

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.

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Sixth Galle Literary Festival this week

The 6th Galle Literary Festival will be held from January 18 to 22. The festival is an intimate and relaxed affair set in the laid back atmosphere of the United Nations (UN) world heritage city of Galle Fort. Few festivals can match its location and the festival organisers are welcoming participants and festival goers alike to sit back, and enjoy the companionship and conversation of the event.



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Three dramas staged at Lionel Wendt

3.30 pm and 7 pm | Lionel Wendt

The hilarious comedy *Balloth Ekka Ba* written and directed by Ravindra Ariyaratna, Rajitha Dissanayake's latest political satire *Bakamuna Veedi Basi* (Owl in the Street) and Dayananda Gunawardena's *Madhura Javanika* (Joyous Scenes) will be staged at the Lionel Wendt theatre, Colombo 7 on January 20, 21 and 22 at 3.30 pm and 7 pm.

Balloth Ekka Ba stars renowned artistes such as 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, lighting of Upali Weerasinghe and make up

art of Saman Hemarathna will create an unforgettable visual experience.

Sugath Jayasinghe presents the drama on behalf of the Easl J. Lanka Computer school.

Witness what could be the most influential political satire of our time *Bakamuna Veedi Basi* (Owl in the Street) with a cast of experienced actors like Shyam Fernando, Jayani Senanayaka, Dharmapriya Dias, Prasad Sooriyaarachchi, Sam-



path Jayaweera and Priyankara Ratnayaka.

Bakamuna Veedi Basi uses powerful lines and metaphor to expose the audience to the diverse power



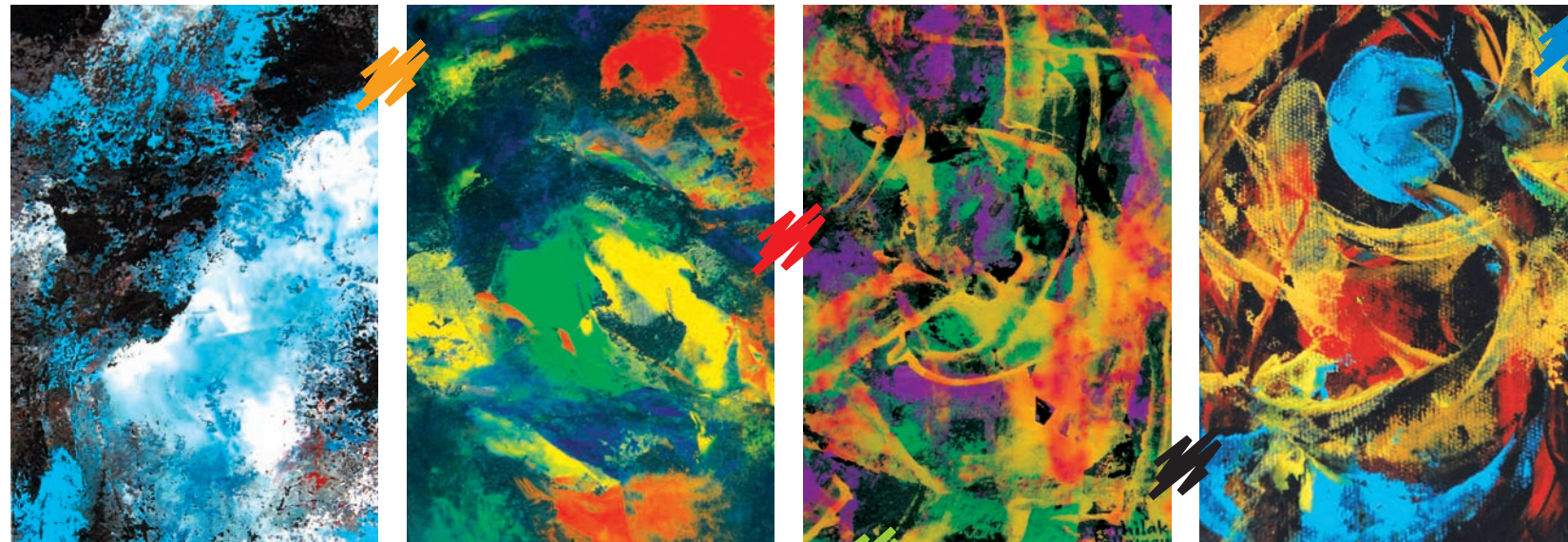
struggles seen in today's tumultuous political arena.

Madhura Javanika (Joyous Scenes) being a dramatised chronicle of the Hingala people, the cast

includes Jackson Anthony, Rodney Warnakula, Bandula Vijeweera, Anula Bulathsinhala, Saman Gunawardena and Rathnashila Perera. Music is composed by Rohana Beddage and Bandula Vijeweera.

Madhura Javanika is an accomplished musical which includes folk music, dance, extravagant costumes and spectacular stage setting. Jude Srimal is the chief organiser of the dramas.

All seats have been boxplanned.



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Miniature Abstract Paintings III at AF Kandy

6.30 pm

Gallery of Alliance française de Kandy

Thilak Palliyaguruge's 13th solo exhibition Miniature Abstract Paintings III will be declared open on Friday (January 20) at 6.30 pm at the Gallery of Alliance française de Kandy, 642, Peradeniya Rd, Kandy.

The chief guest will be Professor of Chemistry, Vice President of the Alliance française de Kandy, Prof. Veranja Karunaratne. The exhibition which is sponsored by the Alliance française de Kandy will continue till January 30 from 9 am to 6 pm.

To art lovers in particular and to others in general, Palliyaguruge is a person who is unequivocally devoted to the aesthetics, needs no introduction. He is a highly talented artist cum architectural designer well known for his works of art in Sri Lanka as well as abroad by having his solo exhibitions of art at the Headquarters of the Association

in Main State Society Washington USA in 1984 and being privileged to be selected to present his work of art at the International Union for the conservation of Nature Poster competition in Athens (Greece) as way back in 1958.

His excellent career as an artist has its roots at his alma mater Mahinda College Galle in early 1950's. Bagging the first prize in art competitions he took part had been the norm, which culminated in having presented with a streak of awards including the coveted state honours *Kalabooshana* from the Ministry of Cultural affairs and as well as Kandurata Suriya Sammana State award for Art & Craft from the Ministry of Central Province Development.

It is no exaggeration to pronounce that everyone who has the opportunity to visit this exhibition of superb art work will undoubtedly relish it.



Thilak Palliyaguruge

Moonstruck

Moonstruck (1987) will be screened on January 17 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 102 minutes)

Cher stars in this classic romantic comedy about love and marriage—and how they might not be the same thing. Cher and Olympia Dukakis each won Oscars for their roles as a mother and daughter who drive each other crazy; the film also won for Best Screenplay.



Nos enfants chéris

The movie, *Nos enfants chéris* (2003) by Benoît Cohen will be screened on Tuesday, January 17 at 3pm and Wednesday, January 18 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Martin, 30 years, is about to go on holiday with his wife Ariane and her daughter cherry. It was while it crosses Constance, his love of youth, itself flanked by a husband and two children. It has an idea: they will spend a few days in the countryside between



Big screen

Endless Dreams

Endless Dreams (2009) by Pouran Derakhshandeh will be screened on January 25 at 5.30 pm at the auditorium of the cultural section - Embassy of Iran, 06, Sir Ernest de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 7. (Running Time: 97 minutes)

Reihaneh (8 year old girl) experiences a horrible nightmare. The day after, nightmare happens in front of her eyes: her teacher disappears

