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## >> 'Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration'

The Sri Lanka India Society is organizing 'Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration' at 5.30 pm today (October 17) at the India Cultural Centre, located at 16/2 Gregory's Road (opposite to Australian High Commission) Colombo 07. Vice Chancellor, University of Kelaniya, Prof. Sarath Amunugama will be delivering the lecture titled 'Mahatma Beyond All Barriers'.

The High Commissioner of India, Ashok K. Kantha will be the Chief Guest.

Award Winner, Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Basavashree will be felicitated at the function. The programme will commence with the songs by children of Sakthi Illam, Colombo Hindu College, Ratmalana and it will be followed by a Gujarati Dance by the students of Kalalaya School of Dance and Music choreographed by Rishanthini Sanjeevan.

For further details, please contact the Indian Cultural Centre on Tel No.: 2684698 or e-mail: icccolombo@gmail.com



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## >> 'Balloth ekka baa', the 250th special show at Tower Hall theatre

The 250th special show of 'Balloth ekka baa', the latest hilarious and popular drama directed by Ravindra Ariyaratna, will be staged on Thursday, October 20 at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at Maradana Tower hall theatre.

With a host of popular artists such as, Wijaya Nandasiri, Roshan Pilapitiya, Gihan Fernando, Kumara Thirimadura, Saman Hemarathna (the popular Leelasena) and Anusha Dissanayake.

Music composition by Shantha Peiris, stage background designing by Luwoline Vadawall and stage

management by Asoka Soysa, Shantha Udaya Kumara and Sameera Hetiarachchi.

Costume designing by Gihan Fernando and Demal Fernando with Saman Hemarathna as the make up artist. Stage lighting is arranged by Upali Weerasinghe and Sugath Jayasinghe.

'Balloth ekka baa' will be presented for Asle J.Lanka Computer Institute. Jude Srimal is the main organizer of the drama. Tickets are available at Sarasavi Book shop Nugegoda, Sadeepa Book shop Borella and Tower hall theatre.

# 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 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 [eventcalendar25@gmail.com](mailto:eventcalendar25@gmail.com). Have a pleasant week

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## >> S.H.Sarath: recent paintings and drawings, 2011

One of the most prolific painters of contemporary Sri Lanka, Sarath will exhibit his most recent works from October 21 to 23 at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery.

Sarath is a widely known artist both nationally and internationally. His work has been favourably reviewed wherever he has exhibited. In addition to holding 39 solo exhibitions in Sri Lanka, he has participated in numerous other group exhibitions both at home and abroad.

Sarath has held 17 successful solo exhibitions in eight countries such as Thailand, Malaysia, Germany, Yugoslavia, Norway (three exhibitions), Canada (four exhibitions), Australia (five exhibitions) and Switzerland at UNO office.

ON invitation he participated in the workshop and the contemporary art exhibition of the SAARC countries held in Sri Lanka in September this year.

Sarath is a member of the panel for painting and sculpture of the Ministry of Culture and the Arts.



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## >> Ranga Madura dance show

Renowned Bharatha Natyam dancer and dance guru Sandya Bamuuvita is holding a dance show titled Ranga Madura to commemorate four decades in the field. Around 12 of her students will take part in this event which will be staged at the Bishop's College, Colombo 7, on October 22.

The event also coincides with the 30th anniversary of her dance school Rangaudamashram, Bambalapitiya.

Sandhya Bamuuvita, a reputed exponent of Bharatha Natyam commenced her preliminary training in the art of dancing whilst being a student of Visakha Vidyalaya, at the tender age of seven years. She was called for her Arengetram under guru late Kamala Jayathilake, when she was 11 years old.

There after she came under guru Miranda Hemalatha, one of the most qualified and experienced retired director of aesthetic education NIB in Sri Lanka, to study the advanced techniques in Indian dancing.

Sandhya has distinguished herself by participating in several public performances in aid of preethipura homes, Leprosy Hospital and at Sri Lanka Council for the Blind.



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## >> Galle Children's Festival

Galle's first festival exclusively for young people will open on Saturday October 22. It is being organised by the Galle Literary Festival in partnership with local charity Adopt Sri Lanka and supported by the British Council and the Department of Education. Held over a weekend in October, the inaugural Galle Children's Festival will see the historic Galle Fort come alive with a diverse range of performances, exhibitions, workshops, activities, parades, discussions for and by students from the Southern Province of Sri Lanka.

Festival Founder Geoffrey Dobbs, says the festival aims to 'provide an event exclusively for children which will be much more than just a literary festival but will also cover art, music, drama, sport and will be completely free for local schools, it is intended to entertain and be educational.'

