

Daily News Cultural Diary

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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 evntcalendar@gmail.com or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week.

March 25 >>>>

Fashion Photography Workshop

If you are a photographer and have particular interest in fashion photography, then this workshop is for you. Fashion Photography Workshop by Sandun De Silva will be held from March 25 to 27.

Sandun De Silva discovered photography quite late in life and is mostly self-taught. His interest in

creative work began with a stint in Advertising at J Walter Thompson which was followed by the Associate Editor role for *The Leisure Times Magazine*, and thereafter he worked as a Cordon Bleu Chef till he discovered the wonders of photography!

Nonita Kalra, Editor-In-Chief

Elle magazine India will contribute to this workshop on March 27 (last day).

She will provide a broad overview of the Indian fashion industry, emerging designers, creation of portfolios, how they pick the photos to enhance *Elle* magazine's reputation etc.

Workshop outline:

Day 1 **March 25**
10 am - 5:30 pm
Theory and ethics in Fashion Photography:
Theory will consist of technical knowledge and conceptualization, and the first day will focus on team building, copyright and legal issues around fashion photography, handling of equipment and lighting and the concepts for each team will be agreed and decided by the end of this first day.

Day 2 **March 26**
10 am - 5:30 pm
Practical work in Fashion Photography: In essence this day would be spent on shooting what was conceptualized by the teams on day 1. Each team will consist of 3-5 photographers, a young fashion designer, a model and makeup artist.

Day 3 **March 27**
10 am - 5:30 pm
Post-production and Finishing: This day will be spent finishing the images and getting them ready for the exhibition. Post-work will consist of extensive use of the two software packages 'Adobe Photoshop' and 'Lightroom'.



Exhibition **March 29**
Lionel Wendt
Harold Piers Gallery
Selected works produced by the workshop participants will be exhibited from the March 29 to 31 at the Lionel.

Workshop **March 29**
Harold Piers Gallery
18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7
The exhibition will open at 6 pm on Tuesday 29 March and Nonita Kalra will choose and announce the BEST work produced during the workshop. The exhibition will be open to public on March 30 and 31 between 9 am and 7 pm.



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For more information on the workshop log on to www.britishecouncil.org/srilanka

Personal Velocity >>

Personal Velocity (2002) will be screened on **March 15** at the **American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3, at 6 pm** (Running Time: 86 min)

Kyra Sedgwick (Actor)
Parker Posey (Actor)
Rebecca Miller (Director)
Three very different women. One daring leap of faith. Kyra Sedgwick (Something to Talk About), Parker Posey (Best in Show) and Faruza Balk (Almost Famous) star in this completely compelling (The Hollywood Reporter) drama about three women who set out to change their

lives. Winner of the 2002 Sundance Festival's Grand Jury Prize, this passionate, poignant and bracing film delivers a muscular punch (Screen International). Della (Sedgwick) escapes from an abusive husband. Greta (Posey) risks everything on a new career. And Paula (Balk) takes flight after a tragic accident. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



>> City Zero

'City Zero' is a comedy produced in 1988. (Running time 97 minutes) This movie will be screened on **March 16** at the **Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No.10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7, at 6 pm.**

Having set off for a business trip, the film's hero ends up in a fantasy world. It's quite similar to our world, the only difference being that the hidden absurdity behind our daily lives becomes obvious. The secret city reveals one secret after another and returning to reality becomes harder and harder. Entrance to watch this movie is free and all films are subtitled in English.

A bug's life >>

The American Center will also screen youth movies every Saturday. On **March 10** you can enjoy watching **A Bug's Life** at the American Center, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3, at 3:30 pm (Running time - 95 minutes)

A Bug's Life is a 1998 American CGI animated film produced by Pixar and released by Walt Disney Pictures in the United States on November 25, 1998. **A Bug's Life** was the second Disney-Pixar feature film and the second American computer-animated film after Toy Story. Based on Akira Kurosawa's film Seven Samurai, and

Aesop's fable The Ant and the Grasshopper, it tells the tale of an oddball individualist inventor ant who hires what he thinks are "warrior bugs" — actually circus performers — to fight off a small band of grasshoppers who have made the ant colony their servants. The film was directed by John Lasseter, and was co-directed by Andrew Stanton.



>> L'Empire des Loups (French Movie)

L'Empire des Loups by Chris Nahon (2006) will be screened on **March 15** at 3pm and **March 16** at 6:30 pm at **Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7, (Duration-128min)**

When the young detective Paul Nerteaux finds the third slashed female corpse of illegal Turkish immigrants, he decides to ask for support to the experienced dark retired detective Jean-Louis Schiffer

to chase the serial killer. Together, they infiltrate in the Turkish mafia trying to find the answer to the crimes. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

Embrassez Qui Vous Vouurez >>

'Embrassez Qui Vous Vouurez' (2009) a comedy by Michel Blanc will be screened on **March 18** at **Alliance Française de Kotte (139, Jawatte Road, Colombo 5)** at 6 pm.

Leaving behind her two-timing husband and rebellious teenage daughter, bourgeois housewife Elizabeth takes a holiday at the up market seaside resort of Le Touquet. Joined by her single-mother pal Julie and

with a couple of neighbors tagging along, a series of mistaken identities and adventures make it a vacation to remember. The movie is subtitled in English. Entrance free.



March 14 >> Signspeak

Experience another electrifying performance from **PAFANDA** dance Theatre of Sri Lanka. 'SIGNSPEAK' is an exploration of the world of the hearing impaired. This production is a collaboration between dancers who can hear and youngsters with hearing impairments. It marries the breathtaking choreography of Kapila Palihawadana and his eclectic choice of music with the surprising abilities of young dancers who feel rather than hear the music.

This is the first time a dance company has worked closely with deaf children.

The project has given the children a unique opportunity to express themselves and displays some extraordinary talent. 'Signspeak' is a deeply moving blend



of music and movement that will raise the hairs on the back of your neck. The event will take place on **March 14 (today)** and **March 15 (tomorrow)** at 7:30 pm at the **British School Auditorium.**

Women Sharing Life

March 25 >>

The photography exhibition "Women Sharing Life, Water, Pots and Fars in Sri Lanka and Sudan" by Christine Robichon, Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka and Maldives and Anoma Rajakaruna, Sri Lankan filmmaker/photographer, will be held from until March 25 at Alliance Française de Kotte (139, Jawatte Road, Colombo 5) to coincide with the International Women's Day which falls on March 8 and the International Day on Water on March 22.

Christine Robichon and Anoma Rajakaruna invite you to view this wonderful exhibition about this precious natural resource. Be it scarce in Sudan or abundant in Sri Lanka water is essential for life and is linked with the vital and the generous gesture of sharing.

Sunsilk Style International

March 18 >>

The Professional Hair Dressers and Beauticians Association (PHABA) Sri Lanka will present 'Sunsilk Style International', a three-day fashion event ganza which will feature some of the most renowned beauty experts in the island and abroad from March 18 to 20.

The event will unfold at the BMCHI and will showcase fashion shows, demonstrations, lectures, fantasy and novel hairstyles, nail art, bridal dressing techniques and the latest trends in the fashion and beauty industry. Beauticians from India, Thailand and France are set to take part in the event.

