

Cultural

Diary

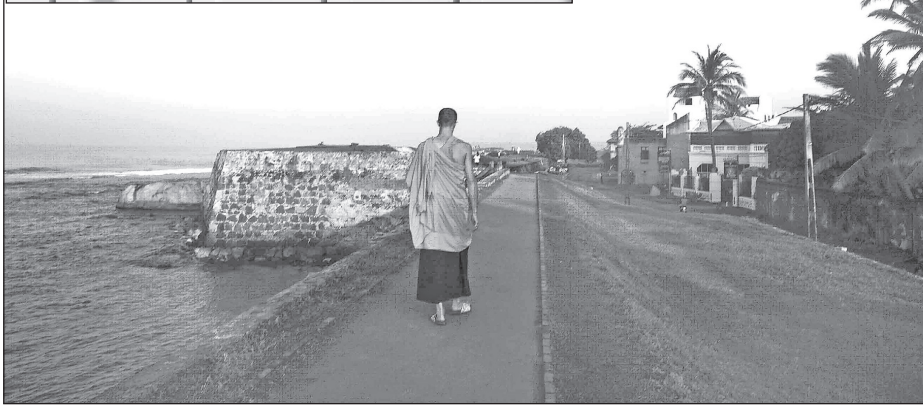
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This week's 'Cultural Diary' brings you details about several other fascinating events happening in the city. Take your pick of stage plays, exhibitions or dance performance and add colour to your routine life. You can make merry and enjoy the adventures 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.

The Galle Ramparts at Casa Serene



November 18
An exhibition of black and white photography by Seneka Abeyratne will be from November 18 to 20 at the Casa Serene Art gallery 122, Havelock Road, Colombo 5 together with the col-



laboration and support of Alliance Francaise de Kotte. At Casa Serena, Seneka Abeyratne will present 20 black and white photographs of the Galle Ramparts. Far beyond an architectural survey of the place, way behind the historical approach, these evocative photographs take us into the land of oblivion; another space opens up in front of our eyes, between ruins and tracks of proud fortifications, enhanced by the sight of people - young and old - strolling along the ramparts, suddenly illuminated by white-washed colonial buildings or the horizon of the Indian Ocean. In the eyes of Seneka Abeyratne, the ramparts enclose the memory of an ancient city and the openness of an undefined future.

Gallery opening hours will be, Monday 1 pm to 6 pm and from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 6 pm. Entrance free.

Global Entrepreneurship Week 2011

November 14
The Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) 2011 celebrating the spirit of entrepreneurship in Sri Lanka will be held today (November 14) at 5.30 pm at the American Centre Auditorium, No.44, Galle Road, Colombo 3.

The keynote speaker for the event will be director of the Young Entrepreneurs Sri Lanka (YESL), Suresh de Mel. For more information and reservation of seats, contact Padma or Daminda at the American Center on T: 011 249 8169 or 249 8146. Seating is limited.

Talk on Remembering Badal Sircar by Parakrama Niriella

November 16
The Indian Cultural centre, Colombo will be organising a lecture titled 'Remembering Badal Sircar' by Parakrama Niriella at the centre auditorium located at 16/2, Gregory's road (opposite to Australian High Commission)

Colombo 7 on Wednesday (November 16) at 6.30 pm.

Parakrama Niriella is an Artistic Director of Janakaliya (Theatre of the People).

For further details please contact the Indian Cultural Centre on telephone no: 2684698 and Email: icccolombo@gmail.com

Discussion on Ajahn Chah

November 18
A biography on Ajahn Chah written by Sachitra Mahendra titled Ajahn Chah Maha Therunge Apadanaya will be discussed at Sri Lanka Press Council on November 18 at 3.30. Dr Pra-neeth Abhayasundara and Daya

Dissanayaka will hold the discussions.

Restaging of Shaap Mochan

November 22
As part of the celebrations commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Tagore this year, Indian Cultural Centre is restaging Tagore's dance-drama 'Shaap Mochan' in various parts of Sri Lanka. The dance drama will be from November 22 to November 28 in Colombo, Galle, Kandy and Jaffna. A cultural troupe led by Ashimbandhu Bhattacharjee, a noted Kathak exponent and Bimbavati Devi, a well-known Manipuri danseuse, have choreographed the drama, re-titling it as Prabhu Amar Priyo Amar.

