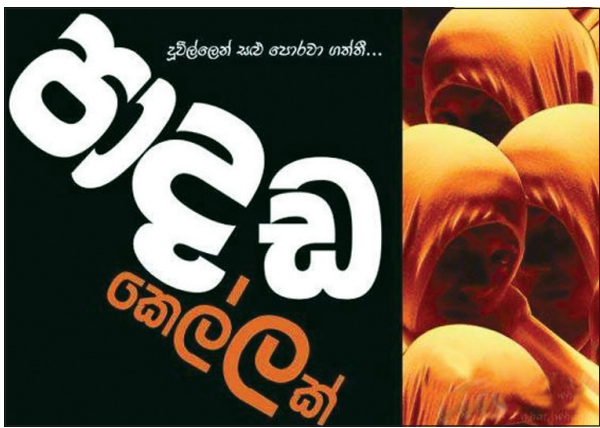


Cultural Diary

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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.



Padada Kellak at Lumbini theatre

Oct 22 'Padada Kellak' directed and written by Asitha Muthukumara Jayarathna will be staged on October 22 at Lumbini theatre at 6.30 pm. Music will be by Lishan Udara Bandara.

Upanetha at the Wendt



Oct 22 'Upanetha' Image Arts Exhibition 2012 pa group film and photography exhibition presented by the Image Arts Unit 2007 - 2008 of the University of Kelaniya will be held at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo 7 from October 22 to 24.

Kalu Kumari at Punchi theatre

Oct 24 K B Herath the dramatist of many award winning dramas such as 'Mayadevi,' 'Naagagurula,' 'Dona Katharina,' 'Deweni Mahinda,' 'Waasudewa,' 'Yashodara' and 'Jaganna' will stage his newest drama, 'Kalu Kumari' on Wednesday (October 24) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at Namel Malini Punchi theatre, Borella.

The drama includes popular artists such as Nalin Pradeep Uduwela, Madini Malwatte, Sumith Rathnayake, Ferny Roshini and Chandrasoma Binduhewa in performance while Dulanjali Wijesena, Pinsara Samarasekara, Nishan Deshapriya, Uditha Sameera Liyanage and Kelum Kalhari Gamlath in singing. Music composition will be by Shantha Pieris while costumes will be by Suwaneetha Perera and Kamal Kanthi Bogoda. Action motions will be by Mahesh Umagiliya, stage settings by Pradeep Chandrasiri and make up by Buddadasa Galappaththi assisted by Prakash Galewela.

Stage management will be by Keerthi K Rathnayake who will also assist in directing. Bandara Ehaliyagoda will be the executive producer while 'Kalu Kumari' is produced by Serenity entertainment and organized by Jude Srimal.

Tickets are available at Namel Malini Punchi theatre. All seats have been box planned.



Colombo Motor Show 2012 at BMICH

Oct 26 The most exclusive & highly focused motor exhibition of the year is back again! Colombo Motor Show will be happening from October 26 to 28 at BMICH from 10am to 10pm.

Shows include Car Audio Video & Security Systems Demo, 4x4 off road Vehicles Show, Car Care Products Show, Pro Kart Races, Boats & Water Sports Vehicles Show, Bike Stunts and Volkswagen & Mini Minor Vintage Car Show.

For more information please contact Shehan on 0716 861 802, Venura on 0719 997 712 or Damian on 0718 644 245



Five dramas to be staged at Punchi theatre

Oct 22 'Muhunu Thunak' (Three short plays) directed by Tharindu, Tharaka and Athauda, 'Madyawediyeke Asipatha' directed by Namel Weeramuni, 'Sinidu Kirilli' directed by Buddhika Damayantha, 'Ekadhipathi' directed by Dharmasiri Bandaranayake and 'Nattukkari' directed by Namel Weeramuni will be staged on October 22, 23, 25, 26 and 28 at the Namel Malini Punchi theatre, Borella.

'Muhunu Thunak,' 'Sinidu Kirilli' and 'Ekadhipathi' will be staged at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm respectively while 'Madyawediyeke Asipatha' and 'Nattukkari' will be staged at 6.45 pm. Namel Weeramuni's script of 'Madyawediyeke Asipatha' too will be launched at 4.30 pm besides the performance.



