

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.

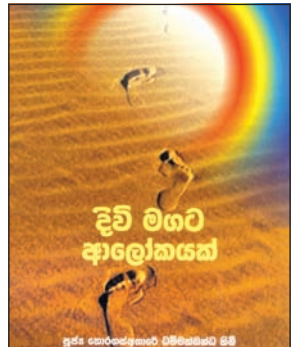


'Chaaya Wild - Etisalat Nature Photographer 2012' at the Harold Peiris Gallery

Dec 03 Chaaya Wild Yala, in collaboration with Etisalat Sri Lanka conducted the annual 'Chaaya Wild - Etisalat Nature Photographer 2012' competition for the second consecutive time this year. While the main aim of the competition was to recognise outstanding nature photography, it also aimed to increase awareness on nature conservation by providing a platform for nature photographers all over the island to showcase their skills. The competition attracted over 800 entries this year. The exhibition to showcase the winning and commended entries from this year's competition will be held at the Harold Peiris Gallery, Lionel Wendt on December 3.

'Divi Magata Alokayak' to be launched

Dec 04 Ven Horagasare Dhammakkandha Thera's latest book on Buddhism, 'Divi Magata Alokayak' will be launched at Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on December 4 at 10 am. It is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.



'Madyawediya kuge Asipatha' at Punchi Theatre

Dec 04 Nameel Weeramuni's 'Madyawediya kuge Asipatha' goes on boards on December 4 at 6.45 p.m at the Namel Malini Punchi Theatre. Play is hailed by critics as "a must to be seen play" and "rare and rich experience" because of its novel production approach, superb acting and highly concentrated subject matter. Play is written, directed and produced by Namel Weeramuni. The cast includes Lalindra Dissanayake, Anil K Wijesinghe, Dulanjali Wijesena, Namel Weeramuni, Upul Sanjeewa, Senevirathne Bandara, Pinsara Samarasekera, Ishara Wickramasinghe, Darsana Obeyesekera, Lakshman Udaya Kumara, Dilini Prasadini, Turulika Gimhani, Damith Wiligoda, Buddhika Prematilaka, Sangeeth Perera and Jayashan Rajitha. Music is composed and directed by Visharada Jayatissa Alahakoon for the lyrics written by Namel Weeramuni. Somasiri Beddegama supports with a few others in the orchestra. Choreography is by late Dr. Wasantha Kumara Dep.

Five dramas to be staged at the Wendt this December

Dec 05 Play House Kotte and AssiteJ Sri Lanka Presents Colombo Theater Festival for Young Audiences 2012 from December 5 to 9 at the Lionel Wendt Theatre, Colombo 7 at 3.30pm and 6.45pm respectively. The dramas that will be staged are *Hima Kumariya* and *Vikurthi* directed by Somalatha Subasinghe, *Bernadage Sipiri Geya* directed by Priyantha Srikumara, *Kalumalee* directed by Ruwanthi D Chikera together with *Sanda Langa Maranaya* directed by Kaushalya Fernando. Tickets are available at the theatre from December 1. For more details please contact 0112 695 794.



'Amaradewa' at Lotus Pond

Dec 05 'Amaradewa - yesterday - today - tomorrow' will be held on Wednesday (December 5) at the Lotus Pond Mahinda Rajapaksa theatre from 6.30 pm onwards. Tickets are available at Salaka Senkada, Torana (Liberty Plaza, Majestic City) and at Sarasavi book shops in Nugegoda and Maharagama.

'Deyyo Sakki' to go on boards

Dec 05 Renowned film and tele drama director Dr. Anura Chandrasiri's stage play, 'Deyyo Sakki' will be staged on December 5 at 8.30 am and 11 am at the Nugegoda Samudra Devi Balika Vidyalaya. The cast include Bandula Wijeweera, Gunadasa Madurasinghe, Menike Attanayaka, Chintani Hinduragawa, Anoma Kumuduni, Nirmani Perera, Chaminda Prasad and Venuri Wijeweera. Music is by Bandula Wijeweera, lyrics by Chintani Hinduragawa, make up by Prem Jayantha Kapuge, lights by P S Wijesinhe, drums by Yasith Perera while script and direction is by Dr. Anura Chandrasiri.



Children's Painting Exhibition at AF Colombo

Dec 07 Alliance Française de Colombo will be organising a Children's Painting Exhibition, 'A Vos Pinceaux' on December 7 and 8 at their air Conditioned Auditorium at No.11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. The opening of the exhibition will be on Friday (December 7) at 5.30 pm.

