

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.

Goodwill Hardware 2013 at Hempel Galleries

February 07

K. Pushpakumara, a member of the initial group of artists following the 90s Trend, presents his new work based on the continuing series Goodwill Hardware first seen in his solo exhibition at Red Dot Gallery, Colombo in 2009, followed by his participation in the Colombo Art Biennale in 2012 and now at Hempel Galleries, Barnes Places, Colombo 7 till February 7 from 10 am to 5 pm.

pivotal in a time in Sri Lanka where society has already started to forget the recent violent past and artists have begun to move away from political and interventionist themes. In Pushpakumara's words: "Buddhism, media, politics, landscape, religion. The development of the Sri Lankan landscape, particularly in Colombo. In this body of work I have added small sections of painted colour to signify evolution. Even with this 'embellishment', the division still exists, perhaps in a different way but it is still there. I see 'beautification' as a decorated surface."



'Balloth Ekka Be' at S De S Jayasinghe theatre

February 03



'Balloth Ekka Be,' the most popular stage drama written and directed by Ravindra Ariyaratne which is loved by many audiences will stage on Sunday (February 3) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at Dehiwala S De S Jayasinghe theatre. 'Balloth Ekka Ba' will be starred with renowned artistes such as Wijaya Nandasiri, Roshan Pilapitiya, Gihan Fernando, Kumara Thirimadura and Anusha Disnayake. Music will be by Shantha Peiris, background creations by Lovuline Vandawall and stage management will be by Asoka De Soyza and Shantha Udayakumara. 'Balloth Ekka Be' is produced by Asle J.Lanka computer training institute while Jude Srimal is the main organizer. Tickets are available at Sarasavi book shops, Dehiwala, Nugegoda and Piliyandala.

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February 01



'Tharawo Igilethi' at Kurunegala town hall

'Tharawo Igilethi,' directed by Lushan Bulathsinghala will be staged on February 1 at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at the Kurunegala town hall. 'Tharawo Igilethi' will be starred with renowned artistes such as Rodney Warnakula, Harsha Bulathsinghala, Niroshan Wijesinghe, Sumith Rathnayake, Ferni Roshani, Anura Bandara Rajaguru, Gamini Samarakoon, Indika Jayasinghe, Randima Thilini including many others. Music will be by Gunadasa Kapuge, lighting will be by Gamini Hemachandra and choreography done by Nimal Rajapakse. 'Tharawo Igilethi' will be organized by Priyantha Ranjan. For inquiries please contact Priyantha Ranjan on 071 4822890 or 077 6240033.



'Kalani Palama' to be staged

January 29

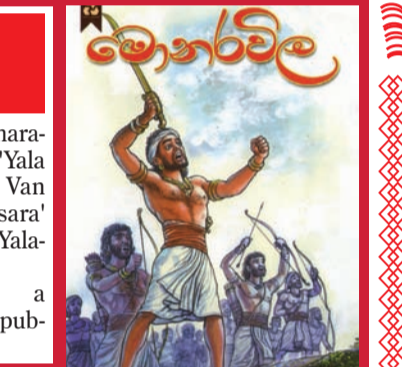
'Kalani Palama,' directed by R R Samarakoon and produced by Priyantha Ranjan will be staged on January 29 at 8.30 am and 11 am at the Ratnapura town hall and on February 2 at 6.30 pm at the Provincial Council hall, Kurunegala. The cast includes Ramya Wanigasekera, Sanjeewa Upendra, Prasannajith Abeysooriya, Geetha Kanthi Jayakody, Thilak Kumara Rathnayake, Prasad Sooriyaarachchi, Niluka Rekhani, Kamal Jayakody, Tharanga Bandara, Samson Gomas, R M Abeynayake, Samantha Kumara. Choreography by Wasantha Wittachchi, Kumara Galahitiyawa and Upul Mahanama, stage management by Priyantha Ranjan and assisted by Anushka Vithanage and Chandima Samarasinghe. Prompting done by Nilanka Sandamali. Lighting by Wasantha Kumara, stage decorations by Lionel Bentharyan and stage equipments by Rohana Hewavitharana.