Annual art exhibition of Rotary International at the Art Gallery

Oct 23 The annual art exhibition of Rotary International School, Nugegoda, Delkanda will be held on October 23 and 24 at the Art Gallery, Colombo from 8.30 am to 5 pm.

Opening ceremony will be on the 23rd at 8.30 am. The chief guest will be the Minister of Petroleum Industry and the General Secretary of the United People's Front, Susil Prem Jayanth.

There will be over 500 drawings by students, ranging from two and a half years to 17. The creative projects presented under a variety of themes will be a special feature.

The exhibition is open to the public on both days from 8.30 am to 5 pm free of charge.

Siri Sadaham Amavesi to be launched

Oct 23 Ven. Ridiyagama Indaloka Thera's latest book 'Siri Sadaham Amavesi' will be launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on October 23 at 10 am.

It is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.

A lecture by Prof Raj Somadeva

Oct 25 The 45th lecture in the Monthly Lecture series of the National Trust - Sri Lanka, 'Some Evidence on Proto Historic Burial Practice in Sri Lanka' by Professor Raj Somadeva will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22nd Floor, HNB Towers, 479 T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday (October 25).

The tradition of clay canoe burials was unearthed recently and excavations have revealed that the tradition prevailed in the second millennium BCE. The canoes were used to cremate the deceased and intern the corporeal remains together with prehistoric stone implements, earthenware vessels etc. suggesting the beginning of a new cultural realm unknown in the history of Sri Lanka.

Prof. Raj Somadeva joined the Post Graduate Institute of archaeology in 1989 as a lecturer and received his PHD for Archaeology from the Uppsala University in Sweden in 2006. He won the Charles Wallace Research Fellowship of the Institute of Archaeology of the University of London in 2005. He obtained his BA and MPhil in Archaeology from the University of Kelaniya. The National Trust - Sri Lanka conducts monthly lectures on the last Thursday of each month. The lectures are open to the members and the public.

Further information could be obtained from the Trust Office at the Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology, 407, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7. Tel: 2682730.

The events of the National Trust - Sri Lanka are principally sponsored by the HNB Sustainability Foundation.

Balloth Ekka Ba at YMBA and Lumbini theatre

Oct 25 'Balloth Ekka Ba,' the hilarious stage drama directed by Ravindra Ariyaratne and showed to various overseas audiences will be staged once again to its Sri Lankan audience on Thursday (October 25) at YMBA theatre, Borella and on Saturday (October 27) at the Lumbini theatre, Havlock Town at 3.30pm and 6.45 pm respectively.

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

Music will be by Shantha Peiris, background creations by Luvoiline Vandawall and stage management will be by Asoka De Soyza and Shantha Udayakumara. The costumes will be designed by Gihan Fernando and Demal Fernando. The lighting effects will be by Upali Weerasinghe.

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

Tickets are available at Salaka Senkada, Town hall, Sarasavi book shops, Nugegoda and Maharagama, Sadeepa book shop, Borella and at theatre gates.

'Origami and Paper Jewelry Making Workshop' at SLF

Oct 26 'Origami and Paper Jewelry Making Workshop' will be held on October 26 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Sri Lanka Foundation (SLF) auditorium, No.100, Independence Square, Colombo 7. Entrance free.

For inquiries please contact Tel: 011 2 691 814, 011 2 695 249 or e-mail: info.dfl@slf.lk. Web: www.slf.lk

Blue Fluoro at Hilton

Oct 27 Josephian Ball - 2012, 'Blue Fluoro' will be held on October 27 at 8.15 pm onwards at the Grand Ballroom, Hilton Colombo. The guest artist for the event will be Ronnie Leach while Damien and Dezone, Corrine and Beatbox will glitter the evening.

For more information please contact Naumal on 0777 374 788, Upul on 0777 750 755 or Malin on 077 840 990.

Hallucination - Halloween Howl at Club Maya

Oct 26 The most astounding Halloween party of the year. 'Hallucination - Halloween Howl' will not just be another Halloween party.

