



February 05



# The Gaza Mono-Logues

Before the war I was a child. But after the war I discovered I'm not a child any more, and that Gaza, unlike all cities of the world, doesn't have children in it. - Mahmud (Born 1994, Al Jalaa Street) Children are the most affected by war. The Gaza Mono-Logues brings into focus the stories of children growing up in contexts of war. They are the stories of their childhood scarred with war. They are told by children who dream of a

better tomorrow while hoping to get through their today. These awful stories that haunt the young minds of these children will be brought to Colombo by Floating Space, Colombo's newest theatre group. Floating Space partnered with Ashtar Theatre based in Palestine and 42 other partner companies on the Gaza Mono-Logues performance project. Ashtar's global initiative for peace and non-violence in October 2010. This year, Float-

ing Space, together with Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust will present The Gaza Mono-Logues in commemoration of the 67th birth anniversary of Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam. Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam was a scholar, a legislator, as well as a practicing lawyer, social scientist and politician who worked to resolve the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka through non-violent political means, including consensus building, negotiation and constitutional reform. He was the founder director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies and The Law and Society Trust; two of Sri-Lanka's leading research and policy organisations. Dr. Tiruchelvam was assassinated on July 29, 1999. Directed by Jake Oortoft and produced by Iromi Perera, the Gaza Mono-Logues in Sri Lanka will bring together fourteen young actors who will speak for the children of the world living with war. The Gaza Mono-Logues will run at the Park Street Mews (warehouse), at 50/1 Park Street, Colombo 02 on February 5 and 6 at 7:30 pm. Tickets priced at Rs. 500 are available at the Park Street Mews.

February 09 >> 'Imaging Aftermath' @ Theertha Red Dot Gallery

Take a look at the exhibition 'Imaging Aftermath' by G R Constantine at Theertha Red Dot Gallery, 30 A, Baddagana Road South, Pikootte. It is the first of the eight exhibitions of 'Theertha Pradarshana Wasanthaya - 2011' organized by Theertha International Artists' Collective. The exhibition will remain open till February 9. Gallery Hours - Monday to Wednesday 10.30 am- 5pm, Sundays, open on call. 0773665548, 11 am - 4.30 pm. The exhibition is curated by Anoli Perera.



# Daily News Cultural Diary

Travel around the city with the Cultural Diary which brings you details about fascinating events happening this week. You can also enjoy a delicious meal with your loved ones. Know about what is taking place at various venues this week and take your pick to relax and enjoy life. You can also go for the thrilling 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 or call us on 011 2429652.

February 12 >> Golu Birinda @ Nanel Malini Panchi Theatre

Professor Wimal Dissanayake's 'Golu Birinda' directed by Nanel Weeramanu goes on the boards at the Nanel Malini Panchi Theatre, 37, Dr. N.M. Perera Mawatha (Cotta Road), Colombo 08 on February 12 at 6 pm. 'Golu Birinda' is a brilliant adaptation of the comedy of Anatole France's 'The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife' for the stage to which life is pumped by Malini and Nanel Weeramanu together with Daya Tennakoon and Senad Dikkumbura.

February 09 >> 'Did Einstein Understand E=me2?' @ Nanel Malini Panchi Theatre

Laurel Botsford will launch her book 'DID EINSTEIN UNDERSTAND E=me2? Removing the Veil at the Nanel Malini Panchi Theatre, No 37, Dr N M Perera Mawatha, Borella, Colombo 08, on February 9 at 6 pm.

February 11 >> 'Magul Prasthawa' @ Kandy Hindu Cultural Centre

Prof. Ediriweera Sarachchandra's 'Magul Prasthawa' and 'Ekata mata hina hina' will have two special appearances in Galle on February 10 at 8 am and 11am at Halle de Galle. It will also be staged on Friday, February 11 at 8 am and 11am at Kandy Hindu Cultural Centre. The cast include Prasannajith Abeysooriya, Rasika Jayapala, Supun Tharanga, Lakmal Chandima and Ravindra Ekanayaka. The chief organizer for the shows will be Judd Srimal.



February 12 >> New World Concert @ Ladies' College Hall

Together with some exceptional musical personalities, the Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka will present New World Concert on February 12 at the Ladies' College Hall.

Gregory Rose, the British Conductor who conducted the SOSL in the memorable performance of Verdi's requiem in 2009, will be back to conduct the Orchestra. The concert will also feature international flute soloist Celine Charlier from Brazil, who will perform a Flute Concerto with a distinct Latin American flavour composed by Brazil's foremost living composer, Vilani-Cortes. The New World Concert will also present the outstanding soprano, Tharanga Goonetilleke, an old girl of Ladies' College, who has thrilled many audiences with her fabulous singing. Tharanga is currently performing with the New York City Opera Company after training at the Juilliard School of Music and completing a stint with the Juilliard Opera company.

