

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 eventcalendar25@gmail.com. Have a pleasant week.

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Big screen

November 22 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Rabindranath Tagore

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo is organising performances of Prabhu Amar Priyo Amar, a combination of Manipuri and Kathak dance forms in Colombo, Galle, Kandy and Jaffna from November 22 to 28. The Colombo performance will take place at 6.30 pm at the Bishops College Auditorium, Perahera Mw., Colombo 3 on Tuesday (November 22).

Performances of Prabhu Amar Priyo Amar, the dance drama is based on Shaap Mochan written by Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore. For invitations for the performances, please contact the Indian Cultural Centre, No.16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo - 7, Tel.No.2684698 or email: icrcolombo@gmail.com.



>> Literary Evening with Madeleine Wightman

October 24 International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo invites you to a Literary Evening with Madeleine Wightman (Writer, Critic and Editing Professional) on Social Realism in Literature today, October 24 at 5.30 pm at the ICES Auditorium, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8.

Madeleine Wightman has a Masters Degree in French and Hispanic Studies from Aberdeen University in Scotland. Her thesis was 'Politics and Popular Culture in Modern Latin American Fiction'. Having returned from a study period in Mexico, and whilst studying for the Masters, she tutored undergraduate students in the analysis of Literature and Film. Madeleine also writes for the Guardian (UK) and has a regular column in the Sri Lankan Sunday Observer (Montage) section on literature and film. She continues to have a keen interest in literary movements from a variety of different countries.

>> American Center Presents Poetry Slam

October 27 Poets, spoken word stars, rappers, performance artists participate in the 'Open Mike Competitive Poetry Slam' on October 27 at 3.30 pm at the American Center Auditorium. The best performer will get an award. Any talented individual can participate. Entrance Free.

For more information and reservation of seats, contact Nowzad A. Jabbarat the American Center on T: 011 249 8128, M: 077 236 6368 or via email: nowzadaj@state.gov Seating is limited. Send in your interests before tomorrow (October 25)

>> Artist M Chandrapala's 15th Solo Art Exhibition '70th'

October 28 Renowned artist M Chandrapala's 15th solo Art Exhibition will commence on October 28 at Lionel Wendt art gallery. This exhibition is named as 'Seventieth' (70th) and arrangements have been made to display 70 artistic creations to mark 70th year of this artist. This art exhibition will be declared open by professor Elbert Dharmasiri at 3.30 pm. The exhibition will be open for public till 7 pm on that day and on October 29 and 30 from 10 am to 7 pm. This artist has attempted to depict the importance of peace, brotherhood, mercy, love and the good side of life and enjoyment through his creations vividly and artistically.



>> 'Deyyoth danne na' on Lumbini theatre

October 25 'Deyyoth danne na', the comedy play featuring Wijaya Nandasiri and directed by well versed cinema, television and stage actor, Sarath Kulanga will be staged at Lumbini, Havlock Town tomorrow (October 25) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm.



The play will take the stage with a host of popular actors such as Wijaya Nandasiri, Sarath Kulanga, Kumara Thirimadura, Ananda Athukorala, Sadda Uthpalakandage, Thushari Gunarathne, Tharaka Uendra, Bandula Fonseka, Sudarshana Krishantha and Duminda Sandaruwan.

'Deyyoth danne na' is written by Ajith Mendis and produced by Jude Srimalof Nirmala Prakashana. With Sarath Kulanga's music composition, Sandasiri Adhikari's music direction and Bandula Fonseka's stage management this drama will be organized by Jude Srimal. Tickets are available at Sarasavi book shop, Nugegoda and at Sadeepa book shop, Borella.

>> Art Week 2011 in Kandy

October 28 The Alliance française de Kandy organises its Annual Art Week from October 28 to November 7, which is this year devoted to the French painter Gustave Courbet.

An Exhibition - Gustave Courbet, l'insoumis - will display reproductions of the main works of this 'rebellious' artist and the leading proponent of Realism.

The Exhibition will be declared open on Friday (October 28) at 6.30 pm by Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka and Maldives, Mme Christine Robichon.

A selected group of students will participate to an Art Workshop on Saturday and Sunday (October 29 and 30). The works of the students will be displayed from November 1 to the 7.



>> The National Trust lecture

October 27 The National Trust lecture is on October 27 at 6.30 pm at the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) at 120/10 Vidya Mawatha, Off Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7. Vidya Mawatha is the road almost directly opposite ICTAD on Wijerama Mawatha. The lecture is on 'A Twelfth Century Hospital at Polonnaruwa and the Surgical Instruments Found Therein' by Prof. P.L. Prematilleke and Prof. Arjuna Aluwihare.

