



November 07 Youth Drama Festival at Lionel Wendt

The 32nd Youth Drama Festival which is organized by the Youth Affairs and Skills Development ministry is to be held from November 7 to 17 at Lionel Wendt gallery.

The inauguration ceremony will be held under the patronage of the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dullas Allahapperuma today (November 7) at 6.30pm.

Neranjana Chandrawathdithya's 'Yaliti', Ashini's Pasmaha 'Balum', Ronika and Selvaraj's Kurudum 'Nondiyamum', Madushani's 'Thunmase Danetawath', Karunarathne's 'Amandla' and Jayaratne's 'Sanda Ella Marai' are some of the dramas to be staged.



'Deyyoth danne ne' and 'Balloth ekka ba' at Tower Hall

November 12 Two special shows of the hilarious comedy 'Deyyoth danne ne', (God also don't Know) and 'Balloth ekka ba' will be staged on Saturday (November 12) and Sunday (November 13) at 3.30pm and 6.45pm at Maradana Tower Hall.

The comedy 'Deyyoth danne ne' featuring Wijaya Nandasiri is directed by well versed cinema, television and stage actor, Sarath Kulanga.

With a host of popular actors such as Wijaya Nandasiri, Sarath Kulanga, Kumara Thirimadura, Ananda Athukorala, Sada Uthpalakandage, Thushara Gunarathne, tharaka Upendra, Bandula Fonseka, Sudarshana Krishantha and Duminda Sandarwan. 'Deyyoth danne ne' is written by Ajith Mendis and produced by Jude Srimal of Nirmala Prakashana.

With Sarath Kulanga's music composition, Sandasiri Adhikari's music direction and Bandula Fonseka's stage management this drama will be organised by Jude Srimal.

'Balloth ekka ba', starring Wijaya Nandasiri, Roshan Pilapitiya, Gihan Fernando, Kumara Thirimadura, Saman Hemarathna (Leelasena) and Anusha Dissanayake.

With music of Shantha Peiris, stage set designed by Luvolin Vandervol and stage management of Asoka De Zoysa and Shantha Udaya Kumara, the drama will be an experience too costly to miss, while costume design by Gihan Fernando and Demal Fernando.

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school, Sugath Jayasinghe presents 'Balloth ekka ba' and Jude Srimal is the chief organiser. Tickets are available for both shows at Sarasavi book shop-Nugegoda, Sadeepa book shop-Borella and at Tower Hall theatre.

Shankar's International Children's Competition at the ICC

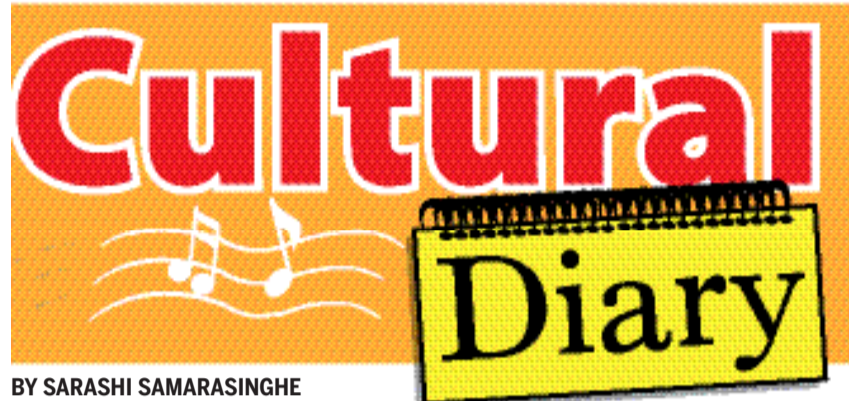
November 12 To commemorate India's Children's Day, which falls on November 14 every year, coinciding with the birthday of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Colombo will organise painting, drawing and writing competition for children on Saturday, November 12 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm at Indian Cultural Centre, 16/2 Gregory's Road, Colombo 07. Children who are interested in participating may register their names with the Centre (Tel. 011-2684698, Telefax 2684697, e-mail icc Colombo@gmail.com) and are requested to come to ICC at 9.30 am on November 12. The entries done by children on that day would be sent to New Delhi for the Shankar's International Children's Competition 2012.

