

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.

The Women - Out of The Frame at Wendt

The Women - Out of The Frame Photographic Exhibition will be held from July 5 to 10 at the Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Undertaken by Sri Lankan photographer Menika van der Poorten in conjunction with the National Peace Council of Sri Lanka this landmark photography project and exhibition on women provides the ideal platform to showcase the talent of 45 photographers (men and women) from across the island, and beyond, both professionals and enthusiasts. These photographers' perspectives help to change the way we see women. The photographs selected for this exhibition capture a moment or moments revealing the complexity of women's lives - whether it is women from different walks of life in the same frame, women living in a war and conflicted affected environments or elders going about their daily routine.

The project's aim is to provide photographers in Sri Lanka a platform to present images that 'go

beyond the traditional, objectified and stereotypical portrayal of women common in mainstream media. Submissions had come from Battaramulla, Batticaloa, Bemmulla, Trincomalee, Hikkaduwa, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, Matara, Hambantota, Vavuniya, Warkapola and beyond, achieving one of the project's main objectives which was to reach out to photographers countrywide, particularly those who, due to war, had limited access to this type of cultural exchange. As Cynthia Cohen's study Creative approaches to Reconciliation illustrates, "investment in the arts and cultural work are critical to promoting coexistence and reconciliation in the aftermath of violent conflict."

As a country emerging from a thirty-year conflict, visual media is pivotal in shaping opinions and perceptions. During the period of the exhibition a series of presentations and workshops that support the education, and development of conceptual and technical photographic skills, will be conducted.

The workshop programme will encompass digital workflow, telling a story through photography and will encourage discussion and debate on context, ethics and the importance of visual media in making meaning.

"To say that photographs lie implies that they might tell the truth; but the beauty of their nature is exactly to say nothing, neither to lie nor not to."

-Stanley Cavell (1985)

An exhibition catalogue will be available and the exhibition website (www.outoftheframe.lk) will be launched to coincide with the opening of the exhibition. These exhibition and workshops are supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, the National Peace Council, and the Goethe Institute.

For more information on this project and exhibition email outoftheframe.sl@gmail.com or visit Face Book: <http://www.facebook.com/outoftheframesrilanka>

Colombo Pride 2013 at Goethe hall

July 01

Equal Ground is happy to once more, celebrate Colombo Pride 2013 with the Goethe Institute! From July 1 to 3 at Goethe hall, Colombo Pride 2013 will hold its Celluloid Rainbows - an LGBTIQ Film Festival - and Rainbow Visions - an LGBTIQ Art & Photo Exhibition featuring young, local Queer Artists and pho-

tographers! For more information on Colombo Pride 2013 and all of its events please check their website at www.equalground.org and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/EQUALGROUND/341437271803?fref=ts>) and Twitter ([_EQUALGROUND_](https://twitter.com/EQUALGROUND)).

Pranayama for Healthy life and Kathak Workshop at ICC

Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) in association with Yoga Mandir is holding a Lecture titled 'Pranayama for healthy life' at 7 pm on Thursday (July 4). The lecture will be delivered by the renowned Yoga expert K K Ganesh (Art of Living Foundation-India).

The ICC will also be organising a Kathak Workshop by Sadara Supathum Peiris on Friday (July 5) at 1 pm. Kathak dancers, teachers, and students who are interested can participate in this workshop.

Sadara Supathum Peiris holds a Mas-

ters Degree from the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, India under the guidance of his Prof. Mandhavi Singh. He has also learnt Kandyan and fusion dance under Guru Chandana Wickramasinghe.

Both events will be held at ICC auditorium located at 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 7.

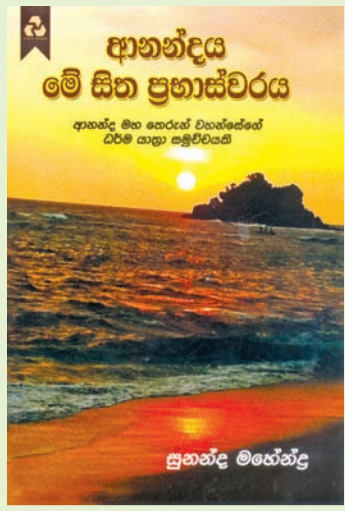
All are welcome. For further details please contact the ICC on telephone no: 2684698 and Email: icccolombo@gmail.com

Anandaya Me Sitha Prabhaswaraya to be launched

July 02

Prof. Sunanda Mahendra's latest book titled 'Anandaya Me Sitha Prabhaswaraya' will be launched at the Dayawansa Jayakody bookshop, Colombo 10 on July 2 at 10 am.

