

Daily News Cultural Diary

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Today's 'Cultural Diary' brings you details about several other fascinating events happening in the country. 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 2429652. Have a pleasant week.

May 06

>> Senehebara Danuddara

Sujeewa Priyalal's maiden stage drama *Senehebara Danuddara* will be staged at the Lumbini theatre on May 6. The play revolves around the main character, Ravi who is trying to get rid of his conventional marriage. Music for the play is provided by Nadeeka Waligodapola and choreographing is done by Jerome de Silva. Sujeewa has played in stage plays such as Dharmasiri Bandaranayake's *Yakkshagamanaya*, Buddhika Damayantha's *Adipathiyage Marana Manchalaya*, Rajeev Ananda's *Baraniya*, Simon Navagaththegama's *Subasaha Yasa* and Sriyantha Mendis' *Gabbara Minisa*.



May 02

>> Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir presentation

Listen to the angelic voices of Copenhagen Royal Chapel Choir at the Lionel Wendt, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 on May 2.

May 06

>> Word thro' Music Drama and Song

Word thro' Music Drama and Song presented by Christian art Foundation, directed by Jerome L. De Silva and Mary Ann David will take place at the Lionel Wendt, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 on May 6 to 8.

May 05

>> 'Human Rights & Policing'

Tassie Seneviratne will launch his book *Human Rights and Policing* reminiscences of his police days on Thursday, May 5 at 4.30 pm at the Auditorium, Organization of Professional Associations (OPA), Prof. Stanley Wijesundera Mawatha, off Bauhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. The Chief Guest will be R K W Gunasekera - Constitutional lawyer. Keynote address will be delivered by J C Weliamuna - Attorney-at-law and Human Rights activist. Guest speakers are Dr T P Frank de Silva - Retired Inspector General of Police, Manik de Silva - Editor-in-Chief, Sunday Island, Major-General Lalin Fernando.

May 06

>> Brushes and paints

An art exhibition by Hafsa Carder will be held at the Lionel Wendt Gallery 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 from May 6 to 8. An art exhibition by students of Elizabeth Moir School will be held from May 9 to 12 at

May 07

>> Colombo Colombo

Indika Fernando's award winning drama *Colombo Colombo* will go on boards at the Elphinstone theatre on May 7 at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm. The event is organized by the Sadjana Sahurda Sansadaya. Organizers have invited physically handicapped war heroes to take part in the event as a token of memory of their contribution in liberating the land.

May 07

>> Rainbows on Wings

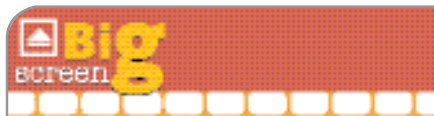
Dr Nuwan Thotawatthya presents *Rainbows on Wings* - a photographic review on Butterflies of Sri Lanka. The exhibition will take place at EL Senanayake Childrens Library, Kandy from May 7 to 9 from 9 am to 6 pm. Entrance Free.



May 15

>> Charitha Atak

Wilson Gunaratne's popular stage play *Charitha Atak* will be screened at Bishops College auditorium on May 15 at 3 pm and 7 pm. The drama is staged to raise funds for HelpAge Sri Lanka, a foundation working towards the welfare of the elderly citizens of the country. The funds will be used for the free mobile clinic services and cataract operations performed by the foundation at the HelpAge Sri Lanka Eye hospital, Wellawatta.



>> Shakespeare in Love

Shakespeare in Love (1998) will be screened on May 3 at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3 at 6 pm. (Running Time: 123 min).

One of the most endearing and intelligent romantic comedies of the '90s, the Oscar-winning *Shakespeare in Love* is filled with such good will, sunny romance, snappy one-liners, and devilish cleverness that it's absolutely irresistible. With tongue placed firmly in cheek, at its outset the film tracks young Will Shakespeare's overwrought battle with writer's block and the efforts of theater owner Philip Henslowe (Geoffrey Rush, in rare form) to stage Will's latest comedy, *Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter*.

Jokey comedy, though, soon takes a backseat to ravishing romance when the beautiful Viola De Lesseps (Gwyneth Paltrow) disguises herself as a young man to wangle herself an audition in the all-male cast, and wins both the part of Romeo and, after much misunderstanding, the playwright's heart. Soon enough, Will's pirate comedy becomes the beautiful, tragic *Romeo and Juliet*, reflecting the agony and ecstasy of Will and Viola's romance - he's married and she's set to marry the slimy Lord Wessex (Colin Firth) in the near future. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

>> The Bridesmaid

The Bridesmaid by Claude Chabrol will be screened on Tuesday, May 3 at 3 pm and Wednesday, May 4 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. It is love at first sight when bridesmaid Senta falls into the life of handsome young Philippe at the wedding of his younger sister. Though their passion for each other is as obvious as it is unquestionable, Philippe soon discovers that Senta's life is shrouded in mystery and her stories surrounding her past anything but believable. When one day she asks Philippe for a terrible proof of his love, Philippe must come to terms with who his lover really is. The movie is suitable for a mature audience and is subtitled in English.

>> Ivan's Childhood

Ivan's Childhood is a detective movie produced in 1962. (Running time 96 minutes).

This movie will be screened on May 4 at Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No 10, Independence Avenue, Colombo-7 at 6 pm. A tragical story of a 12-year-old scout of a partisan detachment whose heart is overfilled with hatred to the enemies first of all shakes by a bright artistic collision of the two worlds: a real, cruel world of the war and a light, poetic world of the boy's dreams that are fated not to come true.

The Grand Prize Zolotoi Lev of St. Mark at XXXIII international film festival in Venice, 1962. The Grand Prize at VI international film festival in San Francisco, 1962. The Grand Prize at V international public show of the festival films in Akapulko, 1962.

The prize of Zolotie Vorota (Golden Gates) at IV international film festival in Montreal, 1962. The diploma of the American Academy of Film Art, 1973. A special diploma for the best anti-fascist film at XVII international film festival in Karlovy Vary, 1970.

Entrance to watch this movie is free and all films are subtitled in English.



>> SAARC Film Festival

SAARC Cultural Centre will be hosting the SAARC Film Festival from the May 11 to the 15 in Colombo. Not only will the general public be able to view some of the best films in the region, but there will also be an award given to the best nominated Feature Film at this festival by a panel of International Jury from Italy, Russia and Singapore. Further, there will also be a special workshop specially organized by the SAARC Cultural Centre for the Directors of these Films as well as experts on the Film Industry. The SAARC Film Festival is bound to be a treat to all film enthusiasts and is open to the public free of charge. Screenings times will be made available soon.

every Friday

>> 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. This time, the show will be presented by 'Buddhawatte Academy' one of the most popular dance guilds in Sri Lanka. 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, Thelme, Sabaragamuwa, and Salupaiya 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.