

September
26

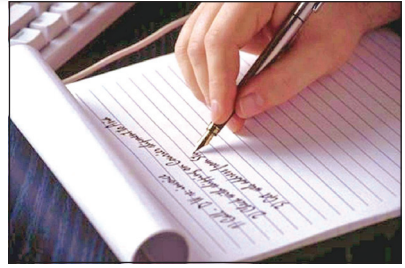
>> Joshua Roman in concert



Sunera Foundation presents Joshua Roman (cellist) and Eshantha Peiris (Pianist) in concert at Lionel Wendt Theatre on September 26 (today) at 7.30pm.

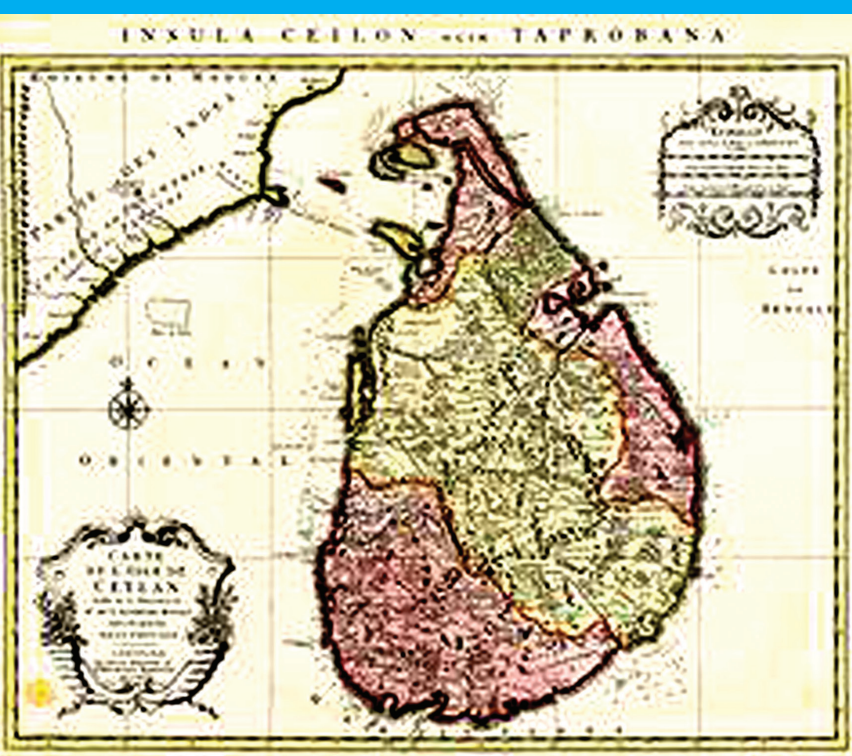
September
27

>> Young Poets Society



American Center Colombo hosts Young Poets Society on September 27 (tomorrow) at 4pm at the American Centre Auditorium (44, Galle Road, Colombo 3). This will be an opportunity for young people to showcase their talent and express themselves freely. Young poets who have submitted their poems will read them to the audience. Ramya Jirasinghe, guest artist (poet and writer) and Deputy Director, US-SL Fulbright Commission will present her

remarks at the end of the readings. Open to all to participate and encourage youth creativity - Entrance Free.



September
26

>> A Return to Sri Lanka'



'A return to Sri Lanka' - images of Sri Lanka from British Collections (1640-1900) will be held until September 28 at Lionel Wendt Gallery. This is a travelling exhibition produced by the British Library and the British Council.

September
29

>> Puswedilla Part 3

Puswedilla Part 3 - political satire will be staged at the Lionel Wendt Theatre on September 29 and 30/ October 1 and 2. The drama is presented by Stage Light and Magic and is directed by Feroze Kamardeen.

