

## >> Chandraguptha Thenuwara's exhibition

Chandraguptha Thenuwara, a leading Sri Lankan artist born in Galle studied painting in Colombo and Moscow. He is the Director of the Vibhavi Academy of Fine Arts in Colombo which he founded in 1993 and is a Lecturer of Aesthetic Studies at the University of Colombo. He has an active career as an artist, exhibiting world-wide. Chandraguptha Thenuwara's latest fascinating works of art are on exhibition until July 31 at the Lionel Wendt Gallery, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.



## July 28 >> Violin Recital

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo is organizing a Hindustani and Carnatic Violin Recital by Shasthrapathi Mahinda Seneviratne, Senior Lecturer, Head of the Department of Applied Music and Mass Communication, University of Visual and Performing Arts and S. Dhibakaran, Instructor, Carnatic Music Department, University of Visual and Performing Arts on Tuesday July 28 at 6 pm at the Indian Cultural Centre, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 07. They will be accompanied on Tabla by Chandralal Anarakan and Miridangan by V.Jambunathan. The artists will be reciting Hindustani and Carnatic ragas as Jugalbandhi.



## July 29 >> Noir Theatre Fest 2011

Noir Theatre Fest 2011 will go on boards of the Punchi Theatre in Borella. Plays range from the downright funny to the macabre. From the hospital tent of a war ravaged country to the immigration room at Heathrow Airport, to a graveyard to a prison cell, Noir takes you through the many shades of darkness. The event is a Stage Light & Magic Inc. production. All plays start at 7.30 pm and tickets are available at the Punchi Theatre.

**July 29, 30, 31**  
 Duty to Protect  
 Insurance  
 Starving Children  
 Commencing

Tracy Jayasinghe  
 Feroze Kamaldeen  
 Ravin de Silva  
 Brandon Ingram

## July 29 >> Musical evening at RCC

Olga Sosonovskaya, Russian Merited Artist - Soprano accompanied by Norwegian Torger Kinn Solvick will perform a musical evening at Hotel Taj Samudra on July 29 at 7 pm. The event will be hosted by the Russian Centre in Colombo and it will surely be an event not to be missed.



## July 30 >> Love uninhibited

Love uninhibited presented by The Revelations - Male Vocal Ensemble will take place on July 30 at the Lionel Wendt, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

## July 31 >> Maname

Maname by Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra will be staged on Sunday, July 31 at 3.30 and 7 pm at the Lionel Wendt, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.



## July 28 >> "An Overview of the Flowering Plants of Sri Lanka"

The monthly lecture of the National Trust of Sri Lanka will be held at the Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, No 80, Galle Road, Colombo 2 at 6.30 pm on Thursday, July 28. The lecture will be on "An Overview of the Flowering Plants of Sri Lanka" and is delivered by Dr. Siri Wijesundara, Dr. Sriyane Miththapala and Dr. Janaki Galappatti. Dr. Siri Wijesundara, Director, National Botanical Gardens, Sri Lanka will give an illustrated talk presenting "An Overview of the Flowering Plants of Sri Lanka". Dr. Sriyane Miththapala will present a short overview of an upcoming National Trust book - "Some Flowering plants commonly encountered in Sri Lanka". Dr. Janaki Galappatti will close the session with some comments about safeguarding our plants. The lecture is open to the public.

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### Daily News Cultural Diary

This week's 'Cultural Diary' brings you details about several other fascinating events happening in the city. Take your pick of stage plays, exhibitions, or dance performances 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 [ventcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:ventcalendar@gmail.com) or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week

## July 31 >> Somalatha Subasinghe's Vikurthi

Somalatha Subasinghe's Play-House Kotte will present *Vikurthi* on July 31 (Sunday) at the Elphinstone Theatre, Maradana at 3.30pm and 6.30pm. *Vikurthi* (Distortion), an original play written and directed by Somalatha Subasinghe was first produced in 1982. The play is a satirical exposure of hapless generation of youth whose lives were dominated by incessant struggle between the parents' aspirations and the youths' abilities and preferences. At the time the drama was conceived, the wide spread social tendency was that the aspiring parents trying to achieve the missed opportunities of their own lives through their children. Consequently, the children were forced to study for competitive examinations. The play discusses in depth how inter-social process denied youth of their life. The production is a semi musical. *Vikurthi* cast includes Kaushalya Fernando, Nimal Jayasinghe, Prasannajith Abeyurija, Geetha Alahakoon, Mayura Kanachana, Pujitha de Mel, Sanjaya Hettiarachchi and many more. The drama is more suitable for young adults and was performed in English in India and Australia in 2000. Tickets are available at Sarasavi Bookshop Nugegoda, Sadeeps Bookshop Borella and Elphinstone Theatre.