'Kalani Palama' is presented by House of Drama while production management and chief organizing done by Priyantha Ranjan. For inquiries please contact Priyantha Ranjan on 071 4822890 or 077 6240033.

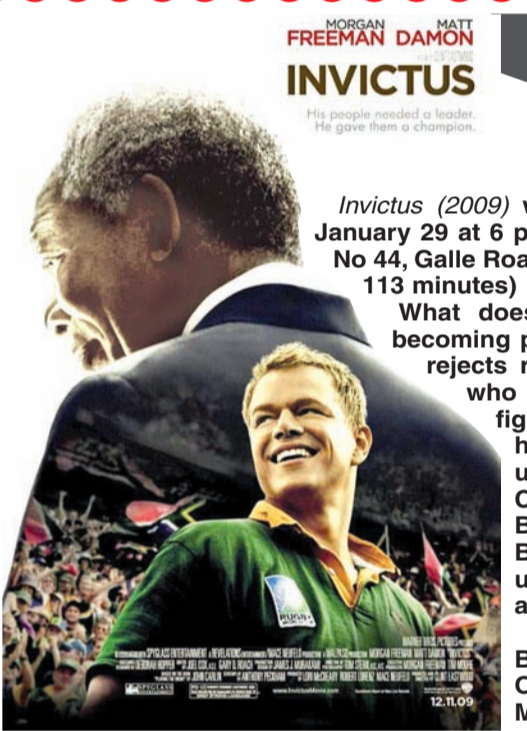
'Monaravila' to be launched

January 29
Gamini Vijitha Samarakoon's latest historical novel, 'Monaravila' will be launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on January 29 at 10 am. Samarakoon is the author of 'Yala Negenahira Ahimi Van Man,' 'Vanadivi Serisara' and 'Lost Trails in Yala-East.' 'Monaravila' is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.



'Viyasiduren Ahasa Dutimi' to be launched

January 28
The launch of the second edition of 'Viyasiduren Ahasa Dutimi' authored by Former Member of the Sri Lanka administrative service, Dr. Sudath Gunasekara will take place today (January 28) at 2 pm at the Central Provincial Governors secretariat. The chief guest on the occasion will be Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbakaduwa. Key note address will be delivered by Dr. Leel Gunasekara. Special lectures will be delivered by Dr. Saliya Kularathne of the Sinhala Department university of Peradeniya and Deputy vice Chancellor university of Peradeniya, Professor Santha Hennayake.



Supporting Actor Oscar nominee Matt Damon) and his squad to do the impossible and win the World Cup. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Invictus

Invictus (2009) will be screened on January 29 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 113 minutes)
What does Nelson Mandela do after becoming president of South Africa? he rejects revenge, forgives oppressors who jailed him 27 years for his fight against apartheid and finds hope of national unity in an unlikely place: the rugby field. Clint Eastwood (named 2009's Best Director by the National Board of Review) directs an uplifting film about a team and a people inspires to greatness. Morgan Freeman (NBR's Best Actor Award winners and Oscar nominee for this role) is Mandela, who asks the national rugby team captain (Best Supporting Actor Oscar nominee Matt Damon) and his squad to do the impossible and win the World Cup. Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Big screen

Drôle de Felix
The movie, *Drôle de Felix* (2000) by O Ducastel/J Martineau will be screened on Tuesday, January 29 at 3pm and Wednesday, January 30 at 6.30pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7. A tale revolves around a carefree and happy go lucky type, Felix, who is content living with his boyfriend, Daniel in the town of Dieppe in Northern France. When



Felix is laid off from his job, he decides to take a road trip to Marseilles to track down the father he's never met. Backpack in tow, Felix sets out walking, hitching and borrowing cars to get to the south of France. Springtime is budding, nature is at its best, and some unique characters await Felix along the dirt roads and byways of the French countryside. The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.

