



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

16th to 20th January 2008

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JANUARY 2008

<p>8.30am - 5.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 001</p> <p>Bawa and Beyond Come & join world renowned architect, Channa Daswatte on a tour from Galle to Tangalle visiting a wide variety of Sri Lankan architecture from Geoffrey Bawa to Valentine Gunsekara and beyond!</p> <p>Tour Guide: Channa Daswatte Location: A bus will depart from outside Amangalla in Galle Fort at 8.15am sharp.</p> <p>In association with Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets. Inclusive of lunch.)</p>
<p>6.00pm - 7.00pm</p>	<p>Festival Opening & Launch FREE EVENT</p> <p>Join us in the Law Court Square, Galle Fort for the grand opening of the 2nd International Galle Literary Festival.</p> <p>Location: The Law Court Square, Galle Fort</p>

<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>A Remarkable History! Event Code: 002</p> <p>Featuring William Dalrymple</p> <p>The award winning author will discuss his most recent book <i>The Last Mughal</i>, taking you on a journey through the Indian rebellion of 1857-8 and the deposition of the last Mughal Emperor.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>Sri Lanka through French Lense</p> <p>French photographer and poet Marc Blanchet brings to life the black & white images from his current exhibition at The Lighthouse Hotel and shares with us the journey he took capturing these incredible images.</p> <p>Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Sponsored by Alliance Francaise network in Sri Lanka and the Embassy of France.</p>
<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>English in Sri Lanka Event Code: 004</p> <p>Michael Meyler & Richard Boyle Hear experts discuss the use of the English language and its nuances in contemporary Sri Lankan culture and writing.</p> <p>Moderator: Simon Winchester Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by Sri Lanka Telecom</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>The Gratiaen: Before & After Event Code: 005</p> <p>Punyakante Wijenaike, Neil Fernandopulle & Seneka Abeyratne</p> <p>A selection of Gratiaen Award winners, writers discuss the impact of this significant award initiated by Michael Ondaatje, on their writing and their lives.</p> <p>Moderator: Ashok Ferrey Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 006</p> <p>Literary Lunch with Jung Chang & Jon Halliday</p> <p>3-course lunch presented by British chef, author & food writer Carina Cooper.</p> <p>Husband and wife, historian Jon Halliday and writer Jung Chang, take us on a journey exploring their painstakingly researched and controversial story of Mao: <i>The Unknown Story</i>.</p> <p>Location: Aditya, Rathgama</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 007</p> <p>Literary Lunch: The Female Pen</p> <p>3-course lunch presented by UK celebrity chef Sophie Grigson.</p> <p>Enjoy a superb lunch with poet and novelist Tishani Doshi, provocative author Manuka Wijesinghe and leading Sri Lankan author Karen Roberts.</p> <p>Moderator: Nury Vittachi</p> <p>Location: Amangalla, Galle Fort</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>

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12.30pm - 1.00pm	<p>BOOK LAUNCH FREE EVENT</p> <p>Elmo Jayawardena launches his new book <i>Rainbows in Braille</i>, a collection of short stories.</p> <p>Introduction by Deepika Shetty</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p>		
2.00pm - 3.00pm	<p>Stylemakers of Ceylon Event Code: 008</p> <p>Sri Lankan Style brought alive by artist Laki Senanayake, designer Barbara Sansoni, architect Channa Daswatte & photographer Dominic Sansoni.</p> <p>Moderator: Ashok Ferrey Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	2.00pm - 3.00pm	<p>From Page to Stage Event Code: 009</p> <p>Seneka Abeyratne, Indu Dharmasena, Tracy Holsinger, Delon Weerasinghe and other Sri Lankan playwrights and directors discuss the challenges of writing and performing for an audience versus writing for a reader.</p> <p>Moderator: Sunila Galappatti Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
3.15pm - 4.15pm	<p>Sindbad the Sailor Event Code: 010</p> <p>Adventurer and travel writer Tim Severin and author researcher Richard Boyle discuss their fascination with Sindbad's voyages.</p> <p>Moderator: Simon Winchester Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by Sri Lanka Ports Authority</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	3.15pm - 4.15pm	<p>BOOK LAUNCH FREE EVENT</p> <p>Barbara Sansoni launches <i>Viharas and Verandahs</i> a record of some of the finest architecture in the island of the last thousand years (before modern times). A few of the buildings have disappeared, and these drawings are their tribute, yet many remain - and for how long?</p> <p>Introduction by Professor Ronald Lewcock</p> <p>Location: Maritime Museum</p>
3.00pm - 6.00pm	<p>CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP Event Code: 012</p> <p>An opportunity for budding writers to work with award-winning author & Creative Writing Professor Shyam Selvadurai.</p> <p>Location: Galle Fort Library</p> <p>Price: US\$15.00 / SLR1,500.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>		

