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Daily News Cultural Diary

Today's 'Cultural Diary' brings you details about several fascinating stage plays and events happening in the island nation. Take your pick of stage plays, exhibitions, or dance performance and add colour to your routine life. You can make merry and enjoy the adventures or sit back, relax and enjoy a movie of your choice. 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 2429632. Have a pleasant week.

February 28

Unparalleled splendour - photo exhibition

@ Royal College



Sri Lanka-China Friendship Association in collaboration with the People's Republic of China Embassy in Sri Lanka and Royal College have made arrangements to have a photo exhibition to educate children about China's 30 parallel on February 28 at Nawarangahala of Royal College.

March 04

Balloth Ekka Be

@ Elphinstone Theatre
@ 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm



Two special shows of the hilarious comedy *Balloth Ekka Be*, written and directed by Ravindra Ariyaratna will be staged at the Maradana Elphinstone Theatre on Friday, March 4 at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm.
The cast includes renowned artistes Wijaya Nandasiri, Rosnan Piliyathil, Gihan Fernando, Kumara Thirumaduru, Saman Hemarathna (Leelaseena), Sarath Kotthalawala and Anusha Disanayake. Music is by Shantha Peiris, stage set designed by Luvin Vandervol while Aokka De Zoysa and Shanba Udaya Kumara handle the stage management. The drama is organized by Jude S'riimal. Tickets are available at Saravali Bookshop Nugegoda, Sadeepa Bookshop Borella and Elphinstone theatre canteen.



March 05

Dance forum

@ Goethe Hall

German lighting technician and light designer Karsten Krause will conduct a workshop on theatre lighting at Goethe Hall/British School Auditorium on March 5, 6 and 11. Krause was working for several important theatre houses in Berlin before he started his own company LightView. He added architecture and event lighting to his portfolio and is now successfully working in different projects worldwide.
Krause will give a theoretical introduction into the field of light engineering and also share his practical experiences in setting up a light design on stage for the specific needs of a dance theatre production. For information call 2694562.

March 09

Tun Path Rata

@ John de Silva theatre
@ 6 pm

Prem-Abey-Niranjala *Tun Path Rata*, a musical show to commemorate the 66th birth anniversary of late renowned vocalist: Abeywardena Balasooriya will be held at John de Silva theatre on March 9 at 6 pm. A CD titled *Apa Gayu Premge* Gee that includes songs penned by the late lyricist Premakeethi de Alwis will be added to the colourful event. Jagath Wickramasinghe, Kithsiri Wijayasekara, Mizra Kapuge, Rashmi Sangeetha, Indika Upamali, Anuradha Nandasiri, Sewandil Ranatunga and Niranjala Sarojini will perform. Music by Manoj Peiris and band, Kulasiri Buddhavath and his students will perform dance items.



March 01

Million Dollar Baby

@ American Centre
@ 6 pm

The American Centre will screen movies under the theme 'Women's History Month' during March. Women's History Month is an annual declared month worldwide that highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. March has been set aside as this month in the United Kingdom and in the United States. In India, this month is celebrated in October and corresponds with the celebration of Persons Day, which falls on October 18.

March 01

Million Dollar Baby

Million Dollar Baby (2005) will be screened on March 01 at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 03 at 6pm (Running Time: 132 min)
"I Don't Train Girls" trainer Frankie Dunn grows. But something's different about the spirited boxing hopeful who shows up daily at Dunn's gym. All she wants is a fighting chance. Clint Eastwood plays Dunn and directs, produces and composes music for this acclaimed, multi-award-winning tale of heart, hope and family. Hilary Swank plays resilient Maggie, determined not to abandon her one dream. And Morgan Freeman is Scrap, gym caretaker and counterpoint to Dunn's crustiness. Grab your dreams and come out swinging. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

March 01

L'appartement (French Movie)

L'appartement: by Gilles Mimouni (1996) will be screened on Tuesday, March 1 at 3pm and Wednesday, March 2 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Francaise de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. (Duration - 116 min).
Max is a former bohemian and an amateur writer who gets a job in New York and leaves his girlfriend Lisa, who he was madly in love with, in mysterious circumstances. After two years, he returns home to Paris and decides to settle down and get married to a French girl called Marie. By chance, he catches a glimpse of his lost love, Lisa in a cafe but fails to make contact before she storms out. Determined to meet her, Max secretly cancels his business trip abroad...
The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

March 05

Chicken Run

The American Centre will also screen youth movies every Saturday. On March 5, you can enjoy watching the well loved *Chicken Run* (2000) at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3 at 3.30 pm (Running time - 84 minutes).
Set in Yorkshire, England in 1959, the film centers around a band of chickens, who seek a smooth-talking Rhode Island Red named Rocky as their only hope to escape from their certain death when the owners of their farm decide to move from selling eggs to selling chicken pies.

March 09

The Driver for Vera

The Driver for Vera is a drama produced in 2004. (Running time 114 minutes) This movie will be screened on March 9 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No 10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.
In 1962, General Sevov returns from a trip to Moscow to his villa near the Black Sea port Sevastopol together with a young driver Victor, just hired for the job. The General tries to arrange personal life for his daughter Vera, who has a small physical defect - she limps. Victor is unaware of the real reason of his transfer to the Crimea, quickly makes friends with the General's adjutants, guards and servants.
The young man is going to play the major role in the sequence of events about to happen in the house. The movie has won 7 awards. Entrance is free and the movie is subtitled in

Every Friday evening

Feel Sri Lanka

@ Galle Face Hotel
@ 4 pm

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 has synergized with the Colombo City Tour, a unique venture by Sri Lanka Tourism and Ever! Silve Holidays this month onwards. 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-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 76, Galle Road, Colombo 3 (opposite Cinnamon Grand), in time for the 'Feel Sri Lanka' show 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 Kumudu 071 4880570, Nimanthi 071 987 2028 and Gayan 077 2544 117.

February 28

Exhibition by Dumith

@ Harold Peiris Gallery
@ 9 am to 5 pm

An art exhibition by Dumith Kulasekara will be held today at Harold Peiris Gallery, 18, Gullford Crescent, Colombo 7. Kulasekara was born in 1979 in Colombo and has been painting since 1998. In 2002 he enrolled in the University of the Visual and Performing Arts and graduated with a BFA in painting in May 2008. His work has been exhibited in Colombo at the National Gallery (2005, 2008) and the George Key Foundation (2006, 2007) and in Paris at the Mona Bismarck Foundation (2008). In 2006 he was awarded the 2nd prize for Young Contemporaries, organized by The George Key Foundation.

March 05

Nattukkari

@ Namel Malini Panchi Theatre
@ 6.30 pm

University of Peradeniya Alumni presents Namel Weerasinghe's popular *Nattukkari* theatre at best, a tragic comedy on March 5 at 6.30 pm at Namel Malini Panchi Theatre, with Malini Weerasinghe in the lead with Ruwan Wickramasinghe, Surangi Kosala, Daya Tennakoon, Senata Dikumbura, Anusha Disanayake, Anil Wijesinghe and Senevirathne Bandara.



February 28

Exhibition by Mahinda Sagara

@ Lionel Wendt
@ 9 am to 5 pm

Today is the final day of the exhibition of paintings by Mahinda Sagara. This event will be held at the Lionel Wendt Gallery, 18, Gullford Crescent, Colombo 7. The exhibition will be open for public from 9 am to 5 pm.

March 05

Never Ending

@ Artist Gallery
@ 10.30 am to 7 pm

'Never Ending', an art exhibition by S H Santhi will be held at the Artist Gallery at 18A Saravali 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.

