

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.



Hannah and Her Sisters

Hannah and Her Sisters (1986) will be screened on March 27 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 103 minutes)

HANNAH AND HER SISTERS



WOODY ALLEN MICHAEL CAINE
MIA FARROW CARRIE FISHER
BARBARA HERSHEY LLOYD NOLAN
MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN DANIEL STERN
MAX VON SYDOW DIANNE WIEST
JACK ROLLINS CHARLES H. JOFFE... SUEAN E. MORSE... CARLO D. PALMA...
JACK ROLLINS CHARLES H. JOFFE ROBERT GREENHAUT WOODY ALLEN

During a Thanksgiving Day party we make acquaintance with a numerous and problematic family. The leading characters are three sisters: Lee, the woman of Frederick, an old misanthrope painter; Holly, who dreams of becoming a writer, or an actress, or who knows who...; Hannah, famous actress, beautiful, intelligent, good mother, good wife, good sister, in short perfect, the pivot of the family. The balance begins to break up when Hannah's husband, Elliot, falls in love with Lee, who leaves Frederick. Holly goes through a deep crisis and meets Mickey, the former husband of Hannah, a hipocondriac TV producer. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Les mauvais joueurs

The movie, *Les mauvais joueurs* (2005) by Frédéric Ballekdjian will be screened on Tuesday, March 27 at 3 pm and Wednesday, March 28 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.



Sentier, Paris' garment quarter. Christmas is coming and Vahe Krikorian's life is going to pieces. He works with his father in the family store, but it is soon going to shut down. There are too many unpaid debts. Lu Ann has just left him. And he senses that the scams he and his friend Sahak and his brother Toros have been running aren't leading anywhere good.

Life tries to take its usual course. But something has snapped in Vahe. Something he can no longer control and that will lead him to go too far. The movie is most suitable for mature audience and is subtitled in English.

L'Apartment (The Apartment)

L'Apartment (1996) by Gilles Mimouni will be screened on March 29 at 3 pm and 5.30 pm at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) auditorium, 02, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8. (Running Time: 116minutes)



L'Apartment or *The Apartment* in English is a suspenseful, almost Hitchcockian type romance thriller. This French drama follows the romantic obsession of Max a young corporate hotshot a former playboy who decides to settle down and marry his current love, the sister of his boss. However, during a business trip in Paris, Max catches a glimpse of the great lost love of his life, Lisa. The film stars Vincent Cassel, Monica Bellucci and Romane Bohringer. The film won the Befta award for the best film and the first British Independent Film Award for the best film in a foreign language.

March 26 Upheaval I at British School

Upheaval I a mixed able dance performance comprising six dancers, two women and four men, three with and three without physical disabilities will be on stage today (March 26) at 3.30 pm and 7 pm at the British School in Colombo, auditorium at Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 8.

which the daily grind can lead through hidden corners to unpredictable ends in which familiar structures can turn threatening and danger become a thrill. Unspoken beauty reveals itself when certitudes are turned upside down and the fragility of existence becomes evident.

The choreography by Gerda König, assistance choreography by Marc

Stuhlmann, dancers are Suranga Bopiotiya, venuri Perera, Saman Pushpakumara, Nadeeka Tharangani, Mahesh Umagiliya and Thusitha Wimalasuriya, music by Harsha Makalande. Video and cultural coaching by Vishnu Vasu production, direction is by Gustavo Fijalkow based on the concept Upheaval by Gerda König and Gustavo Fijalkow.

April 01 Anaconda at Lumbini



Asoka Senarath Mudalige's stage play *Anaconda* will go on boards at the Lumbini theatre on April 1 at 6.30 pm.

March 26 Colombo International Theatre Festival 2012

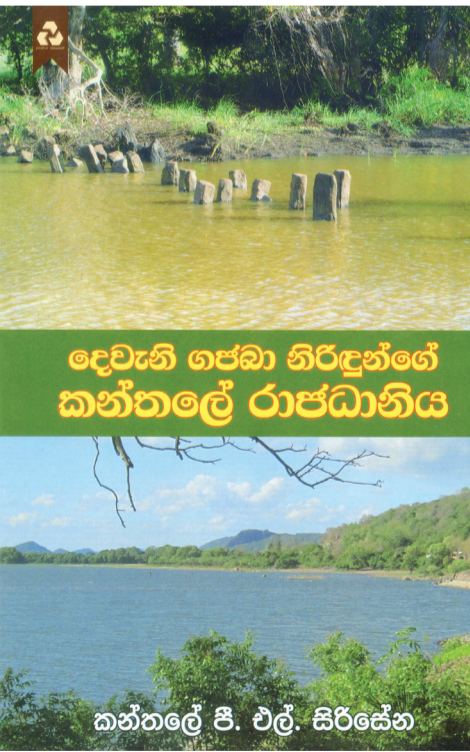
The Colombo International Theatre Festival will be held from March 26 to April 2 with the main performance at the British School in Colombo along with workshops, discussions and meetings at the Goethe-Institut, No.39, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7.

am to 2 pm facilitated by M/s Choiti Ghosh, the Phakama Way (Participatory theatre making processes for young adults) from 9 am to 2 pm facilitated by Prof. Vidyanidhee vanarase and stage lighting for a theatre performance from from 9 am to 2 pm facilitated by Aamir Nawaz respectively.

