

THE GALLE LITERARY FESTIVAL 2010

PROGRAMME
28 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY



THURSDAY 28 JANUARY

GOURMET EVENT

WRITERS' WELCOME

7.00 PM – 9.00 PM
THE DUTCH HOUSE

Join us at a party to welcome our Festival writers to Galle!

\$25 | Rs. 2500

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY

WORKSHOP

THEATRE PROJECT

FRIDAY - 10.00 AM – 1.00 PM, SATURDAY – 10.00 AM – 3.00 PM, SUNDAY – 10.00 AM – 3.00 PM

With the performance on MONDAY AT 10.00 AM.

Writer and director **Ruwanthie de Chickera** calls for new comers to theatre to spend three days making a play, which will be performed at the end of the Festival. To join the project write to info@galleliteraryfestival.com for more information on applying.

Rs. 2000 (inclusive of all days)

<p>10.00-11.00 WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Michelle de Kretser, Ru Freeman, Gillian Slovo, Lal Medawattegedera and David Blacker discuss which stories they have chosen to tell about Sri Lanka and why.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>	<p>10.00-12.00 WORKSHOP WRITING FOR CHILDREN MAMA'S ROOFTOP CAFÉ</p> <p>Sandhya Rao speaks to you about writing your own children's books and introduces you to the dynamic Chennai-based children's publisher, Tulika Books.</p> <p>\$ 15 Rs. 1500</p>	
<p>11.15 – 12.15 FABLES AND FAIRY TALES HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Rana Dasgupta, Shyam Selvadurai, Diran Adebayo and Antonia Michaelis tell us why they keep returning to ancient forms of storytelling.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>11.15-12.15 ADOPTION PAPERS MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Jackie Kay's first collection of poetry was about her own adoption, in Scotland. In <i>The Moon in the Water</i>, Ameena Hussein imagines an adoption on the other side of the world. The writers compare notes.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	
<p>12.45 PM – 2.15 GOURMET EVENT LITERARY LUNCH ADITYA</p> <p><i>Buses leave from Amangalla at 12.20 pm</i></p> <p>Over lunch, Peter Kuruvita, signature chef of the Galle Literary Festival, presents <i>Serendip</i>, his new book on Sri Lankan cooking.</p> <p>\$ 60 Rs. 6000</p>	<p>12.30-1.30 LIGHTHOUSES AND LANDINGS 1 MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Ismeth Raheem has spent two years visiting the lighthouses around Sri Lanka and trying to uncover their hidden histories. Today he combines his findings in architecture and literature.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>	
<p>1.15 - 3.15 WRITE IT YOURSELF HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>For a year Louise Doughty ran a newspaper column intended to dispel myths about writing and get you moving on your novel. Let her do it for you now. Moderated by Sunila Galappatti.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>2.15 - 3.15 EVERY SECRET THING MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Gillian Slovo grew up in the South Africa of Apartheid, with parents who gave their lives to the struggle against it. Here she reads from her memoir and tells us about her life.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs.900 FP</p>	<p>2.30-5.30 WORKSHOP YOUNG ADULTS' WRITING FORT PRINTERS</p> <p>Lal Medawattegedera leads a writing workshop for young adults. Open to all between 15-25.</p> <p>\$ 15 Rs. 1500</p>
<p>1.30 - 4.30 HOW TO EXPLODE A MANGO HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Mohammed Hanif's explosive debut novel is a fictional reconstruction of the planecrash that killed Pakistani President Zia ul Haq. Sarnath Banerjee asks him how he made the bridge from fact to fiction.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>3.30-4.30 TIMOTHY MCSWEENEY'S CONCERNS MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>When it began, <i>Timothy McSweeney's Quarterly Concern</i> was edited in San Francisco and printed in Iceland. Angela Petrella and Mac Barnett tell the story of an unusual publishing house.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	
<p>4.45-5.45 TWO CURES FOR LOVE HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Wendy Cope is perhaps the most popular poet in Britain. But it's not all cups of cocoa; come and hear what she has to say.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>4.45-5.30 KEERTHIHAN'S KITE MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p><i>Followed by Kite flying on the Ramparts</i></p> <p>The writers of <i>Keerthihan's Kite</i> spent two years getting it right. Hear about the genesis of one of Sri Lanka's first trilingual picture books, and learn some Sinhala and Tamil while you're at it.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>	

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY

KITE FLYING ON THE RAMPARTS

5.30 PM - 6.30 PM

RAMPARTS BY THE JUNCTION OF RAMPART STREET AND MIDDLE STREET.

Let's go fly a kite! Kites and kite-makers will be on hand.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

DUTCH ARCHITECTURE AND THE GALLE FORT

6.00 PM - 7.00 PM

AMANGALLA

Ashley de Vos, architect and heritage conservationist, tells us about his work preserving Galle Fort.