Old Hindi hits at Public Library auditorium

February 03
The Old Hindi Film Lovers Society will present a musical show including old Hindi hits for their fans on February 3 at 9 am at the Public Library auditorium. (near Vihara Maha Devi Park, Colombo). This show will be organized to felicitate noble musician C Ramachandra who directed music for films such as 'Anarkali,' 'Albela,' 'Asad,' 'Sthri,' 'Nawrang,' 'Pathang,' 'Samadhi' including many others. This will be a great opportunity for the old Hindi song lovers while the show will be free of charge. Music will be conducted by Sarath de Alwis. For further inquiries please contact Priyantha Gamage on 0718293411.



Ridicule



Wickedly funny humour and must-see box-office triumph!
Stars: Charles Berling, Fanny Ardant, Judith Godrèche, Jean Rochefort
Entrance free and movies are subtitled in English.

Ridicule by Patrice LECONTE (1996) will be screened on January 30 at 6pm at Bandaranaika International Studies (BCIS)-BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo-7. Named Best French film and winning the Best Director's Award at the 22nd César Awards in 1997, and honoured by critics as one of the year's 10 best motion pictures, RIDICULE is an exceptionally entertaining tale of passion and deceit! In a desperate quest to save his hometown, Ponceludon De Malavoy (Charles Berling) quickly learns that a sharp wit is the key to open any door in the Versailles Court of Louis XVI. But his mission is complicated when he finds himself locked in a dangerous triangle with two very seductive ladies: a sophisticated older woman, Madame de Balayac (Fanny Ardant) who can help him ... and an innocent young beauty, Mathilde (Judith Godrèche) daughter of Marquis de Bellegarde (Jean Rochefort) with nothing to offer but her love! outstanding performances highlight this

'Pilithuru Harena Thapalen' at Lumbini theatre

January 30
The inaugural stage show of 'Pilithuru Harena Thapalen' is scheduled to be staged on January 30 at the Lumbini theatre, Havelock Town, Colombo 5 at 6.36 pm. The drama is directed by the veteran drama producer Harold K Jayatissa under the able guidance of Ven. Kegalle U Pagnarama thera. The cast includes Keerthi Bandara, Rupa gomas, Premadasa Vithanage, Deeman Hettiarachchi, Thilakarathne Liyanage, Sarojini Kavirathne, Geetha Samanali, Anjana Sewwandi, Priyanthi Mangalika and Harold K Jayatissa. The music will be by Sameera Subhasinghe. Tickets at the gate.

'Charodei' and 'From Russia with Love' at Russian Centre auditorium

January 29
Russian Centre in Colombo invites you to enjoy performances conducted by the Folk Theatre of Miniatures 'Charodei' (Sorcerers) and solo concert 'From Russia with Love' of professional singer Svetlana Maslina-Kozlova on January 29 at 6 pm at the Russian Centre auditorium. Svetlana Maslina-Kozlova is a professional singer, participant and winner of the All-Russia and International vocal contests. She has an extraordinary beautiful voice, charm, grace and charisma. Svetlana Maslina-Kozlova has successfully performed chanson, modern and folk songs.



At the Beginning of Glorious Days

At the Beginning of Glorious Days (1980) directed by Sergey Gerasimov will be screened on February 1 at the Russian Centre auditorium, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm. In late 17th-century Russia, Czar Peter the Great orders an attack on Turkey, which refuses to pay taxes to the Russian government. The Russian military is equipped with outdated technology, and they suffer their first defeat. After the defeat the czar orders the building of a fleet, and sends many educated men to study in Germany, France and Holland. Russian victory over Turkey will not only force the Turks to pay taxes, but also make the Sea of Azov accessible to the Russians. For further details please contact the Cultural Officer on 0112 685440 / 0112 685429. Limited number of seats available.



English Vinglish (India)

English Vinglish (2012) by Gauri Shinde will be screened on January 29 at 3 pm and 5.30 pm at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) auditorium, 02, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8. (Running Time: 134 minutes) Money, Fame and the Knowledge of English. In India, these three factors play a huge role in how society judges an individual. English Vinglish is the story of a woman who does not know English and is made to feel insecure by his family and society at large. The movie is subtitled in English. For any inquiries please contact ICES on Tel: 011-2685085.