<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>The Role of the Publisher Event Code: 013</p> <p>Get the inside scoop from global and Sri Lankan publishing houses on the process: finding talent, editing, marketing and distributing.</p> <p>Alexandra Pringle - Bloomsbury, UK Chiki Sarkar - Random House, India Sam Perera - PH Books, Sri Lanka Simon Prosser - Hamish Hamilton & Penguin, UK</p> <p>Moderator: Nury Vittachi Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by Printcare</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>Writing: The Pain & The Pleasure Event Code: 014</p> <p>Join emerging writers Indran Amirthanayagam, Julian West and Randy Boyagoda as they discuss what motivates people to write and what it takes to make the distance. The trials and tribulations of getting your first book published.</p> <p>Moderator: Deepika Shetty Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Sponsored by The New Asia Writing Partnership</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>4.30pm - 6.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 015</p> <p>WALKING TOUR Join Rajpal de Silva, an expert on the history of Dutch Forts, as he takes you on a walking tour of the UN World Heritage Site of Galle Fort.</p> <p>Location: Starts from The Mercantile Seamen Training Institute.</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>		
<p>6.00pm - 7.30pm</p>	<p>Performance Time! FREE EVENT</p> <p>Two skits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuka Wijesinghe performs an excerpt from her novel <i>Monsoon & Potholes</i> directed by Indu Dharmasena. • A sneak preview of a forthcoming satirical play <i>Alice on the Lotus Island</i> written by Asoka Mendis de Zoysa & Sashi Mendis Decosta. <p>Introduced by Tracy Holsinger</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p>		

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<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 016</p> <p>Literary Dinner with celebrated historian & author Simon Winchester.</p> <p>3-course dinner presented by internationally renowned chef Channa Dassanayaka.</p> <p>Location: Kahanda Kanda (40 minutes from Galle) Transport will be provided by the festival departing from outside Amangalla at 7.00pm sharp.</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>EVENING FILM FREE EVENT</p> <p>Watch <i>Circles of Violence</i> and join the scriptwriter and director Sam de Silva in conversation with Sharmini Boyle as they give insights into this 45 minute documentary.</p> <p>This film is a personal exploration that exposing the island's dark history and attempting to make sense of the depth beneath the violence.</p> <p>Location: Pilgrims Lounge, Galle Fort</p>
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<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>Traveller's Tales Event Code: 017</p> <p>Featuring Tim Severin, Brian Keenan, Sandra Hoffmann & Vikram Seth.</p> <p>Cross continents and cultures with some of the world's best travel writers.</p> <p>Moderator: William Dalrymple Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by Sri Lankan Airlines</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>The Power of Poetry Event Code: 018</p> <p>John Mateer, Tishani Doshi, Jeet Thayil, Indran Amrithanayagam, Sophie Hannah & Vivimarie VanderPoorten.</p> <p>Join these contemporary poets as they entertain you with their award winning poetry and discuss the process and allure of the poetic form.</p> <p>Moderator: Jill Macdonald Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>The Writing Life Event Code: 019</p> <p>Join two of Sri Lanka's most prominent and provocative story tellers Carl Muller and Yasmine Gooneratne in conversation with Nury Vittachi.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by Sri Lanka Telecom</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>Climate Change & Tourism: The Dilemma Event Code: 020</p> <p>Featuring Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne, Ranil Senanayake, Susan Elderkin, Rory Spowers, Vikrom Mathur & Kim Kindersley.</p> <p>Learn about the myths and realities of Climate Change. Explore Sri Lanka's position from tourism to conservation.</p> <p>Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>In association with Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>

