

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.

Launching of Apada Kalamakaranaya

SEP 10

A book written by former Senior Lecturer in the University of Colombo (UoC) and Auckland University of New Zealand, Dr. A. H. Dhanapala titled *Apada Kalamakaranaya* (Disaster Management) will be launched at the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) auditorium, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo-7 on Monday (September 10) at 4 pm. Disaster Management Minister Mahinda Amaraweera will be the chief guest and the Western Province Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industries and Environment Minister Udaya Gammanpila will be the special guest. Assistant Resident Representative and the Team Leader Environment, Energy and Disaster Management of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Sri Lanka, Dr. Ananda Malla-watantri will deliver the key note address on *Accomplishments and Challenges in Disaster Management in Sri Lanka*. Senior Consultant of Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) will deliver a special lecture on Disaster Management. *Apada Kalamakaranaya* is a Sarasavi Publication.

Colours of Nature at the Wendt

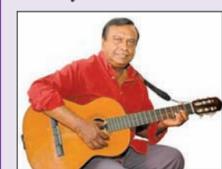
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Colours of Nature - a solo art exhibition by Anne Pullai will be held from September 14 to 16 at 9 am to 7 pm at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, No. 18, Guilford Crescent, Colombo 7. Anne Pullai had a desire for drawing from childhood and she has won first place in many school organized art competitions. According to Pullai she is very keen on portraying about nature.



On the rocks With Hitz of 70's at OTSC

Old Thomians' Swimming Club (OTSC), the most Happening Club in Mount Lavinia, presents the Mega Musical event of the year seventh in the series. *On the Rocks* with Hitz of 70's features popular artistes Annesley Malawana, Mariazelle Gunathilake and Ronnie Lietch. Musical backing band will be Batison with 'Wild Flowers.'



The chief guest will be Sunil Perera, while Brian Thomas will be compereing the event on September 22 at the OTSC from 8 pm onwards. There will be an entrance ticket draw offering dinner vouchers for two from a five star hotel and also members card draw with fabulous gifts also entrance gifts for ladies.



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10th Death Anniversary of Vernon Corea

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One of Sri Lanka's talented musicians, Rukshan Perera will be singing a new composition *I'm Ready to Say Goodbye* at the Memorial Service to legendary Sri Lankan broadcaster Vernon Corea marking his 10th Death Anniversary at St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya on Saturday (September 29).



Rukshan is a highly reputed singer and song writer who has headlined concerts all over the world. He will dedicate his new composition *I'm Ready to Say Goodbye* to Vernon. Rukshan met him when

he was a very young musician playing in the Super Golden Chimes led by Sri Lanka's 'King of Pop,' the late Clarence Wijewardena. Vernon along with his cousins Sri Sangabo Corea and Vijaya Corea are

known as the 'Godfathers of Sinhala Pop.' Vernon was the first to introduce Sinhala Music on the English Service of Radio Ceylon in the early 1960s. He joined Radio Ceylon in 1956 as a Relief Announcer and left the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) as Director News. Vernon was a pioneering broadcaster who was also a sought after compere. Rukshan will be joined by Sri Lankan music stars Mariazelle Goonetilleke and Nimal Mendis. The guest speaker is Dr. Vijaya Corea, another leading figure in the entertainment industry.

Renunciation at GAG

TEXT AND PIX WEHELLE PIYATHILAKE, Maharagama special corr

SEP 10

The diminishing of human desires and worldly cravings is the golden path to Nibbana. This is the theme of *Renunciation* an exhibition of the reputed artist Lalith Gunathilake, which will be held at the Government Art Gallery (GAG) Colombo 7 on September 10.

The Philosophy of Buddhism is being deeply assessed by the artist in his exhibition. Symbolism is the method he uses throughout his paintings.

To place the fullstop to the circle of Sansara (life circle), birth and death is the only way to get rid of worldly pains in life.

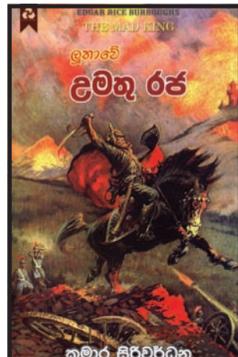
The artist had summarized Buddhist Philosophy through his brush lines and tamed colours.

"Art is the oldest language of the world. Art is my language. I have tried to relate the whole story of life in my language with lines and colours.

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Art is the most simplified media to learn and teach Buddhism," says the artist Lalith Gunathilake.



