

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.

Lecture on *Butterfly Fauna of Sri Lanka*

The 39th lecture of the National Trust-Sri Lanka by Dr. Michael Van der Poorten on *The Butterfly Fauna of Sri Lanka* will be held on Thursday (April 26) at 6.30 pm at the Hatton National Bank (HNB) Auditorium, 22nd Floor, HNB Towers, No. 479, T.B Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10. (Entrance to vehicles from Deans Road)

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duced by Jeewaka Gunadheera and the music will be composed by Navarathna Gamage.

Tickets for the show will be available at the Sarasavi bookshop, Nugegoda, Sadeepa bookshop, Borella and at the entrance.

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Umathusanwarusawa at the Tower hall

The latest drama direction of Somapala Gunadheera, *Umathusanwarusawa* will be staged at the Tower hall theatre in Maradana on April 28 at 3.30 pm and at 6.30 p.m. *Umathusanwarusawa* is pro-

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Balloth Ekka Ba at Lumbini theatre

Balloth Ekka Ba, the most popular stage drama written and directed by Ravindra Ariyaratne which is loved by many audiences will stage on Saturday (April 28) at 3.30 and 6.45 pm at the Lumbini theatre, Colombo 5.

Balloth Ekka Ba will be starred with renowned artistes such as Wijaya Nandasiri, Roshan Pilapitiya, Gihan Fernando, Kumara Thirimadura, Saman Hemarathna (Leelaseena) and Anusha Dissanayake.

Music will be by Shantha Peiris, background creations by Luvoline Vandawall and stage management will be by Asoka De Soya and Shantha Udayakumara.

The costumes will be designed by Gihan Fernando and Demal Fernando.

The lighting effects will be by Upali Weerasinghe and make up will be by Saman Hemarathna.

'Balloth ekka ba' is produced by Asle J.Lanka computer training institute while Jude Srimal is the main organizer.

Tickets are available at Sarasavi book shops, Nugegoda and Maharagama, Sadeepa book shop, Borella and at the Lumbini theatre.

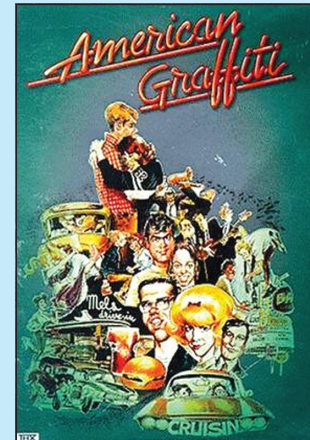


Big screen

American Graffiti

American Graffiti (1973) will be screened on April 24 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 110 minutes)

George Lucas' paean to early '60s youth culture boasts a cast of future stars that includes Ron Howard, Richard Dreyfuss, Cindy Williams, Paul Le Mat, Charles Martin Smith, Mackenzie Phillips, and Harrison Ford. Follow the lives, loves, and misadventures of a group of friends one summer night in '62, in Modesto, Ca., as they prepare for the uncertainty of life after high school. Look for Suzanne Somers, Kay Lenz, and Kathleen Quinlan. Features a definitive early rock 'n' roll soundtrack. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



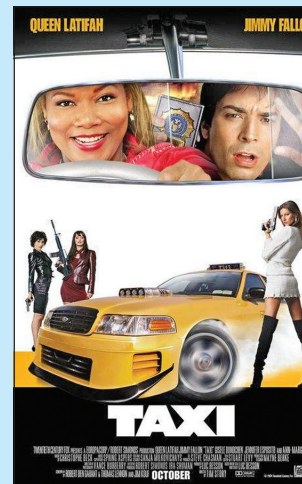
Taxi

The movie, *Taxi* (1998) by Gérard Pirès will be screened on Tuesday, April 24 at 3pm and Wednesday, April 25 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Daniel is a reckless car driver. The former pizza delivery man is now a taxi driver and knows how to escape the most sophisticated radar.

Yet one day he crosses paths with Emilien, policeman flunked for the eighth time in his driver's license. To keep his cab, he accepts the deal for him by Emilien: help dismantle a gang of bank robbers who scoured the branches of the city on powerful vehicles.

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



Iqbal

Iqbal (2005) by Nagesh Kukunoor will be screened on April 25 at 6.30 pm at the National Film Corporation Cinema Hall, 303, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. (Running Time: 2 hour and 12 minutes)

The Film is a story about determination, hardwork and an unending passion to become a pace bowler in the National Cricket team. "When the heart begins to think like the head... that is when real success is achieved," says coach Naseeruddin Shah to his special student, a deaf-and-mute boy who strives to become a national cricket player.

The world of Nagesh Kukunoor's latest film is a mellow one of basic and valuable emotions. This is not the first film where the director has dealt with the ambiguous world of adolescent dreams. Unlike Kukunoor's 'Rockford', *Iqbal* rocks to a rustic and heartfelt raga-rhythm.

