

CULTURE VULTURE

COLOMBO



17 Jul - 31 Jul

17 Jul (Fri)

EXHIBITION, Bride & Groom Fair w/local designers. to 19/7 BMICH (FREE)

19:00 THEATRE, Nickelby – based on Dicken's 3rd novel, brought to life by the St.Thomas College Drama society. to 19/7 Lionel Wendt (FREE)

18 Jul (Sat)

18:00 CONCERT, the Gold FM Country Show: w/Anno Domini, Cosmic Rays, Flame, the Missing Link, guest artistes etc. Taj Samudra (Rs. 1000)

20-Jul (Mon)

10:00 DOCU FILM, 50 years of exploration – the golden anniversary of NASA T: 2498146

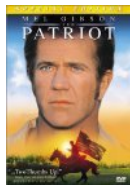


American Centre (FREE)

21 Jul (Tue)

EXHIBITION, George Claessen's abstract and impressionistic paintings and line drawings. Gallery Café (FREE) to 19/8

18:00 FILM, The Patriot (2000) Civil war Period Movie starring Mel Gibson.



American Centre (FREE)

New Books

Mythil's Secret Rs. 500
Prashani Rambukwella

For: children aged 9 to 14 or the typical Harry Potter audience.



Mythil's world is peopled by Yakas, Yakaduras, and other culturally and geographically relevant fears that inhabit the Sri Lankan night.

Mythil thinks he's in for a boring time at Archchi's big old house but then things begin to happen. Who lives in the deep jungle and are they friends or foes? How can he make his parents believe the mysterious things that keep happening to him? And how can a young boy like him outwit a clever and sinister enemy on his own?

Mythil's Secret is a story about a young boy's discovery of just how strong the bonds of family and friendship can be. Join him on the spine-tingling adventure as he learns to look within himself for courage he never knew he had. (Available everywhere).

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19:00 POP MUSIC, Chandimal 2009, Song & Dance acts from the 60s and 70s. T: 777740388 BMICH (Rs. 500 to 2000)

28 Jul (Tue)

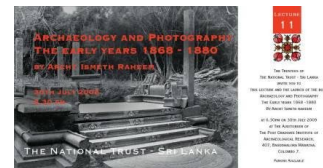
14:00 LECTURE IDPs in the North – challenges and opportunities (Nat'l Peace Council) & the LAUNCH of Thulava a monthly newspaper. Kadirgamar Ctr. (FREE)

18:00 FILM, Yankee Doodle Dandy. Classic film (1942) American Centre (FREE)

19:00 BALLET, Beauty & the Beast by students of Deanna school of dancing to 30/7 Bishops College (Rs. 500 to 2000)

30 Jul (Thu)

18:30 LECTURE, Archaeology & Photography, the early years. 1868 to 1880. by Arch. Ismeth Raheem - National Trust



Auditorium of the Post Grad Inst. of Archaeological Rsch. 407 Baudhaloka Mw. (FREE)

31 Jul (Fri)

18:00 LECTURE & DEMO, of Bharatha Natyam by Roja Kannan of Chennai. Indian Cult. Ctr. (FREE)

COMPETITION

Win **Rs. 1,000** in cash from the

22 Jul (Wed)

17:30 FILM, Sampooran Ramayan in Hindi (3 hrs)
Indian Cult. Ctr. (FREE)

24 Jul (Fri)

EXHIBITION, Art work by the talented young artist Saashya Rodrigo. to 24/Aug T: 2695920



Bay Leaf Restaurant (FREE)

EXHIBITION, Retrospective – Chandraguptha Thenuvara celebrated and famed artist of the Vibhavi Academy. T: 7429010
Saskia Fernando Gallery (FREE)

18:00 MUSIC, Hindustani vocal recital by Asith Athapathu (BHU)
Indian Cult Ctr. (FREE)

19:00 CONCERT, Pop music with Desmond de Silva, Dezmond Rodrigo, Sunil, Manoharan etc.
BMICH (TKTS 500 to 3,000)

26 Jul (Sun)

EXHIBITION, the art of Sybil Wettasinghe, to 12/8



Theertha Red Dot (FREE)

18:00 LECTURE, “Constitutional Utopias: A Conversation with Neelan Thiruchelvam” by Em. Prof. of Law, Upendra Baxi.
ICES & the NT Trust
BMICH, Rm A (FREE)

Dinner

Sakura,
Rheinland Place, Colpetty

Cherry Blossom or Sakura - what could be more Japanese? Snuggled at the bottom of Rheinland place (diagonally opposite Pilawoos and adjacent to Mumtaz Mahal) this cosy, non aggressive, restaurant serves up tasty food at fairly reasonable (for Japanese cuisine) prices.

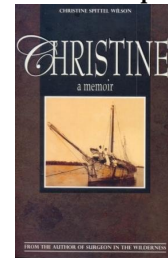
If you aren't quite the aficionado & the vocabulary baffles you, the colourful pictures on the bright pink, plastic laminated menu cards will come in handy.

The menu is varied and covers all kinds of sushi, sashimi, miso, tempura, teriyaki and yes, even eel. If you aren't feeling all that adventurous, start with the crisply fried crab cutlets which are quite yummy but taste more Sri Lankan than Japanese. The teriyaki chicken is definitely yum, the tempura veggies are fluffy and crisp. The sushi is good, Sashimi Moriawase is heavy on the Tuna but otherwise fresh and delicious. If you must have rice, the Garlic rice makes a nice change.

Sadly, it has neither Teppan-Yaki nor Shabu-shabu. Still, everything said and done, although the Sakura will not be all things to all people, its fairly competent & polite staff, reasonably priced, tasty food, tatami mats, kotatsu style tables & other requisite kitsch make it hard to beat. An avg. meal for two will cost around Rs. 3,000.

Perera Hussein Publishing House by answering the simple question below:

In the book CHRISTINE – a memoir, by Christine Spittel Wilson, how old was her husband Alastair when he retired from the Colombo Commercial Company?



Send your answer via e-mail to: ph-books@slt.net.lk on or before the 31 of July 2009.

Rules:

Anyone can enter. No purchase necessary. 1 (one) answer per individual. The winner will be selected from a draw of all correct entries on 1-Aug-2009. The winner will be notified by e-mail. CV will publish the correct answer after 1-Aug.

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