

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 or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week.

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September 06 >> September Song

September Song - Opera highlights from 'The Barber of Seville' by Rossini and 'Carmen' by Bizet presented by Menaka Singers Opera Ensemble directed by Menaka de Fonseka Sahabandu will take place on September 6 and 7 at the Lionel Wendt, Colombo 7. The show is held in aid of The Professional Paediatric unit of the Lady Ridgeway Children's hospital Colombo.

September 07 >> 'Role of Internet in US Politics'

Public Lecture by Michael Silberman on 'Role of Internet in US Politics' on September 7 from 4 pm to 5.30 pm at the American Center, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3.

September 08 >> Art exhibition

Art exhibition by Suraj Gamage will take place from September 8 to 10 at the Lionel Wendt gallery.

>> 'Intimate Conversations for Viola and Piano'

'Intimate Conversations for Viola and Piano' will feature renowned musicians Ashan Pillai (viola) and Eshantha Peiris (piano). Ashan, a Sri Lankan-born critically acclaimed British violist will perform along with Sri Lankan pianist Eshantha Peiris on September 9 at the Lionel Wendt, No. 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

Ashan Pillai, made his first-ever appearance in Sri Lanka in 1998 in the presence of Britain's Prince Charles to mark the 50th Anniversary of Independence as a soloist with the English Chamber Orchestra.

Meanwhile Eshantha Peiris, he earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Performance and Composition at New York University and served as an adjunct piano instructor and as assistant conductor of the NYU orchestra.

September 10 >> Concert Aid xii

Concert Aid xii presented by Peradeniya Singers will be held on Saturday, September 10 at the Lionel Wendt, No. 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7.

September 15 >> Act Before You Think Season 2

Act Before You Think is the exciting Theatre-Games event hosted by Mind Adventures Theatre Company.

Returning on the heels of its resounding success last year, Season 2 promises to be funnier, quirkier and more challenging for both participants and audiences alike.

Teams can sign-up up now by emailing daytrippierinfo@gmail.com. We require teams of four and one reserve, no age limits, no criteria!

The event will take place on September 15 at 8 pm to October 20 at 10 pm at Warehouse Project, Maradana.

September 11 >> Footwork International Dancesport Championships 2011



Footwork Events proudly presents the Footwork International Dancesport Championships with Professional Dancers from more than ten countries.

Keep the date free to witness the most spectacular dance event in Sri Lanka which will take place on Sunday, September 11 at 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm at Hilton Colombo.

The box at Footwork, 955/5A, Royal Gardens, Rajagiriya, between 9 am to 5.30 pm or at Hilton Colombo.

September 25 >> Quatuor Diotima in concert

Diotima, an exceptional string quartet from France on tour in Asia, will be present in Sri Lanka for a unique concert in the Galle Face Hotel on September 25 at 6 pm.

Quatuor Diotima, whose name pays homage to the string quartet by Luigi Nono: "Fragmente Stille, an Diotima", plays contemporary works as well as late 20th century classics through traditional string quartet repertoire.

Founded by graduates of the Paris and Lyon Conservatoires, Quatuor Diotima received the first prize at the London String Quartet Competition in the year 2000. The same year, they began a two-year residency at the European Centre for Chamber Music.

Quatuor Diotima's repertoire ranges from Haydn to the composers of our time, with a particular focus on the Classical period, French Romanticism, the early Twentieth Century, and a selection of major works from the last 50 years.

The programme they will perform at the Galle Face Hotel on September 25 is composed by the Quartet No 7 of Franz Schubert, the String Quartet of Claude Debussy and "From my life", written by the Czech composer Bedrich Smetana.

This unique concert in Colombo is brought forth under the special partnership between the Galle Face Hotel and the Alliance Francaise de Kotte and the active support of Alcatel Lucent, Alstom, the Embassy of France, the Region Centre and the Institut Francaise of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs from France. Entrance to the event is free. Invitations and programs are available at AF de Kotte, 139, Jawatta Road, Colombo 5.

October 14 >> Walks of Life

Walks of Life - photo exhibition by Nadya Tissera will be held until October 14 at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3.