\$9 | Rs. 900

DEBUT!

6.00 PM - 7.00 PM

CLOSENBERG HOTEL

Ashok Ferrey reads from his long awaited new book, and very first novel, *Serendipity!*

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

PERFORMANCE

RAVIBANDU VIDYAPATHI DRUM ENSEMBLE

7.00 pm - 8.00 pm

LAW COURT SQUARE

The celebrated **Ravibandu Vidyapathi Drum Ensemble** bring the Festival evening to life with a special performance. Limited seats available for those who need them, standing room open to everyone!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

GOURMET EVENTS

LITERARY DINNER

8.00 PM - 10.00 PM

NO.10, LAW COURT SQUARE, GALLE FORT.

Join **Antony Beevor** and **Artemis Cooper** at a private dinner party as they tell stories from *Paris After the Liberation*.

\$60 | Rs. 6000

LITERARY DINNER

8.00 PM - 10:00 PM

THE FRANGIPANI TREE, THALPE (15 minutes from Galle)

Have dinner with **Mohammed Hanif** by the sea. A private party with no mangoes on the menu!

\$ 60 | Rs. 6000

BURNS' SUPPER

8:00 PM ONWARDS

TAMARIND HILL

Join a celebration of the poet Robert Burns in the traditional way, with toasts to the haggis and singing to follow!

Organised by the Caledonian Society of Sri Lanka.

\$ 40 | Rs. 4000

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY

TOUR

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM **A WALK AROUND THE RAMPARTS**

Begins outside Amangalla.

Ashely de Vos takes you on a walking tour of the Fort.

\$ 15 | Rs. 1500

<p>10:00 – 11:00 PULP FICTION HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Good girls dress more conservatively than bad girls. The hero is better looking than the villain. Is there a formula? Kaveri Lalchand tells the story of her publishing house and its adventures in translating Indian pulp fiction.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p> <p><i>Followed by: WORKSHOP</i></p> <p>11.30 AM - 1.30 PM PULP FICTION NO.42, LIGHTHOUSE STREET, THE GALLE FORT.</p> <p>Learn the Commandments of writing pulp fiction!</p> <p>\$ 15 Rs. 1500</p> <p><i>In association with Printcare.</i></p>	<p>10.00 – 11.00 OPENING LINES MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>We asked our Festival writers to give us opening lines for new stories. Hear how these stories were finished by aspiring writers. Poet Hasini Haputhanthri moderates and reads from her own work.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>	<p>10.00-11.00 THE BICENTENNIAL GARDEN AMANGALLA</p> <p>200 years ago a garden was planted in Peradeniya to be the grand tropical counterpart to Kew Gardens in London. Hear the extraordinary story of its growth. Siril Wijesundara, current Director General of the Botanical Gardens talks with Sarala Fernando.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900</p>
<p>11.15 – 12.15 DEAD PLANTERS AND LOST DOGS HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Michelle de Kretser's novels have always been marked by mystery. Come and hear her explain herself.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>11.15-12.15 A SPLENDID AFTERNOON TO WALK OUT MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>At the age of 18 Patrick Leigh Fermor walked from the Hook of Holland to Constantinople. Artemis Cooper relates her experiences as the official biographer of one of Britain's greatest travel writers.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>11.15-12.15 ROOMS OF THEIR OWN AMANGALLA</p> <p>Channa Daswatte talks you through a series of architects' houses and discusses the peculiar task that architects face when they design houses for themselves.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs.900</p>
<p>12.30 - 2.00 GOURMET EVENT A PRIVATE AFFAIR!</p> <p>Enjoy an intimate lunch in a heritage home. Choose between Shyam Selvadurai, Jackie Kay and Mohammed Hanif!</p> <p>\$60 Rs.600</p>	<p>12.30 – 1.30 LIGHTHOUSES AND LANDINGS II MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Richard Boyle examines books by 19th and early 20th century British colonisers describing and promoting Ceylon to readers back home.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>	
<p>2.15 – 3.15 HIDDEN LIVES HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Claire Tomalin has told the stories of hidden women in history: Dora Jordan, mistress to the King, and Nelly Ternan, Charles Dickens' dirty secret. Today she tells us why she chose these tales to tell.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>2.15 – 3. 15 CORRIDORS AND CAPERS MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Sarnath Banerjee lets us forget our homework and spend the afternoon reading comics.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>3.00 - 4.30 WORKSHOP BEARING WITNESS MAMA'S ROOFTOP CAFÉ</p> <p>Angela Petrella introduces you to the <i>Voice of Witness</i> series and ways to tell personal versions of public histories.</p> <p>\$15 Rs. 1500</p>
<p>3.30 - 4.30 STRANGE HEROES HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Michelle de Kretser, Shehan Karunatilaka, Mohammed Hanif and Jackie Kay tell us how they've enjoyed the company of the eccentrics, alcoholics and paranoid dictators in their novels.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>3.30 - 4.30 RESIDENT CRITIC MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Rajpal Abeynayake tells us what he dislikes about the Galle Literary Festival. And you get to ask the questions this time. Moderated by Sunila Galapatti, Director of the Galle Literary Festival this year.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	
<p>4.45 - 5.45 LIFE SENTENCES HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Ian Rankin tells us how his most famous detective, John Rebus, came to be, and finally to retire.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>4.45-5.45 A DISOBEDIENT GIRL MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Ru Freeman reads from her debut novel. Moderated by Ameena Hussein.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY

