



## Sith Roo in Kandy

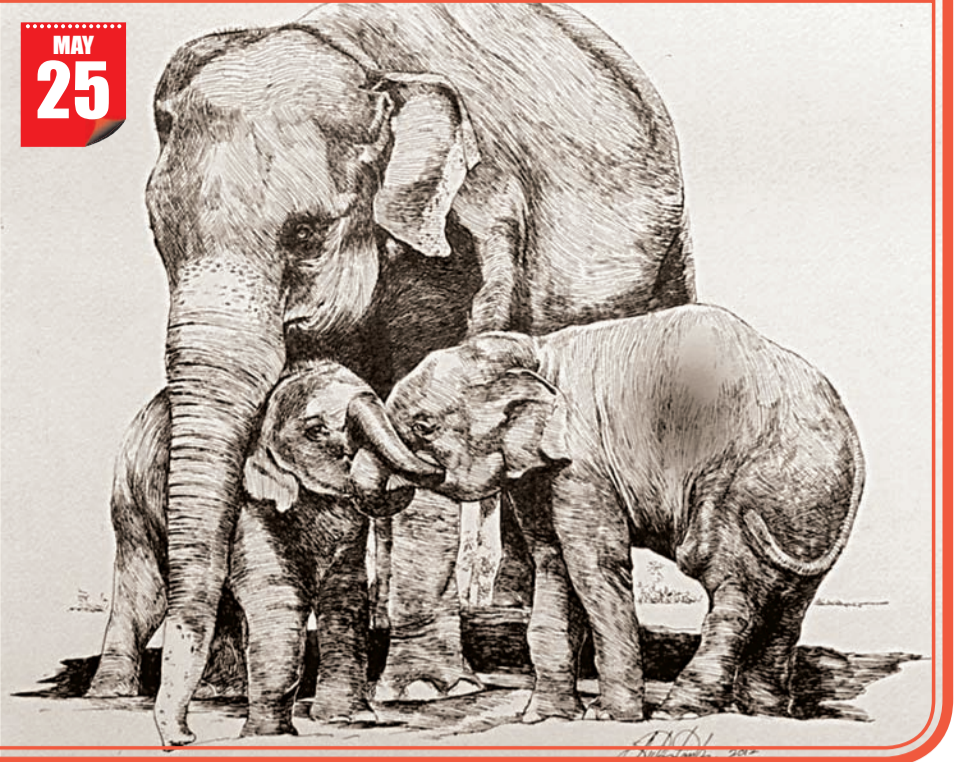
**ASELA KURULUWANSHA**

Ajith P Dharmasuriya's solo painting exhibition *Sith Roo* will be exhibited at the E L Senanayake Children's Library, Kandy, from **May 25 to 27**.

Dharmasuriya had used oil paint, acrylic, pastel; and watercolour paint for his paintings. Around 80 paintings done by the artist. He had painted on diverse themes and had won many national and international accolades. He even clinched the award for the best painting at the Millennium Asian Art competition. He also designed the sketch which is used by the Govishta lottery ticket by the National Lotteries Board. Apart from sketching, Dharmasuriya had penned a number of children's books. He launched his debut novel 'Giri Hisak' recently.



**MAY 25**



# 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](mailto:eventcalendar25@gmail.com) (Please be mindful to send only the essential details). Have a pleasant week.

## Hunuwataye Kathawa, Vikurthi and Suddek Oba Amathai at Lionel Wendt



One of the most critically acclaimed and celebrated Sinhala dramas Henry Jayasena's *Hunuwataye Kathawa* and *Suddek Oba Amathai* will be staged on Friday (**May 25**) and Sunday (**May 27**) respectively at the Lionel Wendt theatre, no. 18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7 at 3.30 pm and 7 pm.

The main roles of *Hunuwataye Kathawa* will be played by Nalin Pradeep Udawela, Nimal Jayasinghe, Ruwini Manamperi, Prasannajith Abeyseriya, Niluka Rajamanthri, Chula Kariyawasam, Lalith Janakantha and Indika Ferdinando. Original musical score is a creation of maestro Shelton Premaratne conducted by Nalin Alwis.

*Suddek Oba Amathai* is written and directed by Udayasiri Wickra-

maratne and features stellar performances by some of our most well known and much loved actors and actresses.

The cast includes Jayalath Manorathne, Nalin Pradeep Udawela, Madani Malwattage and others. The score is composed by Lalith Wickramaratne. Rohan Samaradiwakara is the man behind the set, while Ranga Samarakoon handles lighting.

Susil Wickramasinghe is the production manager. *Suddek Oba Amathai* has also won the award for best script and best music at the National Drama Festival.

Somalatha Subasinghe's Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre (LCYT) Foundation or popularly known as Play-House Kotte presents *Vikurthi* on Saturday (**May 26**) at the Lionel Wendt theatre at 3.30 pm and 7 pm.

