

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.

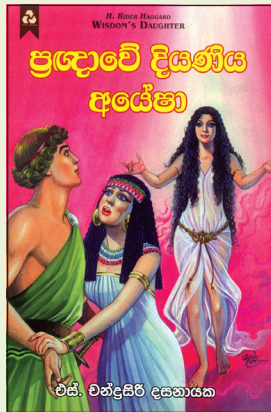
'Pragnave Diyaniya - Ayesha' to be launched

Nov 06 S Chandrasiri Dassanayake's latest book, 'Pragnave Diyaniya - Ayesha' will be launched at Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on November 6 at 10 am.

'Pragnave Diyaniya - Ayesha' is the Sinhala translation of H Rider Haggard's 'Wisdom's Daughter.'

Dassanayake is the author of several other books including 'Allen Saha Ice Devivaru,' 'Atheethayata Giya Allen,' 'Mantrakariyage Sirasa,' 'Ayiki Gothrikariyage Ran Pilimaya,' 'Arunodaye Regina,' 'Cleopatra,' 'Meedume Minissu,' 'Allen Saha Pujaniya Pushpaya' and 'Athdala Daruva.'

'Pragnave Diyaniya - Ayesha' is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.



Nov 07

The Goethe Institut, in collaboration with the Contemporary Dance Forum of Sri Lanka, presents the second Colombo Dance Platform, 'Archive Fever - Dancing with the archive' curated by Ong Ken Sen, a world renowned Artistic Director from Singapore from November 7 to 9 at 7.30 pm at the Punchi Theatre, Borella.

The focus of this year's platform is on a multidisciplinary approach and will consist of three completely different evenings of triple bills showcasing works involving theatre, music, puppetry, architecture and film.

The curated artists and their collaborators have each developed a short piece around an existing or newly created archive.

The collaborative intention of the curator and participating artists is to rethink their own perceptions of dance performance,

in the context of multimedia collaborations and introduce the concept of a 'Thinking Dancer' within the local culture of dance spectatorship.

Featured artists will be Ravibandu Vidyapathy, Kapila Paliawadana and Upendra Malith of Natanda Dance Theatre of Sri Lanka, Niloufer Pieris, Floating Space, Mahesh Umagiliya, Nilan Maligaspe, Venuri Perera, Sulochana Dissanayake and T Shanaathanan.

'Dhawala Bheeshana' at the Anthony College theatre

Nov 10

The latest production of Dharmasiri Bandaranayake's 'Dhawala Bheeshana' will be staged on November 10 at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm at the Anthony College theatre, Katugastota.

'Dhawala Bheeshana' is the Sinhalese translation of the play 'Men without Shadows' by Jean-Paul Sartre.

This play was first produced in year 1988 by Dharmasiri Bandaranayake and this new production of the play was commenced in April 2012 and carries a new interpretation. For more information please contact 0714 822 890 or 0776 240 033.



'Raja Sabhawa' to be staged at the New Town hall

Nov 11

Gunadasa Madhurasinghe's 'Raja Sabhawa' will be staged on November 11 at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at the New Town hall, Colombo.

The cast includes Gunadasa Madurasinghe, Mahinda Pathirage and Anushika Hansamali. The music is by Priyantha Gamage.

Lyrics by Swarna Sri Bandara, Somadasa Sooriyarachchi and Kumara Kaviraja.

Singing is done by Gunadasa Madurasinghe, Mahinda Pathirage and Kumudini Gunawardhana. Choreography by Pradeepa Srimala Kumari, lighting effects by Sahan Thilakarathne, costume designing

and stage setting by Mahinda Pathirage. Stage management and Production management done by Siri Galappaththi.

'Raga Sabhawa' is organized by Priyantha Ranjan and presented by House of Drama Institute. For any inquiries please contact Priyantha Ranjan on 071 4822890 or 077 6240033.



'Archive Fever' at the Goethe-Institut

Nov 05

The Colombo Dance Platform 2012 under the theme of 'Archive Fever' will open with an exhibition of sketches and drawings of dance costumes and decor by Somabandhu Vidyapathi done over a period of 70 years.

The exhibition will be held at the Goethe-Institut Colombo from November 5 to 16 from 9 am to 6 pm (Monday to Saturday) Vidyapathi pioneered in the field of dance design in Sri Lanka in the 1940s.

Hailing from a traditional family of dancers and temple painters, he studied painting and sculpture at Vishra Bharati University,



Shantiniketan and later at Travancore University in Kerala. Vidyapathi was closely associated with the dance and ballet productions of Chitrasena and his mastery skill of the art of costuming and stage design remain unchallenged. He made a significant contribution to the world of theatre by his innovative approach to the concept of stage design.

He created costumes whose cut revealed the beauty of the exposed human body and added a touch of brilliance to the dancer's movements.

A lecture on 'Humanitarian work' at ICES Auditorium

Nov 07

International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) will be conducting a lecture on 'Humanitarian work obscured by the fires of propaganda war: The IDP camps of 2009-12' by Michael Roberts, Department of Anthropology, University of Adelaide on Wednesday (November 7) at 5 pm at the ICES Auditorium, No.2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8.

Working within the parameters of a headline government decision to set up segregation camps for the



Tamil IDPs emerging from the Vanni Pocket in 2009, NGO, INGO and government personnel serviced

the camps in the Vavuniya area from 2009 in a remarkable clutch of endeavours that has not been recognized. The IDP camps were not "death camps." In this act of self-criticism directed at my "tribe," viz., the chattering classes, acclaim is heaped on those who deliver: those servicing humanity.

