

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.

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Young Soloists concert at Ladies'



The Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka (SOSL) Young Soloists concert will be held on July 28 at 7 pm at the Ladies' College Hall, Colombo 7.

The conductor of the concert will be Ananda Dabare and will feature Mangala Abeysekera with



the viola, Louis Page with the piano, Thivanthi Perera with the Soprano and Laknath Seneviratne with the Bass. The programme will include F. Chopin's *Piano Concerto No.2*, K. Stamitz's *Viola concerto in D*, Mozart's *Dove sono*, Puccini's



Musetta's Waltz, Dvorak's *Song to the Moon*, Mozart's *Se vuol ballare* and *Der vogelfanger bin ich ja* along with Bizet's *Toreador* song. Box plan will be at the Lionel Wendt theatre. Weekdays and weekends at 10 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm.

Exhibition of works by Dr. H A Karunaratne

Alliance française de Kandy welcomes an exhibition of works (paintings and sculptures) by Dr. H A Karunaratne - "The Father of Sri Lankan Abstract Art in Retrospect" from July 20 to 30 from 9 am to 6.30 pm at No.642, Peradeniya Road, Kandy.

This exceptional Exhibition is presented by Mr. and Mrs. Shamil Pieris from selected works by the artist in their collection.

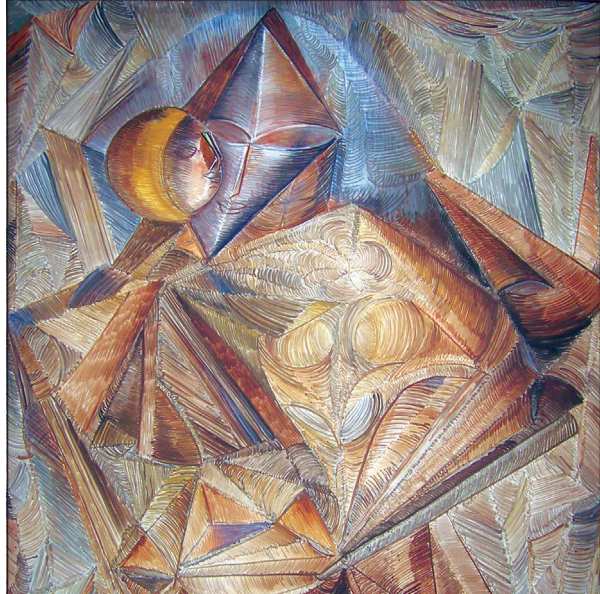
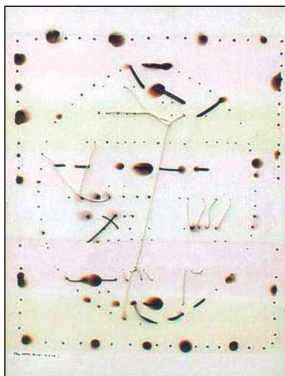
The Chief Guest at the Opening Ceremony on July 20 at 7 pm will be Assistant High Commissioner of India in Kandy, A. Natarajan.

Dr. H A Karunaratne is one of the most senior artists in the field of Visual Arts in Sri Lanka. Karunaratne's formal academic art education begins at Govt. College of Fine Arts. In the years of 1952-1958, he had trained under great art masters J D A Perera, David Paynter, Stanley Abeyasinghe...

In 1959-1961, H A Karunaratne won a scholarship from Japanese Government.

In 1965, after he won another "Fullbright" schol-

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arship, he studied in Pratt Institute in United States of America (USA) on graphic art.

In the year 1962 he joined the Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Art and Sculpture Department, University of Kelaniya and retired in 1986.

He held several exhibitions from 1956 onwards nationally and internationally. His works are dis-

played in many galleries and private institutions. H A Karunaratne is a doctorate holder of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts.

In February 2012 H A Karunaratne was recognized as an Eminent and Distinguished Outstanding Artist by the Ravaya Newspaper Group.



Summer camp at the Russian Centre



A summer camp for kids will be held at the Russian Centre in Colombo, No.10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 from July 18 to 31 from 8.30 am to 1 pm.

The camp will be on week days only for the kids between four years to 11. The camp will include

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chess, singing, computer, art/handwork, kids cookery, children's films, library reading/story telling, drama and theatre workshop and outdoor games. For further inquiries please contact Chandi Aluvihare on 011 2685429, 011 2685440 or e-mail: colombo@ruscent.com



Weeraya Marila at the Negombo town hall

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Rajitha Dissanayake's critically acclaimed drama *Weeraya Marila* (The Hero is Dead) will be staged at the Negombo town hall on Saturday (July 21) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

The play which has completed over 100 shows marks its 10th anniversary this year with a comeback run. When the play was first staged in 2002, it won five awards including 'Best play' at the State Drama Festival.

The plot revolves around a journalist who is caught up in a society increasingly influenced by the corporate media.

The play takes a serious look at how a media driven purely by profit and lacking



ethics, impacts people's lives and makes them victims of the system.

The cast for the July show comprises Priyankara Ratnayake, Dharmapriya Dias, Shyam Fernando, Prasad Sooriyarachchi,

Dayadewa Edirisinghe, Sampath Jayaweera, Samadhi Laksiri, Gihan de Chickera, Dilini Sandeepika and Nalin Lusena.

Tickets are available at Minal Digital colour lab, Negombo and at the venue.



Tenny brings Sihina Seya

Tennyson Edirisinghe is a name that is synonymous with the local cinema, tele-drama and entertainment scene. The renowned photographer from Associated Newspaper of Ceylon's (ANCL's) *Sarasaviya* weekly cinema tabloid will hold his maiden solo photographic exhibition at the National Art Gallery from July 27 to 29, 10 am to 6 pm.

Titled *Sihina Seya* (Dream Photography), the exhibition comprises pictures of celebrities in the Sri Lankan arts scene.

You get a variety of images from Screen Queen Dr Malani Fonseka and Joe Abeywickrama to budding young actors and actresses like Roshan Ranawana and Pabodha Sandeepani.

All these artistes have been tastefully captured through Tenny's lens, adorned in various types of trendy and ethnic garments. Another highlight at the event is the launch of the website comprising Tenny's photography. The website www.tennyfoto.com will be launched by Dr Malani Fonseka on July 27.



Tennyson Edirisinghe

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Mama Saha Mama to be launched

An award winning journalist, Gunaratne Ekanayake is launching his latest novel *Mama Saha Mama* on July 23 at the Nipun bookshop, Soysapura at 9 am. He has written youth novels, novels, short stories totalling to an amount of 35 books. He has been awarded the first place for his book *Thaagi Godai* in the year 2000 at the All Island Youth Novel Competition. He has also won the third place in the year 2003 at the D R Wijewardhane contest for his authorship in *Yapanaya Thawamath Athai*.

Tale of a Mud Hut to be launched

Tale of a Mud Hut (The musaeus Saga) the history of 120 years of Musaeus College, written by past principal (1995-2008), N K Pilapitiya will be launched on July 16 at 9.30 am at Peter De Abrew Memorial Auditorium, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. The guest speaker would be Education activist involved in humanitarian affairs, Indrani Iriyagolle. This is the first time in Musaeus College history that this sort of a book is going to be launched. Musaeus College has begun with 12 students and now has a student population of 6500. The school also has additional functions such as the new auditorium along with many more new constructions.

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The Untouchables

The Untouchables (1987) will be screened on July 24 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 119 minutes)

The gangster Al Capone and the legendary lawman Elliot Ness square off against each other in Prohibition-era Chicago in Brian DePalma's gorgeous and exciting action thriller. With Robert DeNiro, Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, and Andy Garcia, from a script by David Mamet.

Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Les deux Anglaises et le continent

The movie, *Les deux Anglaises et le continent* (1971) by François Truffaut will be screened on Tuesday, July 17 at 3pm and Wednesday, July 18 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Claude Roc, a young middle-class Frenchman meets in Paris Ann Brown, a young Englishwoman. They become friends and Ann invites him to spend holidays at the house where she lives with her mother and her sister Muriel, for whom she intends Claude. During these holidays, Claude, Ann and Muriel become very close and he gradually falls in love with Muriel. But both families lay down a one-year-long separation without any contact before agreeing to the marriage...

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



Winding up of SA

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At the completion of 50 years of his music career, Victor Ratnayake will be winding up his SA concert which he has taken with him to several countries within a span of 39 years on July 18, 19 and 20.

The concert on the 18 will be held at the *Nelum Pokuna* Mahinda Rajapaksa theatre hall at 6.30 pm under the patronage of the President Mahinda Rajapaksa, the concert on the 19 will be held at the Maharagama Youth Centre under the patronage of *Pundit Amaradeva* at 6.30 pm while the concert on the 20 will be held at the Lumbini hall, Havelock town under the patronage of Prof. Sunil Ariyaratne at 6.30 pm.



Mama Thavama Yami to be launched

JULY 17

Karunadasa Suriarachchi's latest Sinhala novel titled *Mama Thavama Yami* will be launched at the Mahaweli Centre auditorium, Colombo 7 on July 17 at 3.30 pm.

The launching ceremony will be presided over by Gamini Sumanasekara. *Bhikkhuni* Sudhammika, Ranjan Amararatne, Buddhi Galappatti, Upul Shantha Sannasgala and Dhamma Dissanayake will address the meeting. *Saman Athavudahetti* will comper the launching ceremony. *Mama Thavama Yami* is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.