September
29

>> Mantai - The Great Emporium of Cosmas Indicopleustus

National Trust lecture by Dr Roland Silva on 'Mantai - The Great Emporium of Cosmas Indicopleustus' will be held on September 29 at the Post Graduate Institute of Archaeology, 407, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Cosmas Indicopleustus, a 6th century Greek merchant and monk highlighted the strategic importance of the island of Sri Lanka in ancient sea routes and trade in his reference to the port of Mantai, as a Great Emporium. In an informative lecture, former Commissioner of Archaeology and founder President of the National Trust - Sri Lanka, Dr Roland Silva takes us on a voyage of discovery through historical references and illustrations which highlight the strategic position and relative importance of the island in maritime trade in ancient times. His lecture highlights the initial use of the Port of Mantai (now referred to as Mannar) and Adam's Bridge as northern route before the increased draft of ships forced the use of the more southern route.

September
30

>> Mohombi live in concert



Mohombi Nzasi Moupondo, better known by his stage name 'Mohombi' is a superstar who burst into stardom within a span of a year with mega hits such as 'Bumpy Ride', 'Coconut Tree', 'Dirty Situation', 'Miss Me', 'Say Jumbo', 'This City' and 'The World is Dancing'. Mohombi live in concert will take place on September 30 at the CH & FC Grounds from 7pm onwards.

A Swedish-Congolese R&B singer-songwriter and dancer, Mohombi grew up in a Norsborg, a suburb in Stockholm. Mohombi's debut single, 'Bumpy Ride' was produced by RedOne and went onto become a number-one hit in the Netherlands and a top ten hit in Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Norway, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden. Earlier this month, Mohombi released his latest single, 'Maraca' on iTunes in Sweden.

Cultural Diary

RUWANTHI ABEYAKOON

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 eventcalendar@gmail.com or call us on 011 2429652. Have a pleasant week.



October
01

>> Akcent, Sasha Lopez, Mattyas and Eddy Wata live in concert

This October, get ready for a night of pure Romanian house with Akcent, Sasha Lopez, Mattyas and Eddy Wata all live in concert at the CR & FC, October 1 at 6 pm onwards.

Akcent

In 1999, the Romanian dance-pop act Akcent was started by Adrian Claudia Sana along with his female counterpart, Ramona Barta. Akcent's single 'Kylie' rose to the top of several European music charts and even became a moderate hit in the US, charting well on the Hot Dance Singles Sales chart.

Sasha Lopez

Serge, better known by his stage name Sasha Lopez, was born in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. At the young age of 15, he started his DJ career in Star Track Club (Chisinau). He launched his first mix on CD 'Club City Presents' in 2005, and that same year, he started production on a new project - Studio One, after meeting DJ Nash. In 2006, the pro-



ject was given a new voice - Tanya, who he continues to collaborate with even now. Studio One became very successful after receiving a lot of positive feedback in Romania.

Mattyas

Born on May 14, Mattyas grew up to study piano and trumpet at the Music School and attended vocal lessons after he graduated. He then went on to form his own pop band, with him as the lead singer, which became very successful in his country.

Eddy Wata

Eddy Wata was born in 1976 began to play with a battery-operated keyboard at a very young age. He released his new single 'I wanna dance', following 'I love my people', 'My dream', 'The light' and 'I like the way' which have been top hits in no less than 15 countries.



The Long Walk Home

Big screen



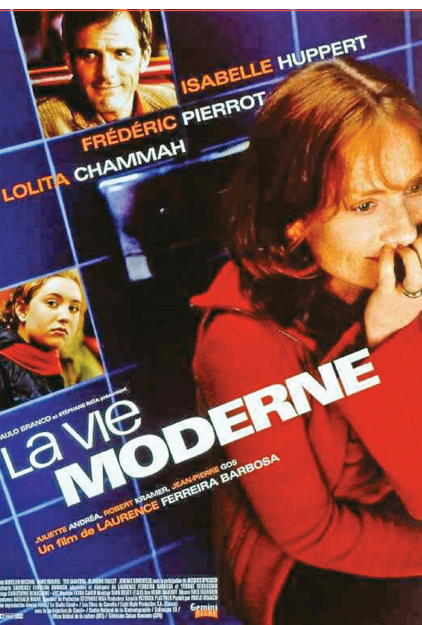
'The Long Walk Home' (1990) will be screened on September 27 (tomorrow) at 6pm at the American Centre, No 44, Galle Road, Colombo 3. (Running Time: 97 minutes)

