

# 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](mailto:eventcalendar25@gmail.com) (Please be mindful to send only the essential details). Have a pleasant week.

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## Bharata Natyam Dance at ICC

Natyam exponents from Ukraine at 6 pm on January 7 at ICC auditorium.

Ganna Smirnova did her Post Graduate Diploma in Indian Classical Dance (Bharata Natyam) with the ICCR Scholar from Triveni Kala Sangam under the legendary Guru Jayalakshmi Eswar 1998-2003 and empanelled as an artiste by ICCR since 2004.

She is a teacher of Indian classical Dance and Yoga in the Department of Arts and Aesthetic Education in the T. G. Shevchenko National University since 2004 onwards.

She has been training and teaching the students of the university as well as the enrolled students from outside. Since the year 2009 She is doing research work on the subject of Aesthetics of Indian

Temple Dances Tradition and Contemporary World at the Department of Arts and Aesthetics of the T.G. Shevchenko National University Kiev, Ukraine.

She has done her Post Graduate Diploma with the specialization in choreography from the Kyiv National university of culture and art (1993-1997).

She was conferred with the Ensemble Award by the Kyiv cultural city administration 2009, Natya Shiromani Award by the Cuttack Mahotsava and Natya Saadhi Award by the Bharath Mahotsav 2012.

She has published Indian temple dances named as 'Indian temple Dances Tradition, Philosophy and Legends' and published seven scientific research articles in various scientific Journals under the

Academy of Sciences of Ukraine on Indian aesthetics and philosophy.

The admission is free on first come first served basis.

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## World Hindi Day

### Celebrations at ICC auditorium

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Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Colombo is organizing the "World Hindi Day" on January 10 from 3.30 pm to 7 pm in its auditorium at No.16/2 Gregory's Road, Colombo - 7.

As part of the celebrations Certificates will be distributed to the students who passed the Hindi examinations and prizes will be given to the winners of the competitions held in Hindi Diwas 2012.

It will be followed by a conference on 'Influence of Hindi in Sri Lanka.' High Commissioner of India, Ashok K Kantha, will be inaugurating the conference as the Chief Guest.

The participants in the conference will be Founder and Director of Hindi Niketan, Saranagupta Weerasinghe, Prof. Lakshman Senevirathna, University of Kelaniya, Prof. Indralatha Dissanayake, (retired) University of Kelaniya and Nilanthi Rajapakse, University of Jayawardenepera.

The conference will be followed by a variety programme by ICC students.

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## 'Dandiya Night with Mehendi' at Nelum Pokuna

Dandiya Night with Mehendi

Presented by the Lions Club of Colombo Metro City District 306-B2  
A project for the development of the education of the rural children  
Official Mehendi Provider

Tickets Rs: 3000/-  
On 11th January 2013 at Nelum Pokuna Theatre 06.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.

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The Lions club of Colombo Metro City District 306-B2 is carrying out various projects with the intention of developing the education in Sri Lanka.

"Dandiya Night with Mehendi" is one of the main events organized by the club, in aid of the rural children.

This project work is undertaken by the President Lion Subramaniam Sashikumar M.J.F, Lions club of Colombo Metro City District 306-B2.

This event's contribution is going

to be a stepping stone in the development of rural children's education.

The event will be held on Friday (January 11) from 6 pm to 10 pm at the Rooftop Amphitheatre of Nelum Pokuna Theatre.

Dandiya dance is a beautiful and colorful dance, which represents the tradition and culture of society.

It is performed by a group of dancers, who move in circles to measure steps, making time by sticks called 'Dandiya'. Rajesh Jain, a popular Dandiya dancer from India, will be hosting this 'Dandiya' night.

He and four of his dancers will be coming to make sure that each and every one of the audience, participate for the Dandiya dance.

Since his dancing steps are so easy to be followed and interesting, everyone will be compelled to dance with him.

Farhath's Mehendi is another important feature to make this event special.

The audience will experience the magical Mehendi designs and dance to the beat of Dandiya music. Each of Farhath's design represents the traditional art as well as the modern art. The dark and natural stains of her special Mehendi cones are really magical.

So this show will include extremely varied and exciting programmes like

- Local and overseas dancers performing Dandiya
- Farhath's Mehendi art designs
- Raffle draw event
- American auction

This night will bring out joyous moments for the audience as they will not only be dancing with Rajesh and his dancers but also have the Farhath's Mehendi on their palms.

To end the night mouthwatering North Indian dishes will be served.

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## Stylish Marketer 2012

### 'Stylish Marketer 2012' at University of Kelaniya

'Stylish Marketer 2012,' annual University fashion show will be held on January 10 at 5.30 pm at the University of Kelaniya.

## A Hindusthani violin recital at ICC

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A Hindusthani violin recital by Dr. Himanshu Vishwaroop and Manas Vishwaroop will be held on Friday (January 11) at 6 pm at the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) auditorium at No.16/2 Gregory's Road, Colombo - 7.

