

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.

Dec 24 Christmas High Tea at the Dilmah t-Bar at Hilton



Live the high life this December with the must have Christmas High Tea at the Dilmah t-Bar at Hilton at Thorana Lounge. Better yet, indulge in the Best of the Season on **December 24**, in the company of Choro Benedicte and Dilmah Seasonal Flush, a very special rare tea, prized the world over for its exclusivity. Whether it is catching up with your friends or family, or taking a break from your hectic seasonal schedule, drop in at the Dilmah t-Bar at Hilton at the Thorana Lounge on **December 24**, 3-6 pm for a high tea of a whole new kind. Call Hilton event desk on 011 2 492 492 to reserve your table now.

Indian Cultural Centre to screen two documentary films on December 28

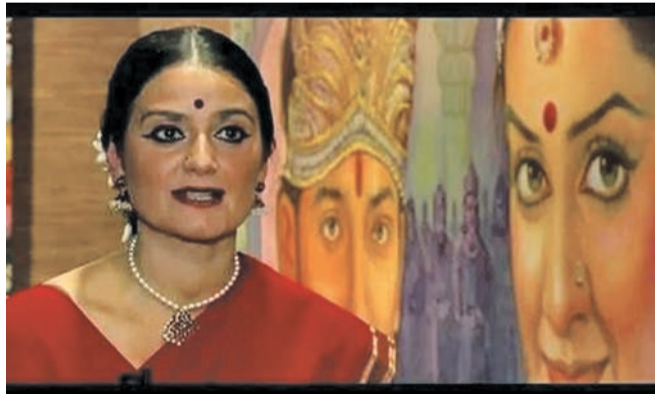
1000 Feet of Hope

1000 Feet of Hope by Faiza Khan (2011) will be screened on December 28 at 5.30pm at Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) auditorium, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7. 1000 Feet of Hope is on an artificial low-cost limb invented by an illiterate craftsman - the Jaipur Foot that has given a new lease of life to thousands in India. Now it makes its way to Jaffna, Sri Lanka where the team attempts to fit one thousand limbs in one month. The film follows the journey of this group as they continue to forge new medical boundaries and break political ones. The admission is free on first come first served basis. For further details please contact the Indian Cultural Centre on telephone no: 2684698 or Email: icccolombo@gmail.com.



Palimpsest: India and Europe

Palimpsest: India and Europe by Archana Kapoor (2012) will be screened on December 28 at 5.30pm at Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) auditorium, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7. *Palimpsest: India and Europe*, the film helps understand fascinating cross cultural influences in societies that geographically so far away yet emotionally so close to India. It is a journey through five countries of Europe to experience the influence of India's diverse and colorful culture that has gently and silently moved into societies which do not have linguistic, historical or colonial ties with India. The



documentary weaves stories of Europeans as they interface with Indian dance, music and cinema and interpret them in their own way. The admission is free on first come first served basis. For further details please contact the Indian Cultural Centre on telephone no: 2684698 or Email: icccolombo@gmail.com.



Traffic (2000) directed by Steven Soderbergh will be screened on December 28 at the Russian Centre auditorium, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6.30 pm. *Traffic* is a 2000 American crime drama film directed by Steven Soderbergh and written by Stephen Gaghan. It explores the illegal drug trade from a number of perspectives: a user, an enforcer, a politician and a trafficker. Their stories are edited together throughout the film, although some of the characters do not meet each other. The film is an adaptation of the British Channel 4. For further details please

contact the Cultural Officer on 0112 685440 / 0112 685429. Limited number of seats available.

Dec 29

'Tharu Dilena Reyak III' at Nelum Pokuna

The year's scintillating musical fiesta, 'Tharu Dilena Reyak III', the fund raising musical extravaganza of the Seva Vanitha Army Branch (SVAB) with a galaxy of popular vocalists and artistes will be on boards at Nelum Pokuna on **December 29** for the express purpose of harnessing financial support for construction of 'Abimansala' wellness resorts for dependent War Heroes and their welfare.

The entertainment, featuring many surprises and spectacles is organized under the aegis of President, SVAB, Manjulika Jayasuriya on behalf of the 'Brave Hearts' fund raiser of 'Abimansala' projects.

Dec 29

WE ARE 3 at the Riddim Bar



YES FM is Proud to Presents..... WE ARE 3 (Colombo House Mafia-Celebrates 3 Years!!) With Da Legend! Da French Superstar! Da Headliner! 'DA FRESH' on December 29 from 7 pm to 7 am at the Riddim Bar (Diving Centre) on the Unawatuna beach.

Dec 30



A drama and theatre workshop will be held on **December 30** at the main hall in the 'Sinhala Cultural Institute' (Sudarshani hall in front of BMICH Colombo 7) from 3 pm to 6 pm. Entrance free.