This underrated 1990 film directed by Richard Pearce (Country, Leap of Faith) features exceptionally nuanced performances by both Sissy Spacek (Coal Miner's Daughter) and Whoopi Goldberg (Ghost) in a story set against the backdrop of the emerging civil rights movement of the 1950s South. Spacek plays a Southern socialite who becomes gradually enlightened by the plight of her housekeeper, played by Whoopi Goldberg, as she struggles to raise her family amid the increasing turmoil, prejudice and violence around her. A well-done treatment of an important period of American history, 'The Long Walk Home' is an effective and accurate period drama. It is also an opportunity to see fine,

La vie modern

The movie 'La vie modern' (2000) by Laurence F. Barbosa will be screened on Tuesday, September 27 (tomorrow) at 3pm and Wednesday, September 28 at 6.30 pm at Alliance Française de Colombo, 11, Barnes Place, Colombo 7.

After having married for ten years, Claire comes to Paris to consult a doctor who could advise her to have a child. Marguerite, who is 17 years old, feeling herself different from other adolescents turn towards the God. Jacques, an unemployed, at the request of a young woman, sought to become a private detective. Three characters who do not know each other, three parallel destinies, the chance were to bring a mix up of them?



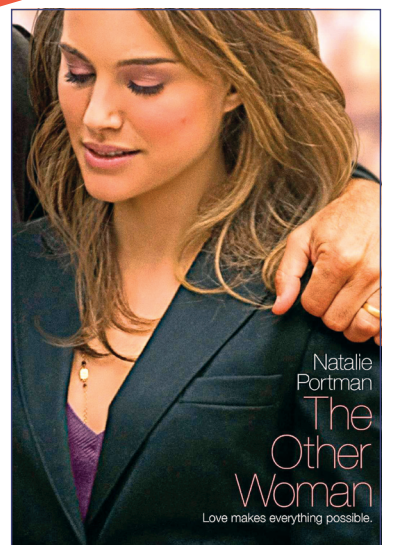
The movie is for general viewing and is subtitled in English. Nicolai II (part 2)

Nicolai II (part 2) will be screened on September 28 at the Russian Cultural Center Cinema Hall, No10, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7 at 6 pm.

Movie highlights
* Age of Russian political terrorism
* Rasputin
* Gorky. 'Silver age'
* Stolypin
* 300th anniversary of the Russian Empire

Entrance to watch this movie is free and all films are subtitled in English.

The Other Woman



International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo will screen a film by Don Roos 'The Other Woman' on Thursday, September 29, at 3pm and 5:30 pm at the ICES auditorium, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8.

The Other Woman (original title: Love and Other Impossible Pursuits) is written and directed by Don Roos. The film is based on the Ayelet Waldman novel. Emilia (Natalie Portman) is a young, Harvard-trained lawyer who, some years back, set her sights on her new firm's boss, Jack Wolf (Scott Cohen) - and, putting it baldly, seduced him away from obstetrician wife Carolyn (Lisa Kudrow). Soon after they were married they had a daughter, Isabel, who died just after coming home from the maternity ward. A few years later, Emilia is still adjusting to losing Isabel while being a mother, kind of, to Jack and Carolyn's son Will (Charlie Tahan). Emilia struggles through her grief to connect with her precocious child. Perhaps the most difficult obstacle of all for Emilia is trying to cope with constant interferences of her husband's angry jealous ex-wife, Carolyn. Natalie Portman who won the Academy Award Best Actress statuette early this year for the film the ballet thriller Black Swan has given another brilliant performance in this film. (102 minutes)