It will be one of the most exciting nights with a daunting Halloween theme that would provide you with the ecstasy and anxiety with a wave of magic in the air on October 26 at Club Maya from 9 pm onwards. To pump up the night, the organizers will be squaring off Colombo's finest DJs such as DJ Upul, DJ Praveen Jay, DJ Elli, DJ Shane and DJ Shehan.

To make this night extraordinary, magician Emil Eranga will join with us to add a touch of magic into the chilling Halloween atmosphere.

Join 'Hallucination - Halloween Howl' if you dare, for a unique trick or treat this Halloween.

Dress Code - Organizers would love if you all turn up in costumes, because you will have more fun when you are dressed up to match the Halloween atmosphere.

So, be creative and put something together and of course, a costume is not essentially required.

One lucky guy and girl will walk away with prizes for the best Halloween costume. For more information call Choxy on 0719506150, Caza on 0778177118 or Shenal on 0752085704.



Windtalkers

Windtalkers (2002) will be screened on October 23 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 134 minutes)

Having earned Hollywood's respect with blockbusters like Face/Off and Mission: Impossible 2, Hong Kong action master John Woo lends his signature style to serious World War II action in *Windtalkers*. Recognizing the long-forgotten contribution of Navajo "code talkers," whose use of an unbreakable Navajo-language radio code was instrumental in defeating the Japanese, the film serves as an admirable tribute to those Native American heroes. Unfortunately, it falls short of importance with its standard-issue story about a battle-scarred sergeant (Nicolas Cage) assigned to protect a code-talker (Adam Beach, from *Smoke Signals*), with unspoken orders to kill him if Japanese capture is imminent. This allows for an involving drama of hard-won friendship, but cardboard supporting characters suffer in the shadow of nonstop action that's as repetitious as it is technically impressive.

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

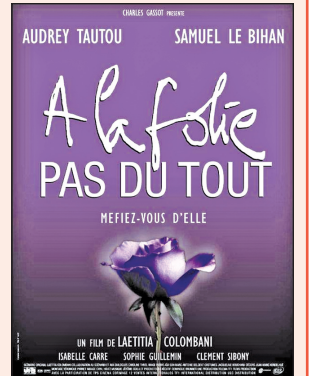


A la folie... Pas du tout

The movie, *A la folie ... Pas du tout* (2002) by Laetitia Colombani will be screened on Tuesday, October 23 at 3pm and Wednesday, October 24 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Angélique, a carefree girl, shares her time between her studies at the Fine Arts and the work she does as a waitress in a bar. One day, she falls in love with Loïc, cardiologist whose wife is expecting a child, attempts an impossible to separate the couple.

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

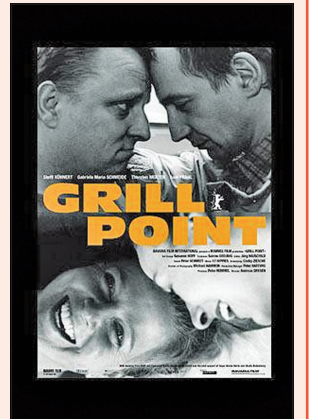


Grill Point

Grill Point (2001) directed by Andreas Dresen will be screened on October 24 at the Goethe hall, No.39, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7 at 5.30 pm.

Everyday life of two acquainted couples between pub, job in a radio station and saleswoman. For no apparent reason, one of the husbands falls in love with the other wife.

The betrayed partners are furious, helpless, hurt. The new couple is already looking for a new flat, but the husband ultimately returns to his wife. The other husband, however, will remain alone, for his wife prefers to be free.



Tess

Tess (1979) directed by Roman Polanski will be screened on October 26 at the Russian Center auditorium, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6.30 pm.

Tess is a romance film, an adaptation of Thomas Hardy's 1891 novel *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*. It tells the story of a strong-willed, young peasant girl who finds out she has title connections by way of her old aristocratic surname and who is raped by her wealthy cousin, whose right to the family title may not be as strong as he claims.

The screenplay was by Gérard Brach, John Brownjohn and Roman Polanski.

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