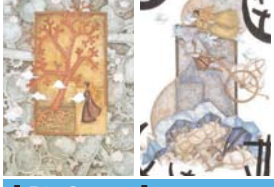
She is certainly no stranger to the Colombo stage and returns to perform a range of operatic arias by Puccini, Mozart and Lehar. The grand finale will be a performance of Dvorak's much loved Symphony No. 9 in E Minor 'From the New World Symphony'. This great composition was written during Dvorak's time as the Director of the National Conservatory of Music in New York. Tickets for this New World Concert, which is co-sponsored by the DFCC Bank and Brandis, supported by the Deva Surya Sena Trust, will be available at Titus Stores, Liberty Plaza from the January 29. Call 2501209 to reserve your seats in advance.

February 11 >> Launch of 'Untouchable Woman's Odyssey' @ Nanel Malini Panchi Theatre

Nanel and Malini Arts Circle presents Sri Lankan Canadian Poet, Author, Journalist, Scholar and Renaissance Man, Sunanda H J Sugunasiri at the Launch and a reading of his revolutionary novel Untouchable Woman's Odyssey on Friday, February 11, at 4 pm. The event will take place at Nanel-Malini Panchi Theatre, 37, Dr. N.M. Perera Mawatha (Cotta Road), Colombo 08 under the Distinguished presence of Chair, National Education Commission Prof. A V Surawera and speakers Prof. Ashley Halpe, Prof Sunanda Mahendra and Dr Michael Fernando. For more details call 011-267 2121.

Every Friday Evening >> 'Feel Sri Lanka' @ Galle Face Hotel

Every Friday evening a sightseeing 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-top 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 which will commence at 5.30 pm. 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. Tickets and more information on Colombo City Tour will be available at all city hotels and on hotlines 0777 599 963 and 0777 772 595. Information on 'Feel Sri Lanka' can be obtained from Sri Lanka Tourism Kumudika 071 4884870, Nimalanthi 071 987 2128 and Gayan 077 2544 117.



February 11 >> 'Once Upon a Time' @ Barefoot Gallery

The illustrations of unwritten tales of an unwritten history- 'Once upon a time by Alex Stewart will take place at Barefoot Gallery, 704, Galle road, Colombo 03, from February 11 to 27. This exhibition follows on from the paintings Stewart showed at Barefoot in 2009. These new paintings reflect something of his deepening recollections of travelling in Sri Lanka over the last 15 years, watching the street life, reading the papers, listening to the stories and experiences of those around him. For more information call 2605559.

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## Big Screen

### Notting Hill

As the month of February begins with love in the air, the American Center will bring best loved romantic comedies for all movie lovers. Notting Hill (1999) will be screened on February 08 at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03 at 6pm (Running Time: 124 min)



What if a nobody had a relationship with a very famous somebody? William Thacker (Hugh Grant) is a divorced bookseller living in Notting Hill, London. He has a simple life, running a bookstore that specializes in travel books, and picking up after his skittish and dim-witted roommate Spike (Rhys Ifans). However, Will's life undergoes a radical shift when one of the bookstores in London, world famous actress Anna Scott (Julia Roberts) has to walk into his. Will's first brush against fame is short as he manages to exchange a few pleasantries with Anna before she leaves the store. Fortunately for Will, this is not the last time he sees her. A short while later while grabbing a coffee from a local shop, he runs into Anna, spilling his drink all over her shirt. Profusely sorry for making a mess, Will offers Anna the use of his apartment down the street where she can clean up and change. And so begins an unlikely romance.

### At Home Among Strangers, Stranger Among His Own

'At Home Among Strangers, Stranger Among His Own' is a detective movie produced in 1974. (Running time 97 minutes) This movie will be screened on February 9 at Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No 10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07 at 6 pm. An unmovable lot fell to the Red Army soldier Shilov: he is being suspected of stealing gold. In the hungry 1920s, the young Soviet

Republic's government searches for gold all over the country, to buy bread from abroad for it. And now, the collected valuables disappeared from the armored and well-guarded train car on their way to Moscow. Shilov learns that the valuables have been stolen by the bandits. To restore his good reputation, Shilov has to infiltrate the band. To find

out where the stolen gold is kept, he must be at home among the strangers. A debut of the world-famous director Nikita Mikhailov, this film is an excellent model of a western, having a very ingenious plot, and, most importantly, being a hymn to men's true friendship. Entrance to watch this movie is free and all films are subtitled in English.

### Le Bonheur est dans le Pro (French Movie)

Le Bonheur est dans le Pro by Etienne Chatiliez (1995) will be screened on Tuesday, February 8 at 3pm and Wednesday February 9 at 6.30pm at Alliance Francaise de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. (Duration-102min) Francis, the boss of a small plumbing supply company, is harassed by tax collectors, striking employees, and an impossible wife and daughter.

His only joy is sharing lunch with his friend Gerard. Then a TV show called 'where are you?' shows a woman from Giers who is searching for her husband who disappeared 28 years ago. The lost husband looks like an identical twin of Francis. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