An Exhibition of Vintage Posters by Anura Saparamadu

Nov 09

An Exhibition of Vintage Posters of Ceylon by Anura Saparamadu will be held from November 9 to 24 at The BAREFOOT Gallery, Colombo, No.704, Galle Road, Colombo - 3 from 10 am to 7pm on Weekdays and 11 am to 5pm on Sundays. Anura Saparamadu has been collecting classic posters of Ceylon for a long time. Through the years his poster collection grew to more than 250 examples

that showcased the talents of Ceylon's artists. In 2011, Anura published 'Vintage Posters of Ceylon' a coffee table book that featured his entire collection. This exhibition highlights some of the finest examples of Vintage Ceylon posters from the late 1890s up to 1972.

For further inquiries please contact BAREFOOT Gallery on Tel: 011 2505559, e-mail: barefootgallery@gmail.com or on web - www.barefootgallery.com



Shutter Island

Shutter Island (2009) will be screened on November 6 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 138 minutes)

Martin Scorsese puts Leonardo DiCaprio through the wringer again in *Shutter Island*, a gothic adaptation of Dennis Lehane's novel. Leo's character, a Federal Marshal named Teddy Daniels, is first seen vomiting and jittery aboard a ferry; he and his new partner (Mark Ruffalo) are being taken across the water to investigate an escape from a prison for the criminally insane, located on a forbidding rock called Shutter Island. From the first, Scorsese treats the place as though it were Skull Island in King Kong, worthy of ominous music cues and portentous camera angles. This might not be an easy assignment for the sweaty, anxious Daniels, who is haunted by his memories of German concentration.

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

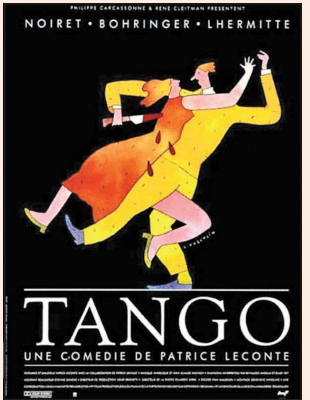


Tango

The movie, *Tango* (1993) by Patrice Leconte will be screened on Tuesday, November 6 at 3pm and Wednesday, November 7 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Paul's wife, tired of being betrayed by her unfaithful husband, left him. Since then, instead of taking advantage of this new freedom, Paul mopes. He goes in search of his uncle, a hardened bachelor for advice. For Uncle, only one solution: get rid of the bad wife. To do this they use Vincent, former husband who was deceived by her.

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



'Nari Burathi' at New Townhall



Nov 10

'Nari Burathi', the latest hilarious drama written and directed by Sarath Kothalawala, will stage two special shows on Saturday (November 10) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at New Townhall, (Air Conditioned) Colombo 7.

With a host of popular artists such as Sarath Kothalawala, Kumara Thirimadura, Pubudu Cha-

thuranga, 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 Wimalajith Dombagawatte while 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 Salaka Senkada - Townhall, Sarasavi bookshop Nugegoda, Sadeepa bookshop - Borella and at theatre gate.

Rhythm of the Maroons 2012 at Nelum Pokuna

Nov 10

The Music Circle of Ananda College (ACMC) initiated the Grand Musical Fiesta 'Rhythm of the Maroons' in the year 2006 and since then the ACMC has organized six flawless musical fiestas in six consecutive years.

This year for the seventh

consecutive occasion, the ACMC has organized 'Rhythm of the Maroons 2012' the grand musical fiesta will be held in a grand scale at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa theatre on November 10 from 4 pm onwards. For more information please contact Nipun Liyanage on 0718871707 or Anura Senanayake on 0716899196.



A wonderful opportunity to experience not one but three great musical personalities performing at the SOSL Premiere Concert-our own Tanya Ekanayaka on the piano and conductor Keiko Kobayashi and Eiji Suzuki from Japan, one of its most acclaimed composers.

Keiko Kobayashi will be

conducting the SOSL for the fifth successive year. Keiko's demanding yet charismatic style of conducting draws the best out of the SOSL. She will wield the baton in a programme which premieres two pieces

'Richmond Gusto 2012' at Cinnamon Lakeside



Nov 10

The Richmond College (80-90) Group will be organizing 'Richmond Gusto 2012' of 19th Annual General Meeting and Fellowship Dinner Dance on November 10 at 6.30 pm onwards at Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo featuring the band Gypsies.

'Bakamoona weedibasee' at Kularathna hall

'Bakamoona weedibasee' directed by Rajitha Dissanayake will be staged on November 11 at 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm at the Kularathna hall, Ananda College. The drama is organized by Institute of Town Planners Sri Lanka. For tickets and more information please contact 077 5590199 or 011 2508010.

Nov 11



loved Strauss' Overture Die Fledermaus.

Do not miss the SOSL's Premiere Concert on November 10 at Ladies' College at 7 pm. This concert has been sponsored by Lanka Orix Leasing Com-

pany, with part sponsorship from the Devar Surya Sena Trust, with electronic media sponsorship through MTV Sports and Yes Fm and creative sponsorship from Lowe LDB.

Tickets and Box plan are now at Lionel Wendt on weekdays - 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm.