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>> Alliance Young Artists 2011

The Alliance française de Kandy will hold the exhibition 'AYA 2011' - Alliance Young Artists 2011. Art works by Gehan, Malik, Manushka, Sara, Thilanka will be on display at the exhibition. The chief guest at the event will be Professor M. Chandrasekara, Head of the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya and Vice-Chancellor of South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine. The exhibition will be opened on October 7 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Kandy, 642, Peradeniya Road, Kandy. It will continue until October 17 from 9am to 6pm.



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>> Carnatic Vocal Music Concerts



T.M. Krishna, one of the most celebrated musicians of the young generation is going to have Carnatic vocal music performances in Colombo and the northern regions of Sri Lanka such as Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Vavuniya.

He is invited by the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo to enthral the classical music loving community living in the Northern Province. The Department of Culture, Northern Province and The Consulate General of Jaffna are co-hosting the music troupe. The concert in Kilinochchi will be at 5pm on October 3 (today) at Central College Hall and in Vavuniya. The performance will be at 5pm on October 4 (tomorrow) at Urban Council Hall. T.M. Krishna will also deliver a talk at the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo on 'The Character of Carnatic Classical Music' at 6pm on October 5. The lecture will be followed by the screening of a documentary on T.M. Krishna titled Margazhi Raagam. T.M. Krishna is at the forefront of classical vocalists in India today and is known in the musical world as a classicist. The music troupe of T.M. Krishna comprises of violinist Akkarai S. Subhalakshmi, mridangist Kallidaikurichi, Ghatam artiste Giridhar Udappa, V. Suresh and Ganjira artiste Alathur T. Rajaganes.

The Colombo concert of T.K. Krishna is part of the Navarathri Festival, conducted by the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs, Sri Lanka. The Navarathri Festival will be held at 5pm on October 7 at Ramakrishna Mission Hall, Wellawatte, Colombo 6. The music concert of T.M. Krishna will be followed by Shakthi Samarpanam a Dance Students of Nirthana Dance School, Choreographed by Shivananthi Haritharshan.

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>> 'A Return to Sri Lanka'

'A return to Sri Lanka' - images of Sri Lanka from British Collections (1640-1900) will be held in Jaffna at the Jaffna Public Library from October 5 to 19 from 12pm to 7pm. This is a travelling exhibition produced by the British Library and the British Council.

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 amid the busy work schedules to enjoy the exciting events happening at venues around the city. Have a pleasant week.

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>> Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo has organized an event to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi with a Lecture on Gandhi and a special thematic Bharata Natyam Performance in line with his birth anniversary on October 3 (today) at the ICC premises 16/2, Gregory's Road (opposite to Australian High Commission) Colombo 7 at 6pm.

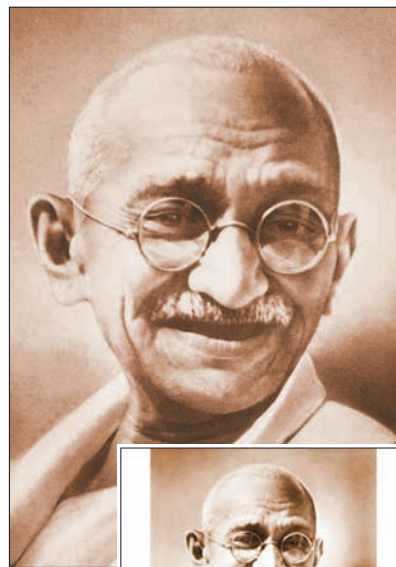
Venerable Olande Ananda will be delivering a lecture on Gandhi as a tribute. Venerable Olande Ananda has been a member of the Buddha's Light International Association from Taiwan/USA. He is also the chairman of the non-Chinese speaking Coordinating Committee.

The Lecture will be followed by a Bharata Natyam Recital on peace titled Natyollasav by Dr. Padmaja Venkatesh.

Dr. Padmaja Venkatesh began dancing at the tender age of four with Guru Smt. Kalamandalam Rajalakshmi and continued her training for over 16 years with Guru Sri K. Kalyanasundaram of the Sri Rajarajeshwari Bharatanatyam Kalamandir.

