

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.

BC presents Shakespeare for Dummies...the Final Frontier

Three London actors attempt to scale the heights of Shakespeare in a fast paced and totally irreverent evening of fun and mayhem. *Shakespeare for Dummies...the Final Frontier* includes scenes never seen on any stage. Henry V, Marc Antony, Brutus, Lear, Hamlet, Lady M, Macbeth, Richard III, Richard II, Titania, Cleopatra, Othello, Iago, Miranda, Prospero and a host of others including Richard Burbage, David Garrick, Henry Irving, Edwin Booth, Laurence Olivier, Richard Burton, John Gielgud, Marlon Brando, John Wayne etc. will all make an appearance. There is a stage fighting exhibition, sonnets, songs and the great Shakespeare Quiz to end proceedings. Do not miss it.... calling all dummies.



The play will be staged in Kandy on Sunday (September 9) at 6.30 pm (doors close at 6.30 pm) at the Sinhaputhra Finance PLC Rooftop Terrace, No. 11, Hill Street, Kandy. The show will run for 75 minutes, followed by a 15 minute question and answer session. Tickets are now available at the BC Kandy (Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 4.30 pm). As part of their Sri Lankan tour, Performance Exchange will conduct a three-session workshop at the Namel Malini Punchi Theatre, No.37 Dr N M Perera Mawatha, Borella, Colombo 8. The show will run for 75 minutes, followed by a 15 minute question and answer session. Tickets are now available at

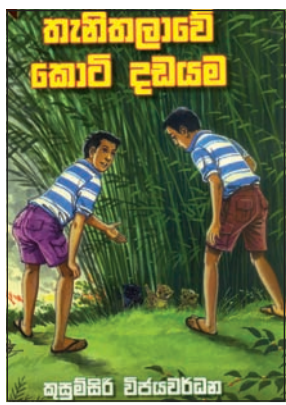
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Theatre on September 8 from 10 am to 1 pm as follows:

Session 1: Voice - by Daniel Foley
Based on Listening In and Whispered Ah techniques, work on text, developing relaxation and strength in projection. Duration: 1 hour. Age group: 13 years and above.

Session 2: Acting - by Nigel Miles - Thomas
Audition and monologue technique, discussing all aspects of acting styles, focusing on performance and storytelling. Duration: 1 hour. Age group: 13 years and above.

Session 3: Shakespeare - by Daniel Foley
Language, rhythm, poetry, staging and acting will be covered. Looking at scenes and acting out short sections of 'Romeo and Juliet.' Duration: 1 hour. Age group: 13 years and above. You can now register for the workshop at the BC Colombo Library help desk (Tuesday to Saturday 9.30 am to 4.30 pm). Limited places are available for the workshop and registrations will take place on a first-come first-served basis.



Thenithalave Koti Dadayama to be launched

Kusumsiri Wijayawardhana's latest adolescent novel *Thenithalave Koti Dadayama* will be launched at Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on September 4 at 10 am. It is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.

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Film-Forum at Goethe hall



Film-Forum moderated by Anoma Rajakaruna will be held at the Goethe hall, No. 39, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7 on September 5 at 5.30 pm. The September Forum will focus on

short films from Germany and neighbouring countries which captured the everyday life in Europe across borders.

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AYA 2012

Displaying young talents

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The following students are selected for AYA 2012

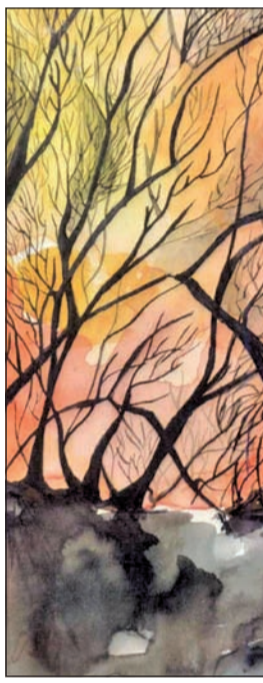
1. Udayakumar Abieshek - St Anthony's College
2. Zeenat Nadia Firdous - Gateway College
3. Samantha Adebimpe Willemijn Modder - Gateway College
4. Sajana Helanjith Senevirathne - Kingswood College
5. Shabana Sums - Hillwood College

Alliance Young Artists 2012 (AYA 2012) will be on display from September 7 to 17 at the gallery of Alliance française de Kandy (AFK), No.642, Peradeniya Road, Kandy. AYA 2012 exhibition will be declared open by the Mayor of Kandy, Mahindra Ratwate at 6.30 pm on September 7. The exhibition will be opened to public from 9 am to 6 pm.