Penelope Kentish, 'Who decides about what is best for the child and the young:posers for TYA practitioners' from 9 am to 2 pm presented by Dr.Ashish Ghosh, What is the role of technology in theatre in coming years? from 2.30 pm to 4 pm presented by Prof. Vidyanidhee Vanarase, Situation of theatre for children and young audiences {TYA} in South Asia from 2.30 pm to 4 pm presented by Imran Khan (Organiser, Inter act art theatre in collaboration with ASSITEJ (International) and Sri Lankan dance theatre its achievements and crisis from 2.30 pm to 4 pm presented by Ravibandu Vidyapathi respectively.

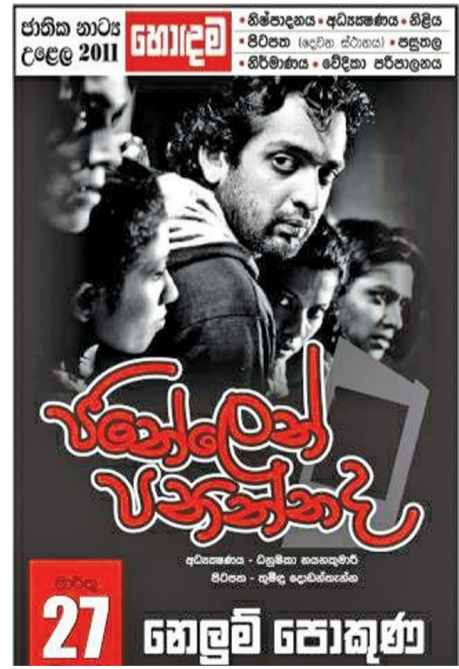
Paper presentations will be held from March 28 to April 2 under the topics theatre as a pedagogic tool:possibilities and challenges from 2.30 pm to 4 pm presented by M/s Smriti Sharma, 'participatory theatre and its development across the past decade' from 2.30 pm to 4 pm presented by Brendan O'Connell and

March 27 Launching of Kantale Rajadhaniya



P.L. Sirisena's historical work *Deveni Gajaba Niridunge Kantale Rajadhaniya* will be launched at the Agrabodhi Maha Vidyalaya auditorium, Kantale tomorrow (March 27) at 2 pm. It is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.

March 27 Janelen Paninnada at Nelum Pokuna



The best production, direction, actress, background, creation, stage management and script (second place) at the National drama festival 2011, *Janelen Paninnada* will be staged on March 27 at the Nelum Pokuna theatre. *Janelen Paninnada* is a directed by Dhanushika Nayanakumari and the script is by Thumindu Dodanthanne. Tickets at the entrance. Contact 0777 367708/0711 367708 for more information.

April 04 Olivia Newton-John Live in Colombo

Four time Grammy award winner Olivia Newton-John will perform in Colombo on April 4 and 5 at the Museaus Auditorium.



The concert in Colombo presented by Wizard Entertainment, is part of ONJ's Asia 2012 tour which includes Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Hong Kong and Indonesia. Olivia Newton-John, who has sold more than one hundred million albums worldwide, came into the spotlight in the 1970s and continued her meteoric rise to fame and stardom with her leading role in the musical *Grease* starring opposite John Travolta. Her enduring music and stage personality was further enhanced when she made a guest appearance in the famed tele-music series *Glee*, singing *Let's Get Physical* with the popular cast.

A breast cancer survivor, Olivia's hits include *If Not For You*, *Country Girl*, *Banks Of The Ohio*, *Let Me Be There*, *I Honestly Love You*, *Have You Never Been Mellow*, *Please Mr Please*, *Something Better To Do*, *Let It Shine/ He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother*, *Come On Over*, *Don't Stop Believin'*, *You're The That I Want*, *Hopelessly Devoted To You*, *Summer Nights*, *A Little More Love*, *Xanadu*, *Suddenly*, *Magic* and *Physical*.

Olivia Newton-John will perform at one of the country's largest indoor theaters, the Museaus Auditorium which houses 1,650 and has gained an enviable reputation as a contemporary concert and entertainment venue. Sri Lanka Telecom and Dimo Technology are the principal sponsors of the Olivia Newton-John concert in Colombo. Tickets can be purchased now at the Real Radio Studio and Crescat Boulevard.