TOUR

HANUMAN'S HERBS

4.00 PM - 6.00 PM

Meet outside Amangalla.

Legend has it that in transporting curative herbs from the Himalayas to Lanka, the Monkey God Hanuman dropped a piece of mountain at Unawatuna. Ecologist and taxonomist **Professor Samarakoon** of Ruhuna University, leads you on a botanical tour of the Rumassalla hill, to discover the truth of the story.

\$ 15 | Rs. 1500

PERFORMANCE

CONCERT AT DUSK

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH

The Chamber Music Society of Colombo returns to give you another magical concert, this time with a world premiere of a new composition completing the orchestra's cycle of works by resident composer Stephen Allen.

\$ 10 | Rs. 1000

SOLO SESSION

6.00 PM - 7.00 PM

CINNAMON TERRACE, JETWING LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL

Salman Rushdie called **Rana Dasgupta** 'the most unexpected and original Indian writer of his generation'. Come and hear from Rana in person.

\$ 9 | Rs. 900

GOURMET EVENTS

LITERARY DINNER

8:00 - 10.00 PM

AMANGALLA

Join **Claire Tomalin** and **Michael Frayn** for a special literary dinner.

\$60 | Rs. 6000

LITERARY DINNER

8:00 PM - 10.00 PM

GALLE FORT HOTEL

Dine with **Shyam Selvadurai** in the courtyard of the Galle Fort Hotel.

\$60 | Rs. 6000

LITERARY DINNER

8.00 PM - 10.00 PM

KAHANDA KANDA

Ian Rankin will make no speeches tonight, but would love you to join him for dinner.

\$ 60 | Rs. 6000

FESTIVAL PARTY

10:00 PM onwards

JETWING LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL

Come let your hair down at the Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel! Bring a Festival ticket for admission and get there before the place fills up.

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

AN AUDIENCE WITH IRANGANI SERASINGHE

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
PEDLAR'S INN

Irangani Serasinghe, heroine of Sri Lanka's stage and screen, speaks about her life and work, and how things have changed.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