Dec 31

'Blast Thru 2012' at Ramada Colombo

'Blast Thru 2012', which has always captured the attention of many, who want to spend their new year's eve celebration in a gala style with dance, dinner and friendly atmosphere is taking shape once again in a grand manner aiming to top the list of events that are in preparation at Ramada Colombo on **December 31** from 9.30pm. Gypsies and Pearl will be the stars lined up for the night adding

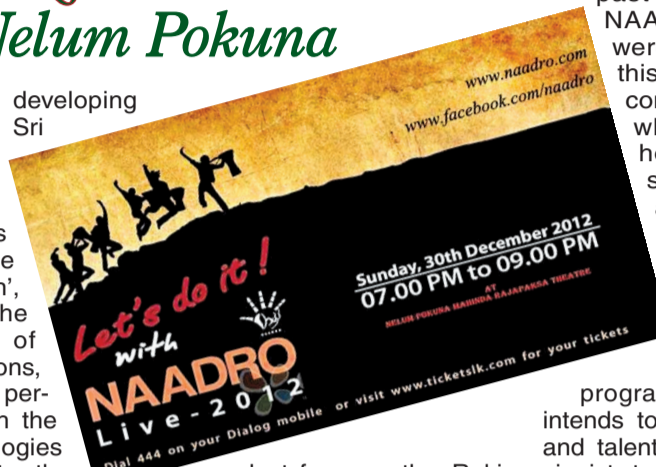


glamour and a touch of elegance with their sensational music for the audience. Sunil Perera the master of ceremonies in Sri Lanka for many decades and his legendary troupe 'Gypsies' together with 'Pearl' the veteran group are sure to rock this evening until the dawn of New Year. The compere of the night would be the versatile Radley Stephen. With a gala International Buffet, 'Blast Thru 2012' offers you many complimentary beverage options.

Dec 30

NAADRO LIVE 2012 at Nelum Pokuna

Fostering and developing the 'taste' of the Sri Lankan students, breaking through the traditional thinking frames built around 'The Art of Percussion', and refining the complications of western percussions, and introducing percussion art with the correct technologies and methods to the student population of Sri Lanka; the 'Let's Do it with NAADRO' programme which was organized by the Oriental Music Association of Royal College - Colombo in collaboration with Naardo and Tiara Rollo, was successfully held among the schools of Galle, Colombo, Kurunegala, Kegalle and Kandy areas during the



last four months. Rakitha Wickramaratne, the founder and the leader of NAADRO (also a brand endorser of the world's largest percussion instrument manufacturer - Latin Percussion) along with his team members, empowers the programme with their knowledge and dedication. With the huge success the

program gained over the past four months; NAADRO members were able to spread this program and its contents through the whole country by holding an inter school competition and producing a television programme which telecasts correspondingly. By reaching the finale of this programme, "NAADRO" intends to bring those young and talented budding percussionists to the public eye. Plans have already been laid out by the NAADRO team for the finale - a concert of an international level to be held at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre on **December 30** from 7 pm onwards where the best chosen performers would experience their first major concert/public performance.

Dec 31

'BANGBANG 2012' at the Saffron beach



'BANGBANG 2012' New years party, the party that rocked your socks of last new year is back again: bigger, better and more dangerous to your health. With a strengthened line-up of DJ's and an upgraded sound-system. The organizers are pulling out all the stops to make sure you get your money's worth on December 31 at the Saffron beach hotel, Wadduwa from 5 pm. The event will also feature Asvajit, Shiyam, TimTim, Upul, Geve, Twigs and Sunara.

Dec 31

Masquerade Ball NYE 2012 at Mount Lavinia Hotel

Frequency 69 in collaboration with Mount Lavinia Hotel brings you a splendid and extraordinary chance to celebrate your New Year's Eve in style and mystery. This time it is a Madly Mysterious, Stylishly Sensational party on Monday (December 31) at the Mount Lavinia Hotel from 9 pm. So join to celebrate New Year in a magnificent Masquerade Party. Experience the extraordinary this New Year's Eve where the glamorous will be transformed into an opulent era of intrigue, fantasy and masked surprises.



Bring in the New Year with style and mystique! Lose yourself in your imagination for a night of fantasy and excitement.. A New Years Eve to remember well into 2013 immerse yourself in a world of colorful couture as the Masquerade Party arrive in your finest New Year's Eve attire, Take in the sultry sights that surround you and enjoy the mystifying masks with the entertainment to move you through the night. Be there and start your count down together with Frequency 69. As the organizers say they make sure it is another night you will never forget Celebrate the New Year in style at the Masquerade Ball. Your Masqueraded DJ's will be Lil Guru, Manesh Mendez, Walid Milinda, Shirantha and Diru. That is not all a mouth watering breakfast for everyone free of charge.

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Gala Dinner Dance at Berjaya Hotel

Gala Dinner Dance Organized by Berjaya Hotel Mt Lavinia for the New Year's Eve Sensation will be held on Monday (**December 31**) at Berjaya Hotel Mt Lavinia from 9 pm onwards at the Pool Terrace. Entertainment will be provided by Reply and DJ Outburst.



Colombo Countdown at green path

It is Colombo's largest New Year party spanning from the lotus pond to the green path on Monday (December 31) from 8 pm. This is one big Carnival with a variety of entertainment items ranging from a horror house to a beer zone. You get a wish wall where three wishes will be granted for the New Year to Limo rides and much much more. There is something for everyone from Kids to adults.



NEW YEAR EVE 2012 at the Galadari

D-Production Presents NEW YEAR EVE 2012 on Monday (December 31) at the Galadari hotel, Colombo from 8 pm. Featuring artists will be Sushan, Ruky and Samm. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold at the gate so grab yours as soon as possible. Tickets can be purchased at ODEL.