## August 10 >> Creativity, running in the family?

Five creative works written by five members of the same family will be the discourse scheduled to take place at Mahaweli Kendraya, Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo, on August 10 from 4 to 6 pm. The creative works are Professor Sunanda Mahendra's *Zangara Tharaggers* (Novel - Dayawansa Jayakodi Publishers), Seetha Mahendra's *Sanugath Subadhinjya* (Short Story collection - Godage Publishers), Dr Vidhura Mahendra's *The Rise of the Withered Flower* (English Poetry collection), Dr Ravindra Mahendra's *Divi In Nimmya* (Short Story collection - Dayawansa Jayakodi Publishers) and Sachintha Mahendra's *Dakshana Duhawella* (Novel - Sarasavi Publishers). The session 'Creativity, running in the family' is hosted by Dr Praneeth Abhayasundara and Dr Chandima Wijegoonawardane.



## This month the American Centre will take movie lovers on a journey through American history.

### All the King's Men



All the King's Men (1949) will be screened on July 26 at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 02 at 6pm. (Running Time: 109 minutes)

Inspired by the life of Louisiana governor Huey Long, this classic film follows the transformation of an idealistic young lawyer into a corrupt politician and demagogue. John Wayne turned down the lead role when he deemed it unpalatable to criticize the government; the film is considered a milestone in cinema and was added to the Library of Congress's National Film Registry in 2001.

Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

### The Music Man

The youth movie The Music Man (1962) will be screened on July 30 at 3.30 pm at the American Centre, Colombo. (Duration - 90 minutes)

The Music Man is a musical with book, music, and lyrics by Meredith Willson, based on a story by Willson and Franklin Lacey. The plot concerns con man Harold Hill, who poses as a boys' band organizer and leader and sells hand instruments and uniforms to naive townsfolk before skipping town with the cash. In River City, Iowa, prim librarian and piano teacher Marian Paroo sees through him, but when Hill helps her younger brother overcome his fear of social interactions due to his lisp, Marian begins to fall in love with Harold. Harold, in turn falling for Marian, risks being caught to win her.



### Meilleur espoir féminin

Meilleur espoir féminin by Gérard Jugnot will be screened on Tuesday, July 26 at 3 pm and Wednesday, July 27 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 07.

Yvon Rance, a born hairdresser and an elegant middle-aged man with a perfect toupee, reigns in his native Brittany over a clientele of little old ladies. But his main reason for living, his masterpiece, is Laetitia, his only daughter, whom he has single-handedly brought up for eighteen years and whom he fondly pictures as heading a cutting-edge hairdressing salon. But she has secretly auditioned for the movies and has been cast in the leading role... her life is about to change! For her father, this is a real catastrophe.



### Katherine II (part 1)

Katherine II (part 1) will be screened on July 27 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.

**Movie highlights**

- Origin of Sophia of Prussia Augusta, Katherine the Great to be, her arrival to Russia
- Debutment of Emperor Peter III, the husband of Katherine II
- Gentry becomes the privileged class
- The History of Saltychikha
- Russian-Turkish wars
- Katherine the Great as the teacher of her grandchildren
- Empress's favourites



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

### Le château de ma mère

Le château de ma mère (My mother's castle) by Marcel Pagnol (1990) will be screened on July 29 at 6 pm at AF de Kotte, 139, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05. (Duration - 1 hour 36 minutes)

Every holiday Marcel and his family go to their cottage in the Provence (France). He likes the hills in this region. Before they arrive at the cottage they have to walk about five miles. With the co-operation of an ex-pupil of Marcel's father, who is a teacher, they only have to walk one mile, since they can take a shortcut along a canal, through the backyards of some eccentric people. During one of these holidays he meets Isabelle, a pretty but conceited girl. Entrance free and movies are subtitled in English.