<p>10.00 – 11.00 MAKING LEGENDS HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Shehan Karunatilaka won the Gratiaen Prize last year for his novel in manuscript about 'the greatest Sri Lankan cricketer never to achieve stardom'. The legend of Pradeep Mathew is told by W.G. Karunasena, an ageing, alcoholic sports journalist. Today Shehan, Sri Lanka's great novelistic hope, talks to Amit Varma, among other things a cricket journalist.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>10.00 – 11.00 ANJALENDRAN MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>David Robson interviews the architect on his work.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>10.00 – 11.00 POETRY READING FORT PRINTERS</p> <p>Thavayoganathan Sajitharan reads from his own poetry and the work of other Tamil poets he thinks we should celebrate.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>
<p>11.15 – 12. 15 THE LIVES OF CITIES HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Claire Tomalin wrote about one of London's most famous chroniclers, Diran Adebayo has told urban fables, Rana Dasgupta, transported readers around the world in 13 stories. Today they discuss the split lives of cities.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>11.15 – 12. 15 TRAVELLERS' TALES MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Louise Doughty comes from a long line of Romany gypsies whom she has written about and reinvented through her books. Come and hear her speak about a unique heritage and a hidden history.</p> <p><i>THIS IS A FREE EVENT.</i></p>	<p>11.15 AM – 1.15 PM GRAPHIC NOVEL WORKSHOP THE FORT HOUSE, 42, LIGHTHOUSE STREET</p> <p>Sarnath Banerjee, India's sensational young graphic novelist leads you down a corridor to creating your own graphic novel.</p> <p>\$15 Rs. 1500</p>
<p>12.30 - 2.00 GOURMET EVENT A PRIVATE AFFAIR!</p> <p>Enjoy an intimate lunch in a heritage home. Choose between Michelle de Kretser and Louise Doughty!</p> <p>\$ 60 Rs. 6000</p>	<p>12.30-2.00 GOURMET EVENT LUNCH IN THE PADDYFIELDS <i>Meet at Jetwing Lighthouse at 12.30</i></p> <p>Join Diran Adebayo and Shehan Karunatilaka for lunch in the open air at Jetwing's Kurulubedde.</p> <p>\$40 Rs. 4000</p>	
<p>2.15-3.15 PLAYING FAST AND LOOSE WITH HISTORY HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Renowned historian Antony Beevor chronicles the rise of the conspiracy theory.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>2.15 - 3.15 THE CHILD IN HER MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>After writing the stories of umbrella thieves and runaway beards, Sybil Wettasinghe has been writing the story of her own life. Born just outside Galle, she reads from her memoir about what life was like in the area when she was a child.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>2.15 – 3.15 AMIT VARMA FORT PRINTERS</p> <p>Amit Varma is an award-winning journalist, blogger and now a novelist. Hear him read from <i>My Friend Sancho</i> and speak about his work.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900</p>
<p>3.30 – 4.30 ENDINGS HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Killing characters and tying up loose ends: Mohammed Hanif, Louise Doughty and Sarnath Banerjee explain how they do it.</p> <p>\$9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>3.30 – 4.30 GUANTANAMO MARITIME MUSEUM</p> <p>Gillian Slovo co-compiled a play based on testimonial accounts of Guantanamo Bay Detention Centre. It went on to play in theatres all over the world. She speaks now about this experience.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>	<p>3.30 – 5.30 TEA PARTY THE DUTCH HOUSE</p> <p>Enjoy an old fashioned tea party laid on by Peter Kuruvita. On the lawn of the Dutch House, listen to Wendy Cope and Jackie Kay read their poetry.</p> <p>\$20 Rs 2000</p> <p>\$10 Rs.1000 <i>for children under 16</i></p>
<p>4.45-5.45 NOISES ON HALL DE GALLE</p> <p>Michael Frayn has written as a journalist, novelist and playwright. Today he tells us how fiction can sometimes alter reality.</p> <p>\$ 9 Rs. 900 FP</p>		

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

REINCARNATIONS

6.00 PM – 7.00 PM

CINNAMON TERRACE, THE JETWING LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL

Shyam Selvadurai gives us a first preview of two new books, both based on the Buddhist *jataka* tales.

\$9 | Rs. 900

DETECTIVES AT THE BAR

6.30 - 8.00 PM ONWARDS

GALLE FORT HOTEL

While nursing your favourite detectives' favourite drinks, ask all your questions about becoming a crime writer from **Ian Rankin**, who already dunnit. Ticket includes your first drink!

\$ 20 | Rs. 2000

PERFORMANCE

CHITRASENA DANCE COMPANY

6.30 – 7.30 PM

LAW COURT SQUARE

Sri Lanka's premier dance company give a special performance.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT

THE LAST WORD

9.00 PM ONWARDS

THE SUN HOUSE

Enjoy **Diran Adebayo's** readings to music and everything our Festival writers haven't yet had a chance to say. Come early before the place fills up!

\$ 9 | Rs. 900

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY

TOUR

WHALE-WATCH

6.00AM-11.00AM

Meet at the Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel.

Join a small band of seafarers and Festival writers, and set off to look for whales!

Organised by Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel.

\$60 | Rs. 6000

TOUR

MY OWN GALLE FORT

9.00 AM - 11:00 AM

Begins in front of the Amangalla

Mrs. S.F. Cader's family have lived in the Fort for over 100 years. Today she leads you on a tour of the place she grew up in and tells you about the old Muslim families of Galle Fort.

\$15 | Rs. 1500

TOUR

CYCLE TOUR

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Begins and ends at Wijeya Beach, Thalpe

Finish off the Festival with a gentle ride into the interior of Galle, with its paddy fields and temples. Ride at your own pace and enjoy refreshments along the way!

\$20 | Rs. 2000

PERFORMANCE

PRESENTATION OF THEATRE WORKSHOP

10.00 AM – 11.00 AM

MARITIME MUSEUM

Witness the results of a three day workshop led by **Ruwanthie de Chickera**, for a group of newcomers to theatre.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

COOKING SCHOOL: A FEAST OF GALLE

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Learn to cook a real Galle speciality from ladies of the Fort, and hear about the history of the dishes. Enjoy the feast you have prepared!

Proceeds go to the Muslim Women's Association of Galle.

\$20 | Rs. 2000

GOURMET EVENT

FINALE LUNCH

1.00 PM – 2.30 PM

JETWING LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL

A last chance to linger over lunch with Festival readers and writers.

\$40 | Rs. 4000