Luthave Umathu Raja to be launched

SEP 11

Kumara Siriwardane's latest book *Luthave Umathu Raja* will be launched at Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on September 11 at 10 am. *Luthave Umathu Raja* is the Sinhala translation of Edgar Rice Borrows popular work 'The Mad King.' It is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.

Dream Weaver at barefoot gallery



AMALSHAN GUNERATHNE

SEP 16

A latest collection of fired enamel and paintings by Layla Gonaduwa, *Dream Weaver* will be showcased at the barefoot gallery no.704, Galle road, Colombo 3 until September 16. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 am to 7 pm on weekdays and 11 am to 5 pm on Sundays.

According to Gonaduwa The idea for her latest exhibition mani-

fested itself when she was working in Hambantota where she met locals whose hearts were blooming with hopes of joy. The grand development schemes have planted seeds of hope about great things to come. "When I went to Hambantota, people were so happy, that they got something great coming up.

They have got everything they wanted, they were hopeful of their future. Hope is a powerful thing, it is funny that hope might not be a tangible thing, but the idea of it makes you feel happy and that is what trickled down to *Dream Weaver*.

Speaking of the philosophy that incorporates her latest collection,



she articulates, "I like to think of 'dreams' as a seed that consciously or unconsciously takes hold and weaves its roots in a web, guiding our actions to its eventuality. That minute chance of it being reality keeps me buyout and expectant in my darkest hours. It gives me hope. Dreams can be woven in to proportion."

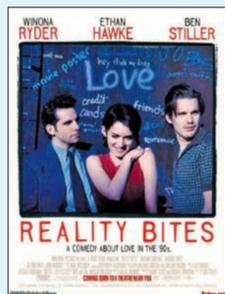
The exhibition portrays her work under five themes in *Dream Catcher, Dreamling, Dream-seed, Dream weaver* and *Emanate*.



Big screen

Reality Bites

Reality Bites (1994) will be screened on September 11 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 99 minutes)



A group of close friends awkwardly adjust to adulthood in this time capsule of a comedy. They are over-educated and underemployed, too immature to know how to cope with the complexities of their relationships, but old enough to know that they must learn. Ben Stiller's film is smart and confident, with a likeable cast and a witty script. With Winona Ryder, Ethan Hawke, Janeane Garofalo, and Ben Stiller. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Indigène

The movie, *Indigène* (2006) by Rachid Bouchareb will be screened on Tuesday, September 11 at 3pm and Wednesday, September 12 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.



In 1943, while France is trying to free itself from Nazi rule, the course of four "native" forgotten soldiers of the First French Army recruited in Africa. Abdelkader, Saïd, Messaoud and Yassin, renowned for their courage, are sent to the front line. Money, love of France or the French army, belief in freedom and equality, their motivations differ for the same struggle, the liberation of France, the arms. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

KBWCAE to be held next year

Japan Overseas Cooperative Association (JOCA) would like to invite children to submit entries of their artwork to the 17th Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition (KBWCAE) which will be held in July 13.



Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan strated the Kanagawa Biennial Exhibition in 1979 during the United Nations (UN) International Year of the Child. Its goal is to promote 'people-to-people diplomacy.' Director, Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship, Kunihiro ABE stated that they are proud to say that they have been holding this biennial exhibition for 33 years aiming to cul-

tivate children's dreams and creativity, and also to help them appreciate each other's cultural differences through artwork. The previous 16th exhibition in 2011 was a great success with 22,433 entries from 77 countries/regions.

Closing date for the entries will be November 30. Applicants must be between the ages of four and fifteen as of April 1, 2012. For any inquiries please contact Masami Nakanishi on phone numbers (+81)-45-896-2121, (+81)-45-896-2299 or from e-mail: kbiennial@earthplaza.jp or on URL: <http://www.earthplaza.jp/biennial/English/index.html>

Photo Friends photographic exhibitions

Dumbara Asiriya from September 10: The Kelani Photographic Art Society presents some captivating images of the *Dumbara* meadow.

Transcend from September 11 to 17: Seasoned photographer K G Keerthiratne will pre-

sent his second solo exhibition of digital images. *Dance in a Trance* from September 18 to 24: Henry Rajakaruna, the Sri Lankan photographer who had won the most number of international accolades, will present a collection of photos that he had captured at dance performances.

Steve Mc Curry from September 25 to 30: One of the leading travel photographers in the world, Steve Mc Curry's photographs will be on exhibit.