Padmaja Suresh is a noted exponent and teacher of Bharatanatyam. Born in an artistic legacy, Padmaja is the daughter of renowned Chakyar Koothu exponent Kalaiselvam Sri. Chakyar Rajan.

For further details please contact the Indian Cultural Centre.



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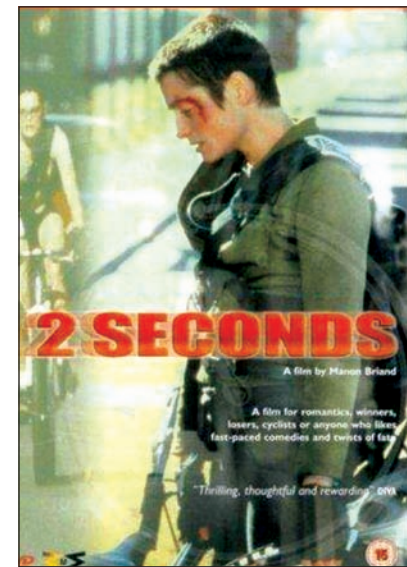
American Centre will screen movies on the theme of social issues this month.

Imitation of Life



Imitation of Life (1959) will be screened on October 4 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 125 minutes)
Douglas Sirk's controversial classic about race relations between women in 1950s America was one of the most commercially successful socially-conscious films of the civil rights era and remains a fascinating window into a time period that continues to resonate. Lana Turner and Sandra Dee get top billing, but the film's center is the indelible Juanita Moore, an African-American servant who cares for her white boss's daughter as she struggles to raise her own. Unabashedly soapy, the film dazzles as it unsettles on its way to a heartbreaking finale. Gospel legend Mahalia Jackson makes a guest appearance.
Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

2 Seconds



The movie, 2 Seconds (1998) by Manon Briand will be screened on Tuesday, October 4 at 3pm and Wednesday, October 5 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. Laurie is a professional cyclist and champion of the mountain bike circuit. After 10 yrs at the top, she falters for 2 seconds at the start of an important race and loses. Her boss forces her to retire. She returns to Montreal where she is welcomed by her brother. She meets Lorenzo, an ex-racer who owns a bike shop. Laurie gets a job with a local bicycle courier company. Laurie begins to see what she has to do to make things better for herself.
The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

Nicolai III (part 3)

Nicolai III (part 3) will be screened on October 5 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.



Movie highlights

- Gorky, Bunin, Shalyapin
- WWI
- 1917. The Revolution

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

L'Enfant (The Child)

The movie, L'Enfant (The Child) 2005 (1h30) will be screened on October 22 at 3.30 pm at Alliance Française de Kandy, 642, Peradeniya Road, Kandy.

Bruno, 20, and Sonia, 18, are surviving on her welfare checks and Bruno's petty crimes when Sonia becomes pregnant. Bruno sells their baby to a black market adoption ring to make some quick cash. Faced with Sonia's shock, he regrets his mistake and buys the child back at a premium - but, after being turned away by Sonia, his mounting debts and desperation lead Bruno down a quick path to prison. L'Enfant succeeds not because it illuminates anything about a black market for children (the characters motivations are entirely personal, not social), but in the way a finely detailed character study pays off in its final redemptive moments. It won the Palme d'Or at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival.



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>> Walks of Life

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

'Walks of Life', the debut solo exhibition by Nadya Tissera, is an exploration of life in its different stages and form. Captured all over Sri Lanka, from the deep South to the island's Northern tip, Nadya's pictures show the people and the animals that populate this grand canvas of our nation.

A psychology graduate, Nadya Tissera's interest in photography was kindled by her love for the natural world and a desire to capture Mother Nature's most intense moments. This led to her first camera purchase, a Nikon D 3000, in early 2011. She began by dabbling in nature photography but quickly realized the concrete jungle that is Colombo also afforded opportunities for the photographer who was prepared to observe. Street Photography, she realized, was her calling. Today, Nadya is rarely seen without the D 3000 by her side - her trusty companion as she travels the country exploring the many walks of life of Sri Lankans'.