

'Ira Handa Tharu' at Musaeus College auditorium

February 18

Legendary singer/musician Dr Victor Ratnayake turns 71 on February 18. A concert will be held to coincide with this at Musaeus College auditorium at 6pm on that date. The show is named as, 'Ira Handa Tharu - Victor Ratnayake Miyasi Dayadaya.'



Victor's four children Jayantha, Chandani, Manjula and Lelum will team up with their children to showcase talents. Victor too will unleash his golden voice on the day. Thus this

will be an event comprising three generations. The show will have Sinhala, Hindi, Tamil and English songs plus dance items performed by Victor's children and grand-children. Jayantha Ratayake, Victor's eldest son treading in the path Victor had created has already positioned himself as a music director. His maiden film music direction is in Bandu Samarasinghe's film Peter ONE, yet to be released. A special remembrance will be done for Chitra Ratnayake, Victor's beloved late wife at the event.

'Sikura Hathe' at YMBA

February 24

The latest comedian stage drama directed by Sajeewa Malmalaarachchi and produced by Priyantha Ranjan 'Sikura Hathe' will be staged on February 24 at 6.45 pm at YMBA Borella.



This comedy includes many hilarious scenes performed by Wimal Kumara De Costa, Sanoja Bibile, Ajith Lokuge, Damayanthi Perera, Dimuthu Chinthaka, Piyadasa Fernando, Chinthaka Pathirana, Nilangani Perera and Sajeewa Malmalaarachchi. Prompting done by Chinthaka Pathirana, music creations by Pradeep Jayathilaka, make up by Prem

Jayantha Kapuge, costume designing by Dhanapala Bogoda and Kamal Kanthi Bogoda. Stage lighting by Wasantha Kumara - Wasantha Lighting Line, Sujeewa Wijesinghe, Sathyapriya Wijesinghe, coordinating done by Keerthi Wijerathne, stage background, stage decorations, stage decorating and costume equipments created by Rohana Hewavitharana and the team.

'Sikura Hathe' is presented by House of Drama, Borella while Priyantha Ranjan is the Chief Organizer.

For any inquiries please contact Priyantha Ranjan on 071 4822890 or 077 6240033.

Big screen

Malcolm X

Malcolm X (1992) will be screened on February 19 at 6 pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 201 minutes)



A biography of Malcolm X, the famous African American leader. Born Malcolm Little, his father (a minister) was killed by the Ku Klux Klan. He became a gangster, and while in jail discovered the Nation of Islam writings of Elijah Muhammad. He preaches the teachings when let out of jail, but later on goes on a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, there he converts to the original Islamic religion and becomes a Sunni Muslim. He changes his name to El-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz and stops his anti-white teachings, as he realizes the error of his mistakes. Denzel Washington was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actor for his role as Malcolm X. Reuniting with Spike Lee at his best on Malcolm X, Washington again slipped inside the skin of the controversial black leader in a superb lead performance.

'Magul Parasthawa' and 'Ekata Mata Hina Hina' to be staged

February 22

'Magul Parasthawa' directed by Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra and 'Ekata Mata Hina Hina' which is included in the Grade 10 and 11 Sinhala syllabus will be staged on February 22 at 8.30 am and 10.30 am at the S. de S. Jayasinghe hall.

The cast includes Prasannajith Abeyuriya, Supun Tharanga Dheerasinghe, Rasika Jayalath, Nayana Hettiarachchi, Dhanushka Dias, Chamara Prasad, Tharanga Bandara along with many others.

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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.

'Sakkaya Dithi' to be staged at John de Silva

February 19

'Sakkaya Dithi' scripted by Professor H M Gunatilake and directed by Douglas Siriwardhana will be staged on February 19 at 6.30 pm at the John de Silva Memorial theatre as the invitee drama of the State Stage Drama Festival 2012.



'Celebrating the Beauty of Diversity' at Casa Serena

February 19

This exhibition is called 'Celebrating the Beauty of Diversity.' Which is an idea jointly from the embassy of Italy and the Art Gallery of Casa Serena. After the conclusion of the war a new path for development in the country is unfolding. How can Art be a part of the move for reconciliation? There are 10 paintings from 10 different artists spanning various religions, geographies, ethnic groups and races. The artists who submitted paintings were given different themes. The theme was: "How can you as an Artist portray a United Sri Lanka; people living in harmony?" Six men and four women were chosen and the embassy produced the materials. The exhibition is from February 19 to 27.