This lecture would be particularly interesting as the hospital was discovered under the leadership of Prof. Prematilleke when he was the Director of the UNESCO-Sri Lanka Cultural Triangle in Polonnaruwa. Surgeon Prof. Arjuna Aluwihare will speak on the surgical instruments found at the site.

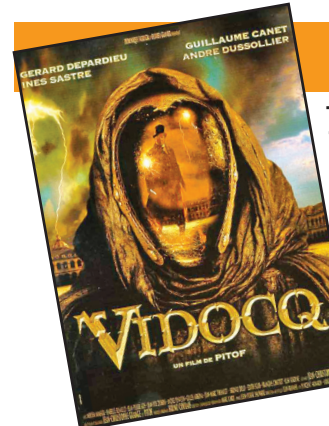
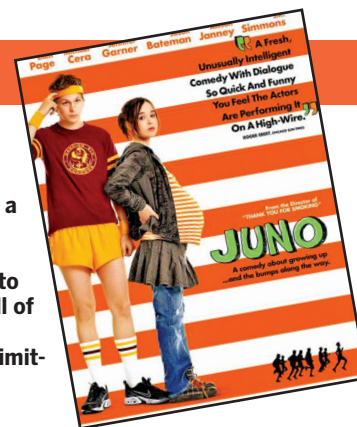


Coraline

Coraline (2009) will be screened on October 29 at 3.30 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 100 minutes) A young girl stumbles upon a parallel world where everything is perfect maybe too perfect. Good spooky fun for Halloween. Entrance to watch this movie is free. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Juno

Juno (2007) will be screened on October 25 at 6.00 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 96 minutes) This smart and fast-talking film tells the story of a teenage pregnancy with refreshing honesty and warmth. Ellen Page stars a smart-aleck girl who gets pregnant but knows she is not in a position to keep her child; she is faced with many options, all of which are easier said than done. Entrance to watch this movie is free. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



Vidocq

The movie, Vidocq (2001) by Pitof will be screened on Tuesday, October 25 at 3pm and Wednesday, October 26 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. In Paris, the famed detective Vidocq disappears while pursuing a murderer called the Alchemist. Etienne Boisset, a young biographer of Vidocq's, follows in his footsteps and progressively uncovers Vidocq's investigations. Etienne discovers that the Alchemist is a wizard of sorts who wears a mirrored mask and kills virgins to maintain eternal youth. Etienne probes deeper into Vidocq's investigations and eventually comes to learn that the Alchemist uses virgin blood to make magical mirrors that consume human souls. At last, Etienne comes to the end of his trail and discovers Vidocq alive and in hiding. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

Not by bread Alone

Not by bread Alone (2005) will be screened on November 02 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm. Plot: During the post-WW2 reconstruction in Russia, bald-headed technocrat Drozhdov equates communism with the empowerment of the ordinary man over the arrogant 'specialness' of genius. Dedicated scientist Lopatkin takes refuge in Moscow with the potty, brilliant old inventor Busko. Lopatkin works tirelessly on his invention, embarking on a roller-coaster of rejection and acceptance, his work vilified, plucked apart and plagiarized by colleagues, particularly by his nemesis Drozhdov. Drozhdov's wife Natasha, alienated from her cold, controlling husband, is increasingly drawn to Lopatkin, whom she knew when they both taught at the same school. Natasha is ready to give Lopatkin her own life, love and faith. Lopatkin is eager to sacrifice his life for the idea, doing the utmost for his motherland. Entrance to watch this movie is free and all films are subtitled in English.



Amores Perros



Amores Perros (2000) by Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu will be screened on Friday, October 28 at 2.30 pm and 5.30pm at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) Auditorium, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8 (Running Time: 153 minutes) Octavio is sharing an apartment with his brother, which

leads to a serious problem when he falls in love with Susanna, his sister-in-law. Octavio and Susanna want to run away together, but Octavio has no money. He does however, know a man stages dog fights and he volunteers his dog Cofi for the next round of fights. Cofi bravely rises to the occasion, but the dog's success in the ring leads to a violent altercation. Elsewhere, Daniel a successful publishing magnate leaves his family to take up a beautiful model, Valeria. Valeria, however soon loses a leg in an auto accident and as Daniel attends to her needs, her tiny pet dog gets trapped under the floorboards of the apartment. Finally, El Chivo is an elderly homeless man who trying to contact his daughter whom he hasn't seen in years. Desperate for money, El Chivo is hired by a businessman to assassinate his partner, however, as he's following his target, he's interrupted by an auto accident, from which Octavio and his injured dog stagger in search of help. The movie is subtitle in English