The Colombo performance will take place at 6.30 p.m. at the Bishops College Auditorium, Perahera Mawatha, Colombo 03 on Tuesday (November 22).

For invitations for the performances, please contact the Indian Cultural Centre, No.16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo - 7, Tel.No.2684698 or email: icccolombo@gmail.com.

Big screen

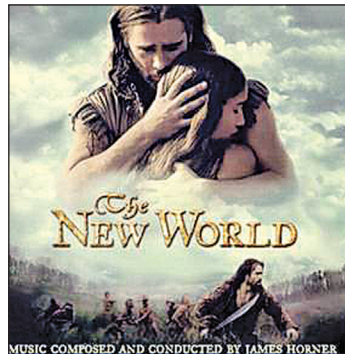
November 15

The New World (2006) will be screened on November 15 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 136 minutes)

Amid the clash of European and Native American cultures following the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607, the legendary romance of an English explorer, Captain John Smith, and a beautiful Indian princess, Pocahontas, is transformed into a sweeping exploration of love, loss and discovery, both a celebration and an elegy for the America that was... and the America that was yet to come.

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

The New World



Ma vie est un Enfer

November 15

The movie, Ma vie est un Enfer (1991) by Josiane Balasko will be screened on Tuesday, November 15 at 3pm and Wednesday, November 16 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. A dowdy nurse, Leah is in love with her boss.

But he only has eyes for bimbos. She sells her soul to the Devil's apprentice, Abargadon in return for a new bimbo makeover to snare her boss. Abar realise his mistake as he should have done the deal with Leah's old mother...

The movie is most suitable for mature audience and is subtitled in English.

Changement d'adresse (Change of address)

November 18

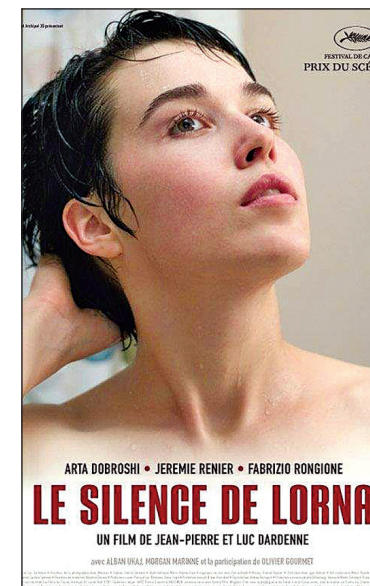
Changement d'adresse (Change of address) - comédie dramatique (2006) by Emmanuel Mouret will be screened on November 18 at 6 pm at the Alliance Française de Kotte, 139, Jawatte Road, Colombo 05. (Running Time: 85 minutes)

David, a shy, awkward musician who has just moved to Paris, falls madly in love with his young student, Julia. He tries everything to win her heart. His room-mate, Anne, provides encouragement, advice and consolation in an extremely passionate way.

Entrance to watch this movie is free.



Le Silence de Lorna (The Lorna's Silence)



November 19

The movie, Le Silence de Lorna (The Lorna's Silence) 2008 (1h40) will be screened on November 19 at 3.30 pm at Alliance Française de Kandy, 642, Peradeniya Road, Kandy.

Sokol and Lorna, two Albanian emigrants in Belgium, dream of leaving their dreary jobs to set up a snack bar. They need money, and a permanent resident status. Claudy is a junkie - he needs money to satisfy his addiction. Andrei, the cigarette smuggler, must hold up for a while outside Russia; he has loads of money. Fabio, the Italian taxi driver and aspiring gang boss, elaborates a clever scheme: he will pay Claudy to marry Lorna so that she acquires a Belgian citizenship. Then she is to re-marry Andrei, who will in this way obtain the coveted EU passport - and pay a hefty price to Fabio and Lorna for the service. Like all plans, this one will not survive the contact with reality.

Entrance to watch this movie is free and the film is subtitled in English.