He is the author of several other books such as 'Devdath Mavata Menavi', 'Dangara Tharappuva', 'Kihirangura', 'Meththeiya Thera Vatha' and 'Kosol Raju Dutu Budun Vahane.' 'Anandaya Me Sitha Prabhaswaraya' is a Dayawansa Jayakody publication.



Meeyo Nathuwa Be and Deyyoth Danne Ne at Punchi theatre

'Meeyo Nathuwa Be,' a hilarious play directed by Keerthi K. Rathnayake and 'Deyyoth Danne Ne,' directed by well versed cinema, television and stage actor Sarath Kulanga will be staged on Saturday (July 6) and Sunday (July 7) at 3.30 pm and 6.45 pm at the air-

conditioned Namel Malini Punchi theatre in Borella respectively.

'Meeyo nathuwa Be' will be featuring Madini Malwatte who was crowned the Best actress on the National Drama Festival this year.

The cast will include a host of popular artists such as W Jayasiri, Ravindra, Madani Malwattage, Mahesh Umagaliya, Ishara Wickramasinghe, Sudarshana Bandara, Samith Warnakula, Chamari Nisansala, Nayana Malithi, Ruwini Dilanthi, Devran Livera, Aruna Sri Kasun and Chanidu Theniya Rathnayake, music composition will be by Pradeep Muthukudaarachchi and stage settings by Roshan Warnakulasooriya.

Stage management by Chandana Nishantha and Susantha Kahandawala while costume designing by Suvineetha Perera. Makeup by Wasantha Vittachchi and lighting by Saman Malalasekera.

'Meeyo Nathuwa Be,' is presented and organised by Jude Simal.

'Deyyoth Danne Ne' will be performed by Vijaya Nandasiri, Kumara Thirimadura, Sarath Kulanga, Ananda Athukorala, Thushari Gunarathne, Tharanga Kumari and Tharaka Uprenda.

Art direction will be by Jagath Padmasiri and stage lighting by Upali Weerasinghe. Acting motions will be by Sadda Uthpalakandage while Nirmani Prabhawari and Jagath Padmasiri have added more to the drama by their costume designing.

'Deyyoth Danne Ne' is written by

Ajith Mendis and produced by Jude Simal of Nirmala Publications.

With Sarath Kulanga's music composition, Sandasiri Adhikari's music direction and Luviline

Vandawall's stage management this drama will be organised by Jude Simal.

All seats are box planned and tickets are only available at Namel Malini Punchi theatre, Borella.



July 06

Rangapem Ivarai at Tower hall

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Helping to find life in a society that made acting its soul, the debut of Adieu to Acting (Rangapem Ivarai) will unfold on July 6 at the Tower hall theatre in Colombo 10 at 3.30 pm and 7 pm. Adieu to Acting will unite two mavericks of acting, Kamal Addararachchi and Sriyantha Mendis after 15 years, to thrill theatre goers of Sri Lanka.

Adieu to Acting is a creation brought to the stage by playwright and director Udayasiri Wickremaratne whose stage drama 'Suddek Oba Amathai' (A White Man Addresses You) which was enjoyed over a hundred performances island wide winning accolades for Best Music Score and Best Script

at the State Drama Festival - 2010. Subuddhi Lakmali who starred in the Sinhala teledrama 'Star Sri Lanka' and 'Rathu Hattakari' along with many other artists will join the veteran actors of the stage and screen Kamal and Sriyantha in Adieu to Acting.

Lasith Wickremaratne who won the award for Best Music Score in 'Suddek Oba Amathai' will be showing his prowess once again in Adieu to Acting.

Lighting will be by Chandana Aluthge and make up by Wasantha Wittachchi. Choreography will be by Prof. Ariyaratne Kaluarachchi, while costume design is by Kamal Addararachchi. Stage management will be

handled by Rohitha Jayakody and Chamara Sandaruwan while the show will be organised by Jude Simal.

