

# 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 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 amid 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.

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## 22 >> Young Explorer holiday camps

Give your child the best holiday camp experience at the Young Explorer Activity Centre, 388, Beddagana South, Pita Kotte. The camps will be held until August 31 from 9 am to 1 pm. Events children can take part in are painting, pottery, craft fair, cooking, camp for teens, team building activities through fun games and puzzles, puppetry and theatre, gardening, nature study 'Sellaam Gedera' and story reading sessions by famous authors.

## 24 >> Deyyoth Danne Ne



television and stage actor, Sarah Kulanga will be staged at the Lumini theatre on August 24 at 6.45 pm.

The play will consist of a host of popular actors such as Wijaya Nandasiri, Sarah Kulanga, Kumara Thirumada, Ananda Athukorala, Sudda Uth-palakanage, Thushari Gunarathne, Tharaka Upendra and Bandula Fonseka. The script is written by Ajith Mendis and the play is produced by Jude Srimal of Nirmala Prakash.

## 25 >> Exhibition of sculpture

An exhibition of sculpture by Tissa Ransinghe will be held from August 25 to 31 at the Lionel Wendt, 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7. Tissa Ransinghe was born in 1925 in Yogiyana, but presently lives in Woodlands Road, Isleworth, Middlesex, UK. His Professional training accounts for his three-year Diploma in Painting at the Government College of Fine Arts, Diploma in Sculpture at Chelsea School of Art, London, School of Sculpture Certificate in Bronze Casting, Royal College of Art, London. He has participated in many exhibitions both here and abroad and won many prizes and accolades for his talent.

## 26 >> 'The Grande Dame of the Piano' Shani Diluka

Alliance Francaise de Colombo will present 'The Grande Dame of Piano' Shani Diluka on Friday, August 26 at 7 pm at the Lionel Wendt Theatre. Her husband Gabriel de Magdure from the famous Quatuor Ebene a renowned French violinist will perform as the guest artist.

Shani Diluka the internationally renowned Monaco born Sri Lankan Pianist, was recently named among the ten best pianists in France to be selected for the Jury in 'Election du Piano' and held in Paris at the mythical Salle Pleyel. She was also chosen as 'The God Mother' in 2010 and 2011 of the Festival 'Trophee des Alpes Cote de Azur (the French Riviera)'. Today, considered one of the greatest pianists of her generation, she has won accolades of awards and rave critics for her performances with Orchestras.

The proceeds from this Concert will be in aid of the Cancer Society of Sri Lanka.

## 22 >> Memories, Maps and Dreams



Josephine Balakrishnan will hold 'Memories, Maps and Dreams' an exhibition of paintings at the Barefoot Gallery, No 704, Galle Road, Colombo 3 until August 28. In eastern culture a dream can be a map, the dreamer a vehicle of the Divine. In western culture dreams refer to the psyche's expression of the ego. In 'Memories, Maps and Dreams,' Josephine Balakrishnan deciphers the mystery of dreams. "We see the western symbols that unlock the psyche and the messages," Balakrishnan ponders. "Do we live to dream, or dream to live?" The prints and paintings in this body of work address the question, "Why do we need maps when we already have a thread of memories and a myriad of dreams to lead us through each passage?"

## 22 >> Kathak workshop



Kathak Workshop by Nalini and Kamalini will be held at the Indian Cultural Centre Auditorium, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7 on August 22 (today) at 10.30 am.

## 27 >> Somalatha Subasinghe's Drama Festival

Somalatha Subasinghe's Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation or popularly known as Play-Howse Kotte will present 'Musical Theatre for the Family' during school vacation at the Lionel Wendt Theatre. *Punchi Apata Den Therei* and *Toppi Welenda* will go on boards on August 27 while *Vikurthi* will be staged on August 28 at 5.30 pm and 7 pm. *Punchi Apata Den Therei* and *Toppi Welenda* are based on well-known folk stories and are produced as musicals and in the adaptations new characters and situations have



been incorporated particularly to communicate with the Sri Lankan child. Both plays are written and directed by Somalatha Subasinghe. Meanwhile 'Vikurthi' is a satirical exposure of hapless generation of youth whose lives are dominated by the struggle between the parents' aspirations and the youth's abilities and preferences.

Big screen

## The Princess Bride



The children's movie *The Princess Bride* (1987) will be screened on August 27 at 3.30 pm at the American Centre, Colombo. (Duration - 99 minutes). This hilarious classic tells the story of a farmhand named Wesley, who falls in love with the Princess Buttercup, and then gets kidnapped by pirates, chases a giant, falls from the Cliffs of Insanity, and battles the evil six-fingered Count Ruger. It is considered one of the best and funniest family films of all time.

## Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind



*Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (2004) will be screened on August 30 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3 at 6 pm. (Running Time: 108 minutes).

Seating is limited and is first come, first served.



## Le gout des autres

The movie *Le gout des autres* (2000) by Agnes Jaoui will be screened on Tuesday, August 23 at 3 pm and Wednesday, August 24 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Francaise de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

## Alexandr II (part 1)

*Alexandr II* (part 1) will be screened on August 24 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No 10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.

### Movie highlights:

- Education of the future Czar
- End of the Crimean War
- Freedom to the serfs
- Sale of Alaska
- Journal 'Sovremennik' ('The Contemporary')
- Central Asia
- part of the Russian Empire
- Vasily Vereschagin
- the beginner painter
- The acme of the Russian light industry

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

## 'Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears'

International Centre for Ethnic Studies will screen a film by Vladimir Menshov 'Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears' (Russian - subtitled in English) on August 29 at 2.30 and 5.30 pm at the ICES Auditorium, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8.



## 25 >> Yosakoi Dance

The Embassy of Japan will hold the 'Yosakoi Dance' at the University of Peradeniya, E.O.E. Pereira Theatre (Faculty of Engineering) on August 25 and at the New Town Hall, Colombo 7, on August 27. The 'Yosakoi Dance' will feature 'Hokuto-gumi', which is an elite unit of Team Yamahiko, a Yosakoi dancing team which mainly performs at Kobe. 'Yosakoi' which means 'Come at night' is a unique style of dance which originated in Japan in the city of Kochi in 1954. The style of dance is highly energetic, combining traditional Japanese dance movements to modern music. The dance falls under Japanese Cultural Month events and admission is free of charge to the public and will be on first come first served basis.

## 26 >> Photography exhibition

An exhibition of photographs by Chandrasena Perera will be held on August 26 to 28 at the Lionel Wendt Gallery, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

## 22 >> 'Margins'

An exhibition of paintings by S.M.J. Samarathunga will be held at the Alliance Francaise Gallery, 642 Peradeniya Road, Kandy. The Exhibition will continue till August 29, from 9 am to 6 pm. S.M.J. Samarathunga is an Art teacher presently working at Galagedara Central College.