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## 'Madura Jawanika' at Janakala Kendraya

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'Madura Jawanika,' an excellent drama of Dayananda Gunawardena will stage two special shows on Saturday (January 12) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at the Janakala Kendraya.

The drama will include popular artists such as Jackson Anthony, Rodney Warnakula, Bandula Wijeweera, Madhani Malwaththa, Rathnasheela Perera, Tharanga Kumari, Indika Jayasinghe, Wasantha Gunawardena, Buddhika Ranaweera and Jayanath Bandara.

Music will be composed by Kapila Pugalarachchi while costume designing will be by Irangani Gunawardena.

Jude Srimal is the main organizer of the drama.

Tickets are now available at Saravasi book shop Nugegoda, Shakya



book shop Battaramulla, Ola book shop Thalawathugoda, Sadeepa book shop Borella and at the theatre gate.

## 'Puthra Samagama' to be staged

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'Puthra Samagama,' a drama directed by Jayalath Manoratne will be staged on January 12 and 13 at 3 pm and 6.30 pm at the Sripathi Hall, Horana and at Karapitiya Medical Faculty Auditorium respectively.



## 'Baloth Ekka Be' at Sripathi theatre

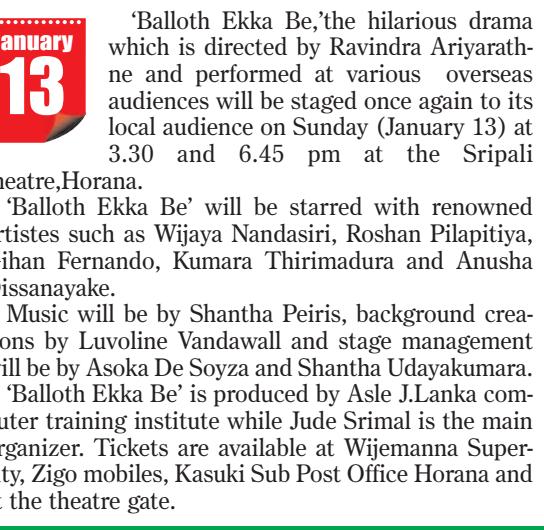
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'Baloth Ekka Be,' the hilarious drama which is directed by Ravindra Ariyarathne and performed at various overseas audiences will be staged once again to its local audience on Sunday (January 13) at 3.30 and 6.45 pm at the Sripathi theatre, Horana.

'Baloth Ekka Be' 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 creation by Luvoline Vandawall and stage management will be by Asoka De Soysa and Shantha Udayakumara.

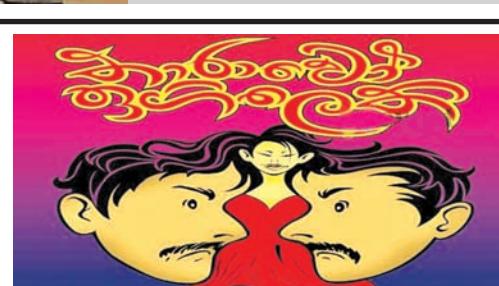
'Baloth Ekka Be' is produced by Asle J.Lanka computer training institute while Jude Srimal is the main organizer. Tickets are available at Wijemanna Super-city, Zigo mobiles, Kasuki Sub Post Office Horana and at the theatre gate.



## 'Tharawo Igilethi' at Sumedha Rangahala

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'Tharawo Igilethi,' a drama directed and produced by Lucian Bulathsinghal will be staged on January 13 at 3 pm and 6.30 pm at the Sumedha Rangahala, Gampaha.



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A party organized for friends on January 19 at the Lucky Tuna Bungalow Unawatuna.

I Love Una is back for its fourth edition and the organizers plan to take the party experience to new heights.

Like the previous years the

Love Una t-shirt will be your ticket into the party.

Majority of the T-shirts will be sold prior to the event date with a very limited amount available at the gate itself.

So to avoid disappointment please purchase your t-shirt as early as possible.

The organizers will announce as soon as the T-shirts are ready for sale/collection, so keep

checking their FB page and the event page for updates. Placed right in the middle of the Unawatuna Bay, the venue will be equipped with a sound and lighting set up that is on par with the best of Sri Lanka.

The stage will be the highlight of the venue. It is set to be one of the most creatively unique constructions to be seen on the shores of Unawatuna.

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## Big screen

### 'La femme NIKITA'

The movie, 'La femme NIKITA' (1991) by Luc Besson will be screened on Tuesday, January 8 at 3 pm and Wednesday, January 9 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Armed robbery of a pharmacy by a bunch of junkies in need of drug goes wrong: a shooting caused the death of several people, including a policeman, shot down by the young Nikita.

Sentenced to life imprisonment, she soon meet Bob, a mysterious man forcing the young woman to work secretly for the Government.

Apres some revolts during an intensive training for several years, Nikita becomes an highly trained agent well qualified in the secret services, & according to Bob, now capable to handle alone outside matters.

The movie is most suitable for mature audience and is subtitled in English.



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