Tickets are available at Salaka Senkadam Townhall, Sarasavi book shop - Nugegoda, Sadepa book shop - Borella and at the theatre gate.

Anarchy United at R & B

July 07

No Slave, No Master! Paranoid Earthling presents 'Anarchy United,' an explosion of raw, loud, heavy-duty Rock 'n Roll, Metal and good old Punk. The event will be held on Sunday (July 7) at Rhythm & Blues (R & B), Duplication Road, Colombo 4 from 6 pm onwards.

The show features the retro-punk trio "White City" (UK/Sweden/Australia), the main act of the evening. The guests will be supported by Paranoid Earthling and fellow Stoner rockers 'Herb and the Remedy,' Electronic/ Experimental Rockers 'Mix Master Blong JC, Thrash Metallers 'Infernal' from Kandy and the Blues artist Buddhhi De Mel of Wagon park.

The bands/artists will perform original compositions and a few covers at the event. Tickets for the event can be purchased at the gate. For free tickets, watch out for online competitions on the band's facebook page www.facebook.com/paranoidearthling. The media sponsor for this event is ART Television.



White City was formed in Kabul, Afghanistan as 'rock - therapy' in response to violent conflict. (<http://whitecitykabul.com>) White City - the big in the Stans band - has toured every country ending in 'stan' in the Central Asian Region. The band released their EP "Space Cadet" which explores what it is like to be in the minds of different people who find themselves in Kabul. White City has been instrumental in putting together the Afghanistan's first post-Taliban rock festival 'Sound Central,' the only one of its kind in the Central Asian region. (<http://soundcentralfestival.com>). The trio has received considerable attention from international media. (see <http://whitecitykabul.com/category/press-2/>) Paranoid Earthling has been at the forefront of the Sri Lankan original rock music scene since 2001 and has performed at prominent venues in the country. The band has also represented Sri Lanka at the SAARC Bands Festival in 2009 and the Sound Central Festival, Kabul, Afghanistan in 2012. They have toured India with performances in New Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai. For more information on tour dates and news visit the band's website at www.paranoidearthling.com

Get ready to rally to the music of resistance!

The Bonsoir Diaries to be launched

July 02

The Bonsoir Diaries' by Kumar de Silva will be launched on Tuesday (July 2) at 6.30 pm at the BCIS - BMICH in Colombo. Open to the public, this event is hosted by the Alliance Francaise in Sri Lanka and the Embassy of France as part of its ongoing French Spring Festival in Sri Lanka. All are welcome



Big screen

American Centre will screen movies on the theme of American Independence.

An Inconvenient Truth

'An Inconvenient Truth' (2006) will be screened on July 2 at 6pm at the American Center, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 100 minutes)

Director Davis Guggenheim eloquently weaves the science of global warming with Al Gore's personal history and life-long commitment to reversing the effects of global climate change in the most talked-about documentary of the year. An audience and critical favourite, An Inconvenient Truth makes the compelling case that global warming is real, man-made, and its effects will be cataclysmic if we don't act now. Gore presents a wide array of facts and information in a thoughtful and compelling way: often humorous, frequently emotional, always fascinating. In the end, An Inconvenient Truth accomplishes what all great films should: it leaves the viewer shaken, involved and inspired.

Seating is limited and is first-come, first-served.

Taken 1

The movie, 'Taken 1' (2008) by Pierre Morel will be screened on Tuesday, July 2 at 3pm and Wednesday, July 3 at 3/6.30pm at Alliance Francaise de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

Seventeen year-old Kim is the pride and joy of her father Bryan Mills. Bryan is a retired agent who left the Central Intelligence Agency to be near Kim in California.

Kim lives with her mother Lenore and her wealthy stepfather Stuart. Kim manages to convince her reluctant father to allow her to travel to Paris with her friend Amanda. When the girls arrive in Paris they share a cab with a stranger named Peter, and Amanda lets it slip that they are alone in Paris. Using this information an Albanian gang of human traffickers kidnaps the girls. Kim barely has time to call her father and give him information....

The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English.