A holiday camp at the Russian Centre

Dec 10 A holiday camp will be held at the Russian Centre in Colombo from December 10 to 21 from 8.30 am to 1 pm for the age group between 4-11 only on week days. The camp will include chess, singing, computer, art/handwork, kids cookery, children's films, library reading/story telling, drama and theatre workshop and outdoor games. For further details please contact Chandi Aluvihare at Russian Centre in Colombo, No.10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7. Tel: 011 2685429 or 011 2685440, e-mail: colombo@ruscent.com



Big screen Home for the Holidays

Home for the Holidays (1995) will be screened on December 4 at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 103 minutes) Holly Hunter plays a Chicago-based single mom who on the day before Thanksgiving loses her job and is informed by her daughter of the latter's intention to surrender her virginity while on a weekend - long affair. If that is not enough, Hunter's character then has to fly to Baltimore to join her fractious family for another difficult Thanksgiving. Robert Downey Jr. is terrifically charming as her prankish, gay brother and Anne Bancroft and Charles Durning show plenty of comic resilience during the predictably interesting Thanksgiving dinner scene. The script by W D Richter (Brubaker) avoids the usual clichés in family dramas—the deepest, darkest secret revealed here involves the painfully sweet revelation of a 40 year old crush. Jodie Foster, directing her second feature, focuses instead on the inevitable softening of old grudges and disappointments with time. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.



The Medical Dance 2012

8th December
8.00 pm onwards

@ Cinnamon Grand Oak Room

- AIRLINE TICKETS, PRIZES & SURPRISES
- SUMPTUOUS DINNER
- A BOTTLE OF WHISKY AND A BOTTLE OF WINE FOR EVERY TABLE OF 10

Tickets : Rs.5,000/=

Tickets available at SLMA office from 5th of November

Dec 08 Srilanka Medical Association organizes a Medical Dance 2012 on December 8 at Cinnamon Grand Oak Room from 8.00 pm onwards.

SOSL Family Christmas Concert at Ladies

Dec 15 Join the SOSL for an evening of seasonal and popular delights to get you in the festive mood. The much awaited SOSL Family Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday (December 15) at 7 pm at the Ladies College hall is a fitting finale to the orchestra's 55th season. The programme has something for all, from traditional music to favourite hits. Light Classics will include - Pomp & Circumstances No. 4, Voices of Spring and Laughing Song while Popular music will include - Tico Tico, Bridge Over Troubled Water, The Sound of Silence, Mrs Robinson - Medley Hello Dolly, St. Louis Blues, Saints Go Marching and What a Wonderful World - Medley. Festive Favourites will include - God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen, Away in a manger, The First Nowell, While shepherds watched, The Holly and the Ivy and Hark the Herald angels sing - Medley while Choral Favourites will include Christmas Lullaby, Winter Wonderland, Let it Snow and Hallelujah Chorus. Carols and Christmas Songs for Audience Sing Along will include O Come all ye faithful, Silent Night, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Jingle Bell Rock. The conductor of the event will be Ajith Abeysekera. Box plan and tickets are now available at the Lionel Wendt theatre on weekdays and weekends from 10 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm.



'Ganeshism 3' at the Barefoot Gallery

Dec 16 'Ganeshism 3' is a celebration of Lord Ganesh in art, through an exhibition of paintings at the Barefoot Gallery, Colombo, No.704, Galle Road, Colombo - 3 from 10 am to 8pm on Weekdays and 11 am to 5pm on Sundays until December 16. It is the third show of its kind since 2008 by Sri Lankan artist Mahen Channugam. Mahen has been painting for over thirty-five years and has devoted the last eighteen years to portraying Lord Ganesh. The paintings in this year's show are part of a collection that attempts to present, not only the symbolism and iconography surrounding Lord Ganesh, but also the artists view of the powerful energies that Lord Ganesh represents, in the world around us, and within ourselves. For further inquiries please contact BAREFOOT Gallery on Tel: 011 2505559, e-mail: barefootgallery@gmail.com or on web - www.barefootgallery.com



Le Jeune Werther

The movie, *Le Jeune Werther (1993)* by Jacques Doillon will be screened on Tuesday, December 4 at 3pm and Wednesday, December 5 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. A group of 13 yr. old schoolchildren are shattered by a classmate's suicide. The best friend of the dead youngster is Ismael who tries desperately to understand the cause of his friend's untimely demise. Was it drugs? Unrequited love for his pretty neighbour Miren? Or was it the fault of the hated chemistry teacher who had once humiliated the child? Ismael and friends set out to discover the truth and 'punish' the responsible party..... The movie is most suitable for mature audience and is subtitled in English.

