or iced coffee.

Shake it up
You can try the new creative margaritas at the 7 Degrees North.

Splendours of the sea
Select your choice of seafood from Oysters and crab to cuttlefish and even handloft and have it cooked in a preparation of your choice.