*Vikurthi* (Distortion) is a play written and directed by Somalatha Subasinghe, a satirical exposure of hapless generation of youth whose lives were dominated by incessant struggle between the parents' aspi-



rations and the youth's abilities and preferences.

*Vikurthi* was first performed in 1982 in Colombo and since then had performed more than 1000 performances in Sri Lanka. The play is considered a landmark theatre production in Sri Lanka and as a result *Vikurthi* became a trend setter of new style of modern theatre in Sri Lanka. The professional theatre group of the Play-House Kotte has performed *Vikurthi* in English in major cities in India and Australia in 2000. The play has received well by foreign audiences.

*Vikurthi* cast includes Kaushalya Fernando, Namal Jayasinghe, Prasannajith Abeyseriya, Geetha Alahakoon, Mayura

Kanchana, Pujitha de Mel, Sanjaya Hettiarachchi, Nimmi Priyadarshini, Wickrama Seneviratne, Sulochana Weerasinghe, Dilum Buddhika Perera and a number of new comers to the national theatre groomed at Play House- Kotte.

M R Chulasinghe composes music for the play, Choreography is by Somalatha Subasinghe and Chandana Aluthge. Stage lighting is by Chandana Aluthge. Costumes and stage sets were designed by late Sarath Surasena.

Tickets for the dramas are available at Lionel Wendt theatre. All seats have been box planned.

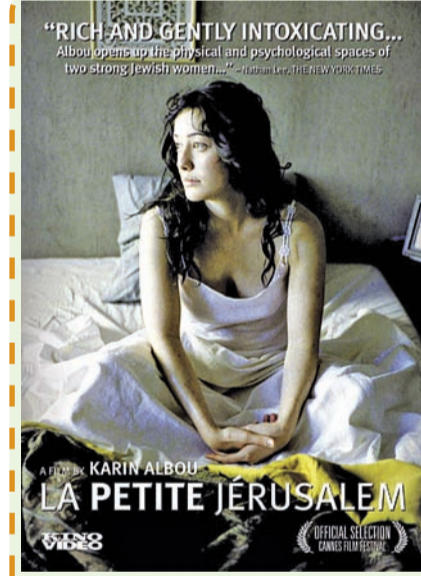


**MAY 26**

## 'Yesterday once more part 2'

Following the success of the first show held on January 29 and to accommodate many requests for another show DK promotions have organized *Yesterday once more part 2* to be staged on **May 26** 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 Ricky Nelsons, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, Cliff Richard, Carpenters, Whitney Houston, Olivia Newton John, Everly Brothers, Frank Sinatra, George Benson, Stevie Wonder and more. The songs will be performed by Mignonne, Dalreen, Sohan, Ronnie, Rukshan, De Lanerolle Brothers, Yasmin and Damayantha. Music for the show will provided by one of Sri Lanka's top bands Sohan and X'Periments.

The concept will be similar to the last show and besides the individual acts the artists will also perform some songs together. "When we presented the last show all enjoyed the concept and the selection of songs. This time it will be similar but a new repertoire as there are many songs that retro fans like to listen to. I am sure that those who were there the last time will be there again and also it is an opportunity for those who missed it to see a novel show," said Damayantha the Presenter of the show. Damayantha will also release his new audio compact disk (CD) *Timeless Hits volume 3* comprising 20 all time hits. For details please call 0777 744950.



## La petite Jérusalem

The movie, *La petite Jérusalem* (2005) by Karin Albou will be screened on Tuesday, May 22 at 3pm and Wednesday, May 23 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

The Paris suburbs, a neighborhood of Sarcelles called "Little Jerusalem" because of many migrant Jews living there. Laura is 18. She is torn between her religious upbringing and her studies in philosophy she is passionate of, offering her an alternate vision of the world. While her sister Mathilde tries to revive her marriage Laura succumbs to her first emotions of love. This confrontation with desire will change their destinies.

The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

## The Pianist

*The Pianist* (2002) directed by Roman Polanski will be screened on May 25 at the Russian Center auditorium, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.

*The Pianist* is a 2002 biographical war film directed by, starring Adrien Brody. It is an adaptation of the autobiography of the same name by Jewish-Polish musician Wladyslaw Szpilman. The film is a co-production between Poland, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

The film met with significant critical praise and received multiple awards and nominations. At the 75th Academy Awards, *The Pianist* won Oscars for Best Director (Roman Polanski), Best Adapted Screenplay (Ronald Harwood) and Best Actor (Adrien Brody). The film was also nominated for four other awards, including the Academy Award for Best Picture.

For further details please contact the Cultural Officer on 0112 685440 / 0112 685429. Limited number of seats available.

## Mean Streets

*Mean Streets* (1973) will be screened on May 29 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 112 minutes)

Martin Scorsese's breakthrough film is the story of a young Italian-American man torn between the life of spirituality that he craves and the realities of the streets of New York. This small but astonishing film is anchored by career-making performances from Harvey Keitel and Robert DeNiro. Keitel struggles to find a balance between his life in organized crime-a life that he cannot escape from-and his devout religious upbringing; DeNiro's Johnny Boy is a small-time gangster who seems to not understand the difference between his real life of crime and a romanticized notion of the mob that he's learned from movies. But the real star is Scorsese, who demonstrates for the first time the sheer talent that he would later elevate to his legendary virtuosity. Great soundtrack, too.

