

Chevalier medal FOR KUMAR



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Invitees and well wishers flocked to the French Ambassador's residence last Wednesday to witness renowned media personality Kumar de Silva being bestowed with the title of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters). The medal was given by the French Government to recognize eminent artistes, writers, and scholars for their efforts in promoting the awareness and enrichment of France's cultural heritage throughout the world. The decision to induct Kumar de Silva as a Knight in this Order has been taken in recognition of his significant contribution to promoting French culture in Sri Lanka for more than quarter of a century.

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Malini and Upali Indraguptha



Kumar with his mother Manel de Silva



Kumar and French Ambassador Christine Robichon



French Ambassador Christine Robichon pins the 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' medal on Kumar



Fanny Dranchamp, Dinusha Ileperuma, Michel Treutnaere, Alexandre and Deepthi Martinez



Tharindra, Anarkali and 'Chevalier' Kumar



Mr and Mrs Yasapala Nanayakkarawasan, Ranee Wickremasekera and Eranga Maheshani



Dileeni Perera and Alexi de Silva



Dr. Dinusha Wijesinghe and Ravindu



Sriani and Daya de Silva



Kumar with Ilika Karunaratne



Dirukshi Rambukwella

Glitter at BT Today Top Twenty Five Awards



L-R: Glenda Parthipan, Prof. Maithree Wickremesinghe, Leader of the Opposition Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Economic Development Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Research and Technology Pavithra Wanniarachchi, Mathi K Parthipan, Ven. Galaboda Gnanissara Thera

The Business Today Top Twenty Five Awards ceremony was held in gala style at the Hilton Colombo ballroom last Monday. Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa was the Chief Guest of the event while Opposition Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe was the Guest of Honour. Many business magnets and well known faces in the country's glamour scene graced the occasion.

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Mathi K. Parthipan and Glenda Parthipan



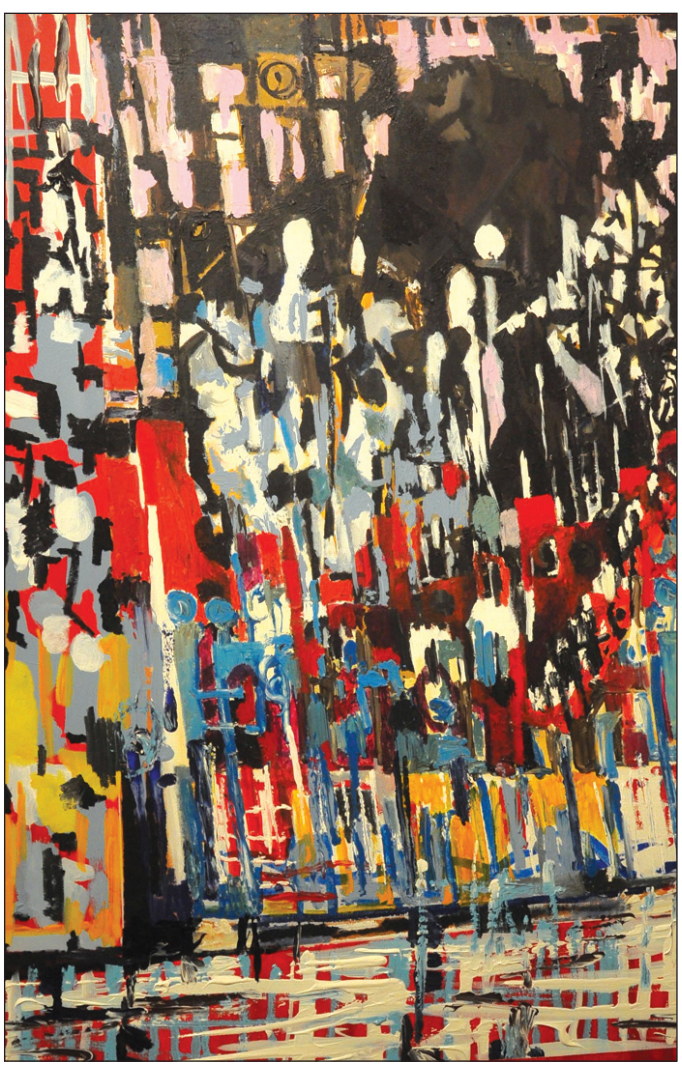
Glenda and the BT staff

Soul Beat on canvas

Mueen Saheed, a budding artist, showcased his maiden art exhibition at the Lionel Wendt las week. Photographer **Lalith C Gamage** clicked these moments at the opening ceremony.



Saheed with Azmi Zainuddin after unveiling the main piece at the exhibition



Chandraguptha Thenuwara



Jagath Ravindra