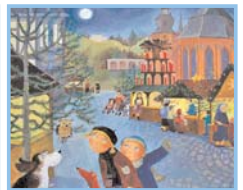


# Daily News Cultural Diary

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This week's *Cultural Diary* brings you details about several 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](mailto:eventcalendar@gmail.com) or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week.



## June 10 >> Art exhibition by Jayantha Silva

An art exhibition by Jayantha Silva will be held at Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 from June 10 to 12.

## June 10 >> "Leading Ladies"

*Leading Ladies* a comedy presented by Silent Hands directed by Nedra Williams and Jehan Bastian

will take stage from June 10 to 12 at Lionel Wendt Theatre, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

## June 11 >> Sawana Dakina Gee

Mahanama College Old boys, Association batch of '85 in association with Mahanama College will present a grand musical show titled *Sawana Dakina Gee* on June 11 at Bishops College auditorium starting at 6.30 pm. The show will feature: Indrani Perera, Anil Bharati, Jeyl Fernando, Sohan Weerasinghe, Paul Fernando, Shyamoni Fonseka, Dharmaratne Brothers, Priyantha

Fernando and Annesley Malewana.

Musical backing for all artists will be provided by Annesley and Super Chimes. This is the first major fund raiser organized by the batch of '85 of Mahanama College OBA. They have decided to honour Ivor Dennis a legend, for all the services he has rendered to the music industry on this day.

## June 06 >> Picture Book Illustrations by Germans

An exhibition on Contemporary Picture Book Illustrations by Germans will be held until June 11 from 9 am to 6 pm (Wednesday closed) at the Colombo Public Library, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 7.

The exhibition aims to provide a distinctive insight into the work of important German illustrators and book designers on the basis of 13 representative positions. In addition to internationally renowned classics such as Klaus Enssikat, Wolf Eibbruch or Janosch younger artists will be presented whose work

reflect the latest trends of the German children's book illustration.

The exhibition exemplifies the scope of different working methods. Some artists are extending the traditional art drawings in innovative and original way, others especially the younger generation experiment with

digital picture design. During the exhibition there will also be a book reading for children in the Children's section of the Public Library where selected German books will be read out in Sinhalese as well as in English on three days. The exhibition will also be held in Jaffna.

## June 12 >> Soul Funk Sunday - Old Skool Special

Park Street Mews

Yes, it's happening once again- Soul Funk Sunday - Old Skool Special on Sunday June 12 at the Park Street Mews from 5 pm. Soul Funk Sunday happens on the second Sunday of every month and is the place to be for all funky people to come and enjoy, chill out with friends and family, taste some good food and listen to great tunes too. Whether you feel like sitting outdoors on the quaint cobbled street or lounging indoors on a beanbag inside

the restaurant sipping on an iced tea or tucking into a vegetable lasagna...Soul Funk Sunday is an event as rare in Colombo as the tunes the DJ will be spinning! Old Skool actually refers to Rap's era of adolescent innocence 1979-1984 when the beats were friend forward and the emphasis was more on amusement rather than on social commentary or tales of debauchery. This Sunday, resident DJ Tareeq will be providing the perfect tracks

and mixing the funkiest tunes from the Old Skool classics along with an eclectic mix of Jazz and Funk to tunes from Earth, Wind & Fire, Pointer Sisters, Donna Summer, Kool & the Gang, Randy Crawford, George Clinton, Parliament, Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye, Curtis Mayfield to the Queen and Godfather of Soul, Aretha Franklin and James Brown respectively plus much more. It's going to be Colombo's best ever street party. Be there!



This month's theme at the American Centre - Sidney Lumet directed movies.

### 12 Angry Men

*12 Angry Men* (1957) will be screened on June 7 at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3 at 6 pm (Running Time: 96 minutes).

Sidney Lumet's directorial debut remains a tense, atmospheric (though slightly manipulative and stacy) courtroom thriller, in which the viewer never sees a trial and the only action is verbal. As he does in his later corruption commentaries such as *Serpico* or *Q & A*, Lumet focuses on the lonely one-man battles of a protagonist whose ethics alienate him from the rest of jaded society.

As the film opens, the seemingly open-and-shut trial of a young Puerto Rican accused of murdering his father with a knife has just concluded and the 12-man jury retires to their microscopic, sweltering quarters to decide the verdict. When the votes are counted, 11 men rule guilty, while one - played by Henry Fonda, again typecast as another liberal, truth-seeking hero - doubts the obvious.



## June 14 >> Ridma Sadhana Tabla

Amaradeva Foundation proudly presents *Ridma Sadhana Tabla Playing Workshop and a Concert*. The Tabla workshop will be conducted by an internationally acclaimed artist from Benares Ghazana, Sri Parthasarathi Mukherjee, who is the foremost disciple of the legendary Tabla maestro late Padmabhusan Pandit Santa Prasad Ji.

The workshop which started yesterday, will be held until June 9 at the *Jana Kala Kendraya*, Battaramulla from 9 am to 5 pm. Entrance free. The concert will be held at Bishops College Auditorium on June 14. The aim of this workshop is to give an unique opportunity for music students and connoisseurs of Sri Lanka, to experience the traditional *Guru*

*Shishya Parampara* and understand the art of Tabla playing and its nuances, while the concert will give a rare experience of Classical Music and live interaction with Pandit Amaradeva.

Amaradeva Foundation will organise similar cultural events to enhance Amaradeva Trust Fund which is established by Pandit Amaradeva.



## 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 on June 10. This time, the show will be presented by 'Buddhivarte 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, Theme, Sabaragamuwa, and Salupaliya 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.

### Les Temoins

*Les Temoins* by Andre Techine will be screened on Tuesday, June 7 at 3pm and Wednesday, June 8 at 6.30pm at Alliance Francaise de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

A middle-aged doctor in Paris, Adrien, meets Manu, a young gay man from the provinces who lives with his sister. Adrien likes Manu, loves him even, in a Platonic relationship. Sarah, a writer, and Mehdi, a vice-squad cop, have an infant. Sarah discovers she has no taste for parenthood. Adrien brings Manu to Sarah's country cabin where Mehdi saves Manu from drowning. Back in Paris, an affair begins as a plague descends on Parisian gays... The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

### Voisins, voisins

*Voisins, voisins* (Neighbours), a comedy by Malik Chibane will be screened on June 10 at 6pm at AF de Kotte, 139, Jewetta Road, Colombo 5. (Duration - 1h 30 minutes). A rapper is racing against time - he has just three days to write his lyrics; otherwise, he can say goodbye to his advance from the

record company. When he finally finds inspiration right on his doorstep, in the comic struggles of his neighbours, he sets the stage for a lively hip-hop fable, set to the beat of the suburbs.

Entrance Free and movies are subtitled in English.