

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 event-calendar25@gmail.com (Please be mindful to send only the essential details). Have a pleasant week.

Ghazal Performances by Dr. Kumud Diwan

The final ghazal concert of Dr. Kumud Diwan and her troupe will be held in Colombo today (March 19) at 6 pm at Kularathne Hall, Ananda College, Colombo.

Dr. Kumud Diwan is a well-known

semi-classical vocalist from India. She will perform along with three accompanying artistes: Harshad Kanetkar on tabla, Milind Kulkarni on harmonium and Farooque Lateef Khan on sarangi. Dr. Diwan, who has a gifted voice quality that lends itself to all forms of classical music, is a serious exponent of 'Poorab-Ang Thumri,' and is currently under the mentorship of Padmabhushan Pt. Channul Mishra of Banaras, who is the finest exponent of Banaras Thumri. She was trained by Anima Das Gupta and also had the opportunity to learn from Shanthi Hiranand, a disciple of Begum Akhtar. She has trained in the Banaras Gharana Thumri Gayaki with Pt. Bholu Nath Mishra and excels in Thumri, Dadra, Chaiti, Kajri etc.

The sarangi player Farooque Lateef Khan represents the fifth generation of the musical heritage of distinguished sarangi players from Gohad near Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. Milind Kulkarni is a graduate in music specialized in harmonium from the Centre for Performing Arts, Pune, and is a regular performer of All India Radio and Doordharshan. Harshad



Kanetkar, the percussionist, is a disciple of Shri Mukhade, Shri Palsule and Pt. Suresh Talwalkar.

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

'Jaffna Nite' once again

'Jaffna Nite' at Colombo City hotel will be repeated on Friday (March 23) and will have a delicious spread of Jaffna food such as string hoppers, pittu, red rice, murunga masala, Jaffna crab curry, fried fish, kotthu, mutton paya, tempered prawns with murunga leaves, cool udial toddy and many more with DJ Ryan in attendance.

For reservations contact Travin on 077 0521407.

March 23

Sunday brunch at OTSC

Once again it is happening time at the Old Thomian Swimming Club (OTSC). Sunday brunch with Jayantha & 'PEARL' on April 1 at OTSC from 11 am to 5 pm. It is all casual all in shorts even the band. The guest artiste will be evergreen 'Ronnie Lietch.'

It is open to all members, their families and guests. There will be a draught beer stall and special beer promotion along with traditional Sri Lankan rice and curry buffet which will be an additional cost.

April 1

Launching of Ma Pem Bendi Bharathaya

Palitha Jayakody's latest book *Ma Pem Bendi Bharathaya* will be launched at

March 20

Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10, tomorrow (March 20) at 10 am.

Ma Pem Bendi Bharathaya is the Sinhala translation of Jim Corbett's popular book *My India*.

It is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.



Vijayanandaya drama festival

Vijayanandaya, a six day drama festival to mark popular actor Vijaya Nandasiri's 46 years in the arts scene will take place at the John de Silva Memorial Theatre from March 20 to 25 at 6 pm.

The festival will kick off with Prof Ediriweera Sarachchandra's *'Mahasara'* on March 20.



Lalitha Sarachchandra's *Kapuwu Kapothi* will be staged on March 21. Vijaya's productions *Vrushaba Raja* and *Kusa Pabavathi* will

unfurl on March 22 and 23. Sarath Kulanga's *Deiyoth Danne Ne* will go on boards on March 24 while Ravindra Ariyaratne's *Balloth Ekka Bae* will be staged on March 25.

Devians exhibit colourful talents

The students of Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo, held 'Pahasarani 2012' an exhibition and competition of paintings at the National Art Gallery recently. The event is held every two years and is presented by the school's Art Circle. It encourages Devians to explore their artistic talents. The school also invited students from other schools from all parts of the country to take part in the exhibition and competition. More than 500 paintings were exhibited at the event this year. Teachers as well as students presented their creations for the exhibition. The chief guest of the event was renowned artist Janaka Ratnayake. Devi Balika principal W D P K Samarasinghe also graced the occasion.



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Big screen

On the Waterfront

On the Waterfront (1954) will be screened on March 20 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 108 minutes)

Terry Malloy dreams about being a prize fighter, while tending his pigeons and running errands at the docks for Johnny Friendly, the corrupt boss of the dockers union. Terry witnesses a murder by two of Johnny's thugs, and later meets the dead man's sister and feels responsible for his death. She introduces him to Father Barry, who tries to force him to provide information for the courts that will smash the dock racketeers. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



Monsieur N

The movie, *Monsieur N* (2002) by Antoine de Caunes will be screened on Tuesday, March 20 at 3 pm and Wednesday, March 21 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

How the Emperor Napoleon he agreed to undergo the imprisonment on the island of St. Helena? And imagine how heloosened the grip of his captors? This is what Mr. N. will attempt to prove... The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.