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<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 021</p> <p>Literary Lunch: The Canada Connection</p> <p>3-course lunch presented by author & internationally renowned chef Channa Dassanayaka.</p> <p>Join Shyam Selvadurai, Randy Boyagoda and Indran Amirthanayagam, as they discuss their writing journeys.</p> <p>Moderator: Nury Vittachi</p> <p>Location: The Light House Hotel, Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 022</p> <p>Literary Lunch: Journey Around the World</p> <p>3-course lunch presented by British chef, author & food writer Carina Cooper.</p> <p>Explorer, author and film maker Tim Severin shares with you some of his greatest journeys around the world.</p> <p>Moderator: Deepika Shetty Location: The Fortress, Koggala</p> <p>Transport will be provided by the festival departing from outside Amangalla at 11.45am sharp.</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>
<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>HERITAGE SEMINAR FREE EVENT</p> <p>Ismeth Raheem, author, architect and artist, gives a detailed overview of the history of the Galle Fort.</p> <p>Location: Mercantile Seamen Training Institute, Galle Fort</p>	<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT</p> <p>A Private Affair! Intimate lunches in interesting heritage homes with a variety of authors. Choose from:</p> <p>William Dalrymple Event Code: 023 Vikram Seth Event Code: 024 Carl Muller Event Code: 025</p> <p>Location: Galle Fort Houses</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>
<p>2.00pm - 3.00pm</p>	<p>Longing & Belonging Event Code: 029</p> <p>Karen Roberts, Shyam Selvadurai, Randy Boyagoda & Channa Wickremesekera.</p> <p>Explore the meaning of Diaspora and what impact it has on the writing of these authors.</p> <p>Moderator: Richard Simon Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>2.00pm - 3.00pm</p>	<p>An Evil Cradling Event Code: 030</p> <p>Brian Keenan, international travel writer discusses his intimate account of being held hostage for five years in Lebanon with Simon Winchester.</p> <p>Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>

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<p>3.15pm - 4.15pm</p>	<p>Wild Swans: Life in Exile Event Code: 031</p> <p>Hear Jung Chang in conversation with her husband historian Jon Halliday about her compelling family history and how it interweaves with China's journey.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>3.15pm - 4.15pm</p>	<p>Cricket Mania! Event Code: 032</p> <p>Hear from writers Kamila Shamsie, Tishani Doshi, Rahul Bhattacharya and Sri Lankan Cricketer Kumar Sangakkara about their passion for the game.</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Roberts Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Sponsored by Etv</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>3.00pm - 6.00pm</p>	<p>CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP Event Code: 033</p> <p>An opportunity for budding writers to try their hand at writing creatively. Learn how to plunge yourself into the writing process with Nazreen Sansoni.</p> <p>Location: Galle Fort Library</p> <p>Price: US\$15.00 / SLR1,500.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>		
<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>The Edge of Prejudice Event Code: 034</p> <p>Explore the literary treatment of prejudice (racial, sexual, cultural) with contemporary writers Kamila Shamsie, Channa Wickremesekera and Shyam Selvadurai.</p> <p>Moderator: Rama Mani Location: Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>Whose Narrative is it Anyway? Event Code: 035</p> <p>Explore the increasingly multicultural nature of writing and the ongoing influence of globalisation, imperialism and postcolonialism with Michael Roberts, Randy Boyagoda and John Mateer.</p> <p>Moderator: Nury Vittachi Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>ARCHITECTURE SEMINAR Free Event</p> <p>Globally renowned architect, conservator and scholar Professor Ronald Lewcock shares his expertise on Dutch Colonial architecture with you.</p> <p>Location: Mercantile Seamans Training Institute, Galle Fort</p>		

<p>6.30pm - 8.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 037</p> <p>Debate: The End of the World is Nigh!</p> <p>Is Climate Change the only threat to the human race? Hear an illustrious group of intellectuals discuss the issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilali Noordeen • Rukshan Jayawardene • Simon Winchester • Kim Kindersley • Vikrom Mathur <p>Location: Amangalla</p> <p>Sponsored by Amangalla</p> <p>Price: US\$10.00 / SLR1,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	<p>6.30pm