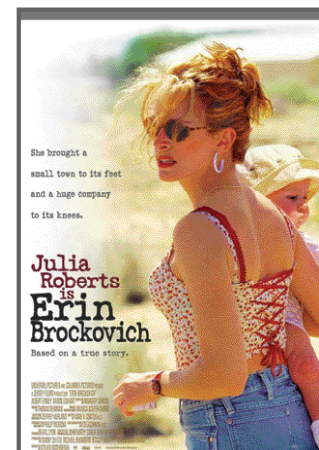


This month's movie theme at the American Centre is: Fight the Power

Erin Brockovich

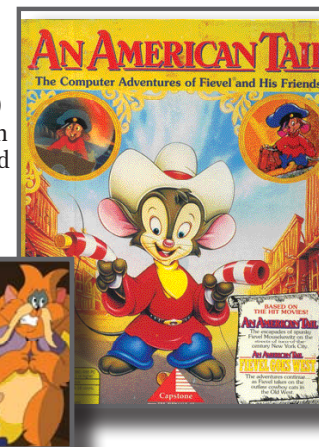
Erin Brockovich (2000) will be screened on September 6 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3 at 6pm. (Running Time: 130 minutes).

A real woman. A real story. A real triumph. Julia Roberts stars as Erin Brockovich, a feisty young mother who fought for justice any way she knew how. Desperate for a job to support herself and her three children, she convinces attorney Ed Masry (Albert Finney) to hire her, and promptly stumbles upon a monumental law case against a giant corporation. Now, Erin's determined to take on this powerful adversary even though no law firm has dared to do it before. And while Ed doesn't want anything to do with the case, Erin won't take "no" for an answer. So, the two begin an incredible and sometimes hilarious fight that will bring a small town to its feet and a huge company to its knees. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



An American Tail

The youth movie, 'An American Tail' will be screened at the American Centre on September 10 at 3.30 pm. 'An American Tail' is a 1986 American animated adventure film directed by Don Bluth and produced by Sullivan Bluth Studios and Amblin Entertainment. The film tells the story of Fievel Mouskewitz and his family as they emigrate from Russia to America for freedom. However, Fievel gets lost and must find a way to help his family. The film was released on November 21, 1986. (Running Time: 80 minutes).



Cinema Paradiso

The movie Cinema Paradiso (1998) by Giuseppe Tornatore will be screened on Tuesday, September 6 at 3pm and Wednesday, September 7 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Francaise de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. (Duration - 155 minutes).

A famous film director returns home to a Sicilian village for the first time after almost 30 years. He reminisces about his childhood at the Cinema Paradiso where Alfredo, the projectionist, first brought about his love of films. He is also reminded of his lost teenage love, Elena, who he had to leave before he left for Rome.

The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

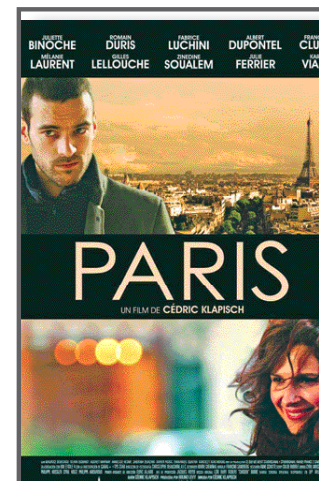
Paris

Paris by Cedric Klapisch (2008) will be screened on September 9 at 6 pm at AF de Kotte, 139, Jawatta Road, Colombo 05.

A young man, Pierre, learns that unless he has a heart transplant, he will die within a short time. The news has a strange effect on him. He suddenly sees the world in a whole new light. He settles his differences with his sister Elise and he takes an interest in all those who surround him. Suddenly, he is aware of the thousands of lives around him, people he will never know, each one of them a vital cog in the intricate machine that is Paris...

Stars: Juliette Binoche, Romain Duris, Fabrice Luchini

Entrance free and movies are subtitled in English.



Alexandr II (part 2)

Alexandr II (part 2) will be screened on September 7 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No 10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.

Movie highlights

- ◆ 'Russian terrorism'
- ◆ Dostoevsky in St. Petersburg
- ◆ Russian-Turkish war
- ◆ 'Prinzivniki' ('Travelling Exhibition Company') 'Strong Little Group'
- ◆ Princess Ekaterina Dolgorukova - second wife of the Emperor
- ◆ 1 of March 1881 - Assassination of the Czar

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