'ROOKADA RAJJE' TO BE STAGED

February 23

'Rookada Rajje' scripted by D Kumara and produced by Priyantha Ranjan will be staged on February 23 and 24 at 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm at the Town Hall in Waligama and at Tower Hall, Maradana respectively.



The cast includes Vijaya Nandasiri, Rodney Warnakula, Priyantha Senevirathne, Sarath Chandrasiri, Gamini Ambalangoda, Ferni Roshani, Kumara Liyanage, Indika Jayasinghe and Tharanga Bandara. The music will be by

Sarath Kulanga. Make up by Kumara Galahitiyawa, costume designing by Kamal Kanthi Bogoda and Dhana-pala Bogoda, costume jewellery designed by Chamara Anudath Rajapakshe, stage lighting by Wasantha Kumara (Wasantha lights), Sujeewa Wijesinghe, Sathyapriya Wijesinghe.

'Rookada Rajje' will be presented by House of Drama while chief organiser and production management is done by Priyantha Ranjan. For inquiries please contact Priyantha Ranjan on 071 4822890 or 077 6240033.

'Nidhan Dupatha' to be launched

February 19

Chandra Anagiratne's 'Nidhan Dupatha' (Third Edition) will be launched at Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on February 19 at 10 am.



The late Chandra Anagiratne was the author of several other books such as 'Tom Sawyer', 'Dracula', 'Kochchiye Lamai' and 'Heidi'. 'Nidhan Dupatha' is the authentic Sinhala translation of Robert Louis Stevenson's popular book 'Treasure Island.' 'Nidhan Dupatha' is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.

'Raja Sabhawa' to be staged at Wariyapola Town Hall

February 22

'Raja Sabhawa' a comedy directed by Gunadasa Madhurasinghe will be staged on February 22 at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at the Town Hall in Wariyapola. The play will be organised by Priyantha Ranjan.

The cast includes Gunadasa Madhurasinghe, Mahinda Pathi-

rage and Anushika Hansamali. The music will be by Priyantha Gamage, lyrics by Swarna Sri Bandara, Somadasa Sooriyaarachchi and Kiwulakale Kumara Kaviraja. Songs sung by Gunadasa Madhurasinghe, Mahinda Pathirage, Kumuduni Gunawardhana. Stage management and production management by Siri Galappaththi.



'Raja Sabhawa' is presented by House of Drama.

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Architect 2013 will kick off at BMICH

February 21

Exhibition of Members Work and Trade - Architect 2013 will kick off at the BMICH from February 21 to 24. This year 2013 is a special year in the Architects calendar.

It marks the end of the current SLIA President, Ranjan Nadesapillai's term as President and the beginning of Senior Vice president Chitra Weddikara's term as President on February 23. Also the National Conference on Architecture: Architect 2013 will take place on February 21 with the Inauguration taking place on February 20.

"The exhibition will have over 200 stalls. It is the most elaborate exhibition for any-



one who wants to get information about the products in the construction industry or the materials. This year we have over 300 practices who are registered for Architectural consultancies. Out of that more than 100 will be displaying their work," said SLIA President Archt. Ranjan Nadesapillai.

Jetliners last performance and Dinner Dance at Musaeus and Galadari

March 03

The tickets for the Original Jetliners last performance together as one group to be held on Sunday (March 3) at the Musaeus college Hall starting at 7 pm, and the Dinner Dance at the Galadari Hotel Grand Ballroom on March 1



will go on sale from Tuesday 19th till 22nd at the Galadari Hotel. The tickets will be on sale from 11 am until 6 pm.

The concert on March 3 at Musaeus college auditorium will feature Mignonne Fernando, Anton Gunawijaya, Indra Raj, Felix Fernando, Harris Jurangpathy, Conrad De Silva, and

special guest from UK David Roberts.

The Dinner Dance will be a great event as it will take the Jetliner fans back to the era of the Coconut Grove. A selection of more than 60 songs has been picked to be performed by The Jetliners for dancing. Since this will definitely be the last opportunity to see the original members perform together, it is recommended not to miss these two events. For details regarding the two events please call Damayanthi on 0777 744950. At the Dinner Dance Jetliners will be supported by Sohan & X'Periments and Vision.