The two day programme begins with a 'get Sri Lanka reading' initiative which will involve over 50,000 students reading from the same story at morning assembly on Friday, October 21, later events will include activities and workshops such as eco field trips with Rainforest Rescue, an exhibition of photographs from the SnapLanka community project, kite making workshops, a wheelchair treasure hunt organized by the disability charity ECSAT, writing and reading workshops run by the British Council, inter school debates, a DJ workshop and much more.

The event is organised by Adopt Sri Lanka, [www.adoptsrilanka.com](http://www.adoptsrilanka.com) and supported by charities and foundations such as The British Council, ECSAT and The Asia Foundation. For more information please get in touch Clemmie Macmillan-Scott [gallechildrensfestival@gmail.com](mailto:gallechildrensfestival@gmail.com) or [www.gallechildrensfestival.com](http://www.gallechildrensfestival.com)

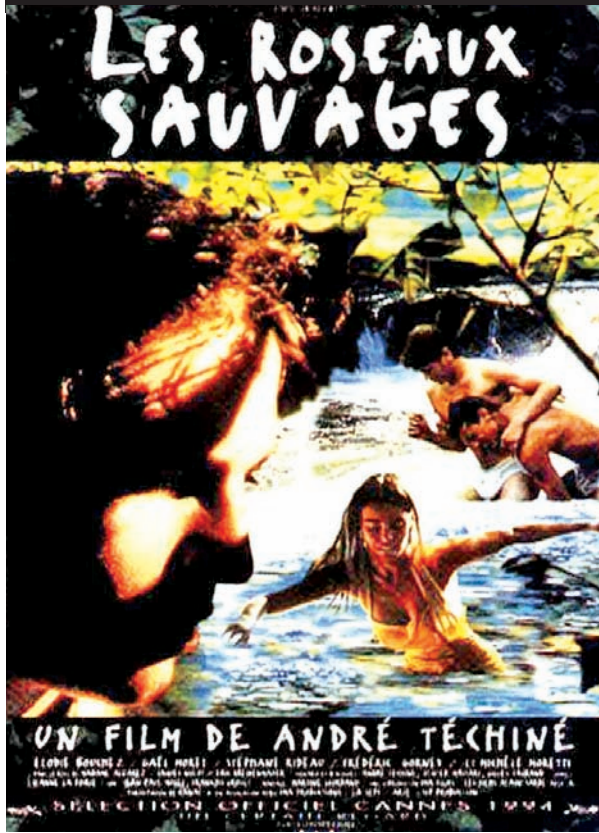


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## Les Roseaux Sauvages

The movie, Les Roseaux Sauvages (1995) by André Téchiné will be screened on Tuesday, October 18 at 3pm and Wednesday, October 19 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

In a village in the Southwest of France, 1962, in a small school during the first year of the Baccalaureat, an exiled 'pied-noir' (Algerian-born Frenchman) Henri arrives, an angry young man who is an overt militant and considers the French to be traitors and the Communists as beasts to be slaughtered. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

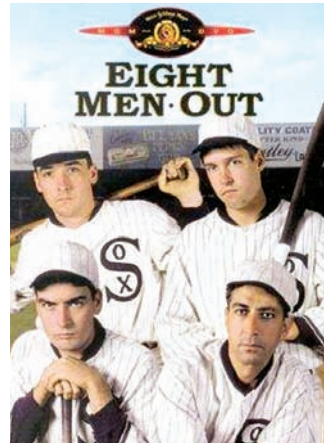


## Eight Men Out

Eight Men Out (1988) will be screened on October 18 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 119 minutes)

The true story of the famous 'Black Sox' scandal, in which professional baseball players accepted bribes to lose the World Series. The film tells of the far-reaching consequences of corruption: on the criminals, on the institutions, and on the society as a whole. Gorgeously filmed by acclaimed director John Sayles, with a strong ensemble cast.

Entrance to watch this movie is free. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) will be screened on October 22 at 3.30 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 115 minutes)

This is about eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka (Depp) and Charlie, a good-hearted boy from a poor family who lives in the shadow of Wonka's extraordinary factory.

## The Grey Wolves

The Grey Wolves (1993) will be screened on October 19 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.

**Plot:** General Secretary of the Communist Party Nikita Sergeevitch Khrushchev was warned about a forthcoming conspiracy by his close people long time ago. Although, all-powerful politician didn't pay any attention to this and he considered that he controls everything. One military official - captain of Investigation department - tried to pass General Secretary some important facts and documents discrediting his enemies...

Nikita Sergeevich's son, Sergey Khrushchev took part in writing the scenario for this film. Dialogues used in this movie are taken from the archives of KGB.

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

