

Launching Atan Pahura



January
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Thiulaka Kudahetti's latest Sinhala novel *Atan Pahura* will be launched at Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 tomorrow (January 31) at 10 am.

Kudahetti is the author of several novels and translations such as *Raga Viraga*, *Akala Meghaya*, *Vathsunu Pavana*, *Durga Tharanaya*, *Nila Desa Pura*, *Kulagei Vilanguva*, *Vathura*, *Bharatha Yogin* and *Isivarayin Samaga*, *Piramida Bhuthayin Igiptu Sannasin Ha Manthrakarawan Samaga* and *Bharatha Maha Rishi Ramana*.

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Commemorating the 68th birth anniversary of Dr Neelan Tiruchelvam

February
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The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust (NTT) is initiating a solo performance by artiste Maya Krishna Rao named Ravanama, an exploring facets of the mythological character Ravana on Thursday (February 2) at 7 pm at the British School Auditorium, 63, Elvitigala Mawata, Colombo 3.

Rao is an India's renowned dancer and theatre exponent and recipient of the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2010.

Box plan now open.

There will also be a performance in Jaffna at Thirumarai Kalamamram at 6 pm on Sunday (February 5).

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Recent paintings by Druvinka Madawela

There will be a recent paintings exhibition by Druvinka Madawela from February 03 - February 19 at the Barefoot gallery.



Cultural



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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.

Gabbara Minisa (Pregnant Man) at Tower Hall

February
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Gabbara Minisa (Pregnant Man), the latest comic stage drama of well versed film, television and stage drama actor Sriyantha Mendis will have its special show on February 5 at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm at Tower Hall theatre with a host of popular actors such as Sriyantha Mendis, Kusum Renu, Sarath Kothalawela, Wasantha Vittachchi, Malkanthi Jayasinghe, Sujewa Priyalal, Mihiri Priyangani along with many more artist performing in it.

Music will be provided by professional music director Anthony Surendra while popular Derana dream star Upeka Nirmani will brighten up the drama with her singing. This drama will be choreographed by senior lecturer Ariyaratne Kaluaarachchi. Polished with Wasantha Vittachchi's make up and Nipuni Mendis's costume designs.

Stage lighting will be by Upali Weerasinghe, stage management of *Gabbara Minisa* (Pregnant Man) is done by Himashi Vithanage and Sameera Hettiarachchi with the assistance of Neil Ravindra. Stage settings done by Luvolin Vandawall and still pictures by Hiran Costa. *Gabbara Minisa* (Pregnant Man) is an adoption of Ajith Mendis from the book written by W.S. Wijesinghe. This drama will be presented and organized by Jude Srimal.



Big
screen



Jerry Maguire

Jerry Maguire(1996) will be screened on January 31 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 139 minutes)

Tom Cruise stars as a sports agent who has a crisis of conscience and decides to be a better person, and to be a businessman with a heart. He is immediately fired and loses everything except one client and one secretary. With Cuba Gooding,

Jr. and Renee Zellweger, directed by Cameron Crowe. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Les clefs de bagnole

The movie, *Les clefs de bagnole*(2003) by Jean Becker will be screened on Tuesday, January 31 at 3pm and Wednesday, February 01 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo,11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

According to serious scientific research anyone who drives for 60 years will spend 23 days looking for their car keys. In this stunning satire on the state of film making, director play himself as he attempt locate his car keys

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



The Poisonous mushroom - Gharche sammi



The Poisonous mushroom - Gharche sammi (2002) by Molagholipour, Rassul Mollagholi Pour will be screened on February 01 at 5.30 pm at the auditorium of the Cultural Sectvion,Embassy of Iran,06,Sir Ernest de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 7. (Running Time: 105 minutes)

This film depicts the story of those who live in the present political atmosphere of Iran but still have the hardcore mentality of the war era.

Jamshid Hashempour (Avaze Ghoo) and Mitra Hajjar shine brilliantly in this film....