Ragamalika at ICC auditorium

February 23

Indian Cutlral Centre (ICC), Colombo in association with COMAL is organising a Carnatic Vocal Concert by renowned musician Kavalam Sreekumar from India at 5.30 pm on February 23 at the ICC auditorium, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7. The concert will be followed by a Recital of Malayalam Poems. He will be accompanied on Violin by Gobithas and on Mridangam by Thivyaroba Sarma.



Kavalam Sreekumar is the son of Padmabhushan Kavalam Narayana Panikkar, well known Poet and Theatre Director. Sreekumar started learning Carnatic music at the age of five. He learned music under the Masters Ambalappuzha Sivasankara Panikkar, Trichur Vaidyanathan, Mavelikkara Prabhakara Varma and Ambalappuzha Thulasi. Further he had

received advanced training in Carnatic music and Sopana music under B Sasikumar.

As a performer he has held concerts all over India and in many countries such as Russia, Japan, England, France, Singapore, America and the Gulf. He has also conducted voice culture workshops with upcoming music students. He has also composed several songs for Mohiniyattam and some of them are in the repertoire of Kanak Rele, Bharathi Sivaji and other famous dancers.

The concert is organised with the support of State Bank of India, Colombo, Bluescope Lysaght, Taj Samudra and Asian Paints. A limited number of invitation cards are available at the ICC, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7. Those who wish to attend the concert may contact 011 268 4698 or by email icccolombo@gmail.com

Eshantha to perform Bach's keyboard concerto at Ladies' College

February 23

Sri Lankan audiences will be in for a unique experience when Eshantha Peiris, the well known musician and pianist par excellence, performs Bach's keyboard concerto and conductor of the Orchestra of Sri Lanka (SOSL) on Saturday (February 23) at 7 pm at Ladies' College hall.

J S Bach's concerto originally written for the harpsichord has been performed by many great pianists and is one of the few concertos that has always been in the performance repertoire from the time of its composition, nearly

two hundred and seventy five years ago. It is a work full of rhythmic vitality and direct emotional impact.

The concert opens with the brilliantly exciting 'Arrival of the queen of Sheba' from 'Solomon' by G F Handel, who ranks along with Bach as a master of the Baroque style.



Excerpts from two of Handel's most popular orchestral compositions, 'Water Music' and 'Music for the Royal Fireworks,' are also being performed in the first half of the concert.

Box Plan now open at the Lionel Wendt theatre on weekdays and weekends from 10 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm.

Das System

Das System (2012) directed by Marc Bauder will be screened on February 20 at the Goethe hall, No39, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7 at 5.30 pm.

"Das System" is both a political thriller about the world of business and a moving drama of a fatherless young man. Mike is 20 years old and clever, however disoriented. During a break-in into a villa on the beach in Rostock he gets surprised by the owner called Böhm. Still Mike is not being reported to the police but being introduced to a parallel world full of international acting lobbyists and former DDR secret service agents. Mike comes more and more under the spell of charismatic Böhm and starts to fall deeply into the dark history of his family.



The movie is subtitled in English and entrance will be free.

A series of concerts by Assens Boy Singers

February 17

The Assens Boy Singers of Denmark will be in Sri Lanka to perform a series of concerts in various parts of the island. They will perform at St Joseph's College, Colombo, on February 17 at 3 pm and on February 18 they will perform in Negombo while on February 20 they will hold a show at Trinity College, Kandy at 6 pm. Another show will be held in Good Shephard Convent, Nuwara Eliya at 4 pm.

The group performs about 20 concerts a year. The choir is directed by Organist/Choirmaster Finn Pedersen. Concert tours to many European countries as well as Brazil and Canada/USA. The Assens Boy Singers consist of 20 boys between the ages of nine to 14 years, and 18 young men and adult singers.

'Gee Anuraa' at Musaeus College Auditorium

February 23

In the aid of the Head Quarters Building Fund the Institution of Incorporated Engineers has arranged a musical show 'Gee Anuraa' on Saturday, (February 23) at the Musaeus College Auditorium at 6.30pm.

The Musical show will feature Victor Rathnayake, Sunil Edirisinghe, Nirosha Virajini and Samitha Mudunkotuwa. The Music is directed by Samantha Perera and his orchestra with the participation of Channa Upuli dance troupe.

Tickets are now available at the gate on the date of the show and at the following book shops : Sarasavi Bookshop - Nugegoda and Maharamagama, Sadeepa Book shop - Borella, Salaka- Town Hall and on line - www.tickets.lk