AYA was a brainchild of the Director, Dr. Jacques Soulié of the AFK to serve as a common platform for the young talents to meet and share their views. This happened in the year 2003. Thus heralded the birth of AYA (Alliance Young Artist 2003). AYA is a conspicuous

annual cultural event adding a novel dimension to the existing cultural calendar of AFK. With the motivation and expert guidance of the Director, AYA went through 10 successful long years with hope and promise.

Some of the participants of the past AYA programmes, who could stand tall among their peers were fortunate enough to gain admission to the University of Aesthetic Education (UAE). They were also able to conduct solo exhibitions of their art work. AFK, being a premier educational institute, committed to language and culture has served the Hill Capital enormously since 1967.



Deyyoth Danne Ne at New Town hall

Deyyoth Danne Ne (God also don't know) stage drama directed by well versed cinema, television and stage actor, Sarath Kulanga will be staged at the air-conditioned New Town hall theatre (Near the John de Silva theatre) on Friday (September 7) at 3.30 and 6.45 pm.

while Nirmani Prabashwari and Jagath Padmasiri have added more to the drama by their costume designing. *Deyyoth Danne Ne* is written by Ajith Mandis with Sarath Kulanga's music composition, Sandasiri Adhikari's music direction and Luolin Wandavall's stage management. This drama is produced and organised by Jude Srimal of Nirmala Prakashana. Tickets are available at the Sarasavi book shop Nugegoda, Salaka Senkada - Town hall, Sadeepa book shop Borella and theatre gate.

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Sinhabahu at the Wendt

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Sinhabahu one of the most revered dramas of Prof. Ediriweera Sarachchandra will have two special shows staged on September 8 at 3.30 pm and 7 pm at the Lionel Wendt theatre, No.18 Guildford Crescent Road, Colombo 7. All seats are box planned and tickets are available at the Lionel Wendt theatre.



Nari Burathi at Punchi theatre

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Nari Burathi, the latest hilarious drama written and directed by Sarath Kothalawala, will stage two special shows on Saturday (September 8) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at Namel Malini Punchi theatre, Borella. With a host of popular artists such as Sarath Kothalawala, Kumara Thirimadura, Pubudu Chathuranga, Mihira Sirithilaka, Sarath Chandrasiri, Hemantha Iriyagama, Chinthaka Peiris, Janaka Ranasinghe and Wajira Kodithuwakku along with Premalal Liyanages' stage settings. Music composition and stage management will be by Wimalaith Dombagawatte 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 now available at Namel Malini Punchi theatre, Borella.



Big screen

My Own Private Idaho

My Own Private Idaho (1991) will be screened on September 4 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 102 minutes) River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves star in Gus Van Sant's classic independent film, loosely based on Shakespeare's *Henry IV*. In this retelling, Reeves plays a wealthy young man who spends his time with a gang of street kids while he waits for his inheritance; Phoenix is his troubled best friend. The two set off on a voyage of self-discovery that is as unique as it is ultimately revealing. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



Neuilly sa mere

The movie, *Neuilly sa mere* (2009) by Gabriel Julien-Laferrrière will be screened on Tuesday, August 04 at 3pm and Wednesday, August 05 at 6pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. Benboudaoud Sami, 14, lives happily with his buddies in his city of Chalon. Alas, fate tears one day to his paradise, and propelled him into the hell ... Neuilly-sur-Seine! There he is told his aunt Jamila, he meets for the first time, and her husband, Stanislas de Chazelle, heir to an old French family of extremely rigid manners. In their mansion in Neuilly, Sami will have to share the daily life of Charles, his cousin the same age, full of racist and obsessed by his ambition to become one day ... President of the Republic! The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.



The Battle for Moscow

The Battle for Moscow (Russian: *Bitva Za Moskvu*) (1985) directed by Llya Gutman will be screened on September 7 at the Russian Center auditorium, No.10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm. The Battle for Moscow is presenting a dramatized account of the 1941 Battle of Moscow and the events preceding it. The films were a Soviet-East German-Czechoslovak-Vietnamese co-production. The script was also done by the director, Llya Gutman. It was made in time for the 40th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany and the 20th anniversary of the proclamation of the Victory Day holiday and Moscow's declaration as a Hero City. For further details please contact the Cultural Officer on 0112 685440 / 0112 685429. Limited number of seats available.