## Nari Burathi at New Townhall



*Nari Burathi*, the latest hilarious drama written and directed by Sarath Kothalawala, will stage two special shows on Saturday (**May 26**) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at the air conditioned new Town hall, Colombo 7.

With a host of popular artists such as Sarath Kothalawala, Kumara Thirimadu-

ra, Pubudu Chathuranga, Mihira Sirthililaka, Hemantha Iriyagama, Chinthaka Peiris, Janaka Ranasinghe and Wajira Kodithuwakku along with Premal Liyanages' stage settings.

Music composition and stage management will be by Wimalaith Dombagahawatte while Upul Sampath, Harsha Malinda and Indika Niroshana will assist in the stage management. Costume designing will be by Pushpa Samanthi Kothalawala and makeup by Janaka Ranasinghe.

With Chandana Nishantha Peiris' sounds and Upul Weerasinghes' stage lighting this thrilling drama will be organized by Jude Srimal. Tickets are available at Sarasavi book shop Nugegoda, Sadeepa book shop Borella, Senkada - Townhall and New Townhall.

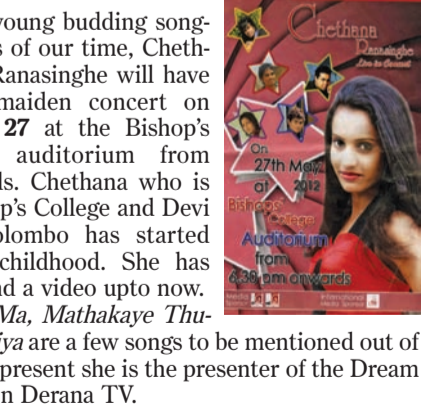
## Chamber Music Plus at Goethe hall

The second concert of the Chamber Music Plus series will be on **May 26** at Goethe hall, No 39, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7 at 7 pm. It will feature the artists Muhanned Cader and a Sri Lankan musical legend, Malinee Jayasinghe-Peris on piano playing Mahler's Piano Quartet with CMSC principals including concertmaster, Lakshman Joseph de Saram. The other work will be by the only completed movement of Schubert's String Trio no. 1 in B flat major, D471. Jayasinghe-Peris will perform a solo recital in the second half.

## Chethana Ranasinghe live in concert

A young budding songstress of our time, Chethana Ranasinghe will have her maiden concert on **May 27** at the Bishop's College auditorium from 6.30 pm onwards. Chethana who is an old girl of Bishop's College and Devi Balika Vidyala, Colombo has started singing from her childhood. She has done 10 songs and a video upto now.

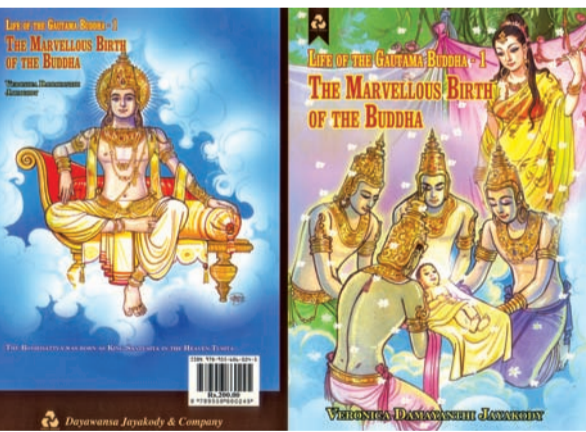
*Pemvathiyaki Ma*, *Mathakaye Thurulle*, *Rana Hansiya* are a few songs to be mentioned out of her creations. At present she is the presenter of the Dream Star chart show in Derana TV.



## Felicitation ceremony for The Marvellous Birth of The Buddha

The author of *Ape Budu Hamuduruwo*, including many other novels Veronica Damayanthi Jayakody, latest creation 'Life of the Gautama Buddha - 1 - The Marvellous Birth of The Buddha' will be felicitated along with her other creations on **May 26** at 10 am at the Dayawansa Jayakody & Company office in Kentucky, America.

A special tribute and an award ceremony will be held on the same day to honour Dayawansa Jayakody for turning 50 years in his publication life.



## Exhibition of paintings by various artists

*Loot from the Loft* an exhibition of paintings by various artists such as Anup Vega, Kushan Manjusri, Wajira Gunawardena, Mike Harridge, Alex Stewart, Nelun Harasgama, Laki Senanayake and Sujith Ratnayake will be displayed at the barefoot gallery no.704, Galle road, Colombo 3 until **May 30** on week days and Saturdays from 10 am to 7 pm and on Sundays and holidays from 11 am to 5 pm.

The gallery collection will be for view and for sale.