The Shankar's International Children's Competition 2012, in the categories of writing, painting and drawing, is open to children all over world born on or after January 1st, 1996.

The competition was started in 1949 by late Shri Shankar Pillai, a celebrated cartoonist and recipient of several awards including Padma Shri and Padma Vibhushan. The international participation in the competition has increased greatly over the years with children from over 130 countries participating and winning prizes.

The last date for receipt of entries in New Delhi for the Shankar's Competition is February 28, 2012. For rules and more details, please call the Centre at telephone number 2684698.

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



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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 (Please be mindful to send only the essential details). Have a pleasant week.

Martha Graham Dance Workshop

November 12 The Contemporary Dance Forum (CDF), founded in 2010 with the support and goodwill of the Goethe Institute, will present a three-hour, intensive workshop on Martha Graham technique at the Nelung Art Center (NAC), 81 Hyde Park Corner, Colombo 2, on Saturday (November 12) from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The workshop will include barre work, center work, floor work, across the floor work, and technique-based improvisation. Admission is free but participants ideally should have a minimum of one-year's training in one or more dance forms/styles such as classical ballet, Kandyan, Bharathanatyam, modern dance, jazz, hip-hop, Latin/Ballroom, gymnastics, and body narrative. The workshop may not be suitable for those with no prior dance training as it is technique oriented. Registration will take place at the NAC office on November 12th from 9.00 am to



9.25 am The workshop will commence at 9.30 am. It will be conducted by freelance contemporary dance choreographer Seneka Abeyratne, who has a background in classical ballet and has done extensive research on Graham style, technique and choreography. This is the second workshop on contemporary dance to be conducted by Abeyratne at the NAC. The first (May 2011) was also a CDF presentation.



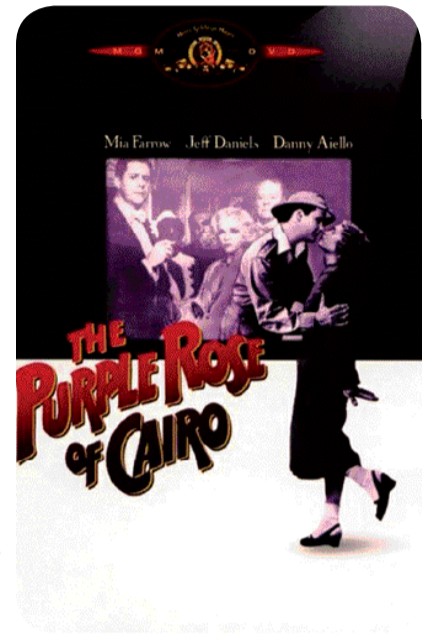
The Purple Rose of Cairo

November 08 The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985) will be screened on November 8 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 84 minutes)

Woody Allen's charming comedy tells the story of a clumsy waitress who uses movies to escape from her lousy marriage, lousy job and lousy life. Everything changes when the dashing character in the movie notices her and steps out of the screen into real life.

They fall in love, which is a problem because one thing she is married, second thing he is not real and the third is that the real-life actor who created the character is looking for them. Witty dialogue and great performances by Mia Farrow, Danny Aiello, and Jeff Daniels.

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



Fin août début septembre

November 08 The movie, Fin août début septembre (1999) by Olivier Assayas will be screened on Tuesday, November 8 at 3pm and Wednesday, November 9 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

A story about the transition from late youth to early maturity, the film follows several friends and lovers as they come to make decisions on how to live their lives-getting a job more in harmony with ones ideals, committing to a lover, giving up a lover that no longer loves you: a film about grown-ups growing up.



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