

Celebrating the 63rd Republic Day of India



January 23

To mark the 63rd Republic Day of India, Indian Cultural Centre, which is the cultural arm of the High Commission of India, Colombo is organizing a contemporary dance performance of renowned danseuse Aditi Mangaldas and her dance company at Bishops's College auditorium, Colombo at 6.30 pm on Wednesday (January 25). Minister for Power and Energy, Patali Champika Ranawaka will be the Chief Guest and High Commissioner of India, Ashok K. Kantha will preside over the function.

In addition to Colombo, the troupe will be performing in Galle, Kandy and Jaffna.

Today (January 23), the troupe will perform at the Hindu Cultural Hall, Kandy. This event will be organized by the Assistant High Commissioner's office in Kandy. On January 28, there will be performance at Veerasingam Hall in Jaffna. This event will be organized by Consul General of India in Jaffna. In their 90 minutes-long performance, the Aditi Mangaldas Dance Company will be presenting five dance concepts with effects of lights, music, percussion and choreography. In her productions, Aditi Mangaldas profusely uses the Hindustani stream of music, poetry, philosophy and various kinds of designs.

Mohit Gangani on Tabla, Ashish Gangani on Pakhwaj and the vocalist Faraz Ahmad, are her accompanying artists for all the performances. The light designs will be done by Narayan Singh Chauhan.

The dancers are Dheerendra Tiwari, Dheerendra Tiwari, Piyush Chauhan, Amit Khinchi, Preeti Sharma, Mansi Saxena, Rohit Parihar, Karan Gangani and Aditi Mangaldas.

For invitations for the performances, please contact the Indian Cultural Centre, No.16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo - 07, Tel.No.2684698 or email: icrcolombo@gmail.com

January 26 Monthly lecture series of the National Trust

The 36th lecture in the monthly lecture series of the National Trust of Sri Lanka will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22nd Floor, HNB Towers, 479, T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30 pm on Thursday (January 26). British Architect and Sculptor Professor Tim Scott will speak on 'George Keyt of Sri Lanka and Picasso of France.'

Prof. Tim Scott is known for his abstract sculptures made from transparent acrylic and steel. His work can be found in many important collections, including the Tate Gallery, London and the Museum of Modern Art, NYC.

The National Trust - Sri Lanka conducts monthly lectures on the last Thursday of each month. The lectures are open to the public free of charge.

Further information could be obtained from the Trust Office at the Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology, 407, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. Tel: 2682730, 3091275

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'Book buzz' series in Colombo and in Jaffna

January 26

The British Council's 'Book buzz' literary series was initiated by the British Council with the objective of offering its audiences the opportunity of experiencing some of the best UK and Sri Lankan literary talent there is on offer. This January, the 'Book buzz' series will be in action in Colombo and in Jaffna. This will be the first time that 'Book buzz' will take place in the Northern peninsula of the country.

Come and listen to award-winning British-Sri Lankan writer Roshi Fernando read from her work and talk about the art of writing with well-known Sri Lankan writer Ashok Ferry on Thursday (January 26) at 6.30 pm at the Barefoot Gallery Colombo.

The following day, January 27, the British Council's 'Book buzz' literary series will be in action in Jaffna for the first time featuring Roshi Fernando along with acclaimed writers Romesh Gunasekara and Jaffna's very own Ayathurai Santhan.

Come hear them read from their work and share their writing experiences on Friday (January 27) from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Jaffna library auditorium. Both events held in Colombo and Jaffna are free-of-charge and open to the public.



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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.

'Yesterday once more'



DK promotions have come up with a musical show with a difference titled 'Yesterday once more' which will be staged on January 29 at the Bishops College auditorium starting at 6.45 pm.

It will be a two and half hour show and will feature a selection of hits from the 60's and 70's made popular by singers such as Jim Reeves, Elvis Presley, Engelbert, Tom Jones, Harry Belafonte, Carpenters, Abba, Olivia Newton John, Beatles, Bee Gees and more. The songs will be performed by Mignonne, Dalreen, Sohan, Ronnie, Rukshan, Yasmin and Damayantha. Music for the show will be provided by one of Sri Lanka's top bands Sohan and X'periments. The show will be different to the usual presentations as besides the individual acts the artists will also perform some songs together. Also it will be a show where the audience is expected to participate with the artists to sing some of the songs.

"I want this to be a novel experience to all music fans of the 60's and 70's not forgetting their family members as it is a fun filled evening for all," said Damayantha the Presenter of the show. For details call 0777 744950.



'Peduru Party' with Rohana Bogoda

January 30

'Peduru Party' with Rohana Bogoda will be on Saturday (January 30) at the Gymkhana Club (CH & FC) from 8 pm onwards. There will be guest artists to add value to the event.

Tickets could be purchased either by calling 077 320 9999 or at the Gymkhana Club (CH & FC).

Big screen

Harold and Maude

Harold and Maude (1971) will be screened on **January 31** at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 91 minutes)

This dark comedy is about a suicidal young man who falls in love with an elderly woman who has so much more life in her—except that she's suicidal, too. Memorable performances add to this funny and surprisingly poignant love story.

Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Elisa



The movie, Elisa (2003) by Jean Becker will be screened on Tuesday, **January 24** at 3pm and Wednesday, January 25 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Marie has had a tough childhood ever since her mother Elisa committed suicide. She has spent most of her life in an orphanage and now makes a living as a small time criminal in Paris. Now she wants to unravel her past and find her father whom she blames for her mother's death.

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

Une vie de chat (A cat in Paris)



Une vie de chat (A cat in Paris) (2006) by Alain Gagnol and Jean-Loup Felicioli will be screened on **January 27** at 6 pm at the Alliance Française de Kotte, 139, Jawatte Road, Colombo 5. (Running Time: 1 hour and 10 minutes)

Dino is a cat that leads a double life.

By day he lives with Zoe, a little girl whose mother is a detective in the Paris Police. But at night he sneaks out the window to work with Nico, a slinky cat burglar with a big heart, whose fluid movements are poetry in motion as he slips and swishes from rooftop to rooftop across the Paris skyline. The cat's two worlds collide when young Zoe decides to follow Dino on his nocturnal adventures - and falls into the hands of Victor Costa, a blustery gangster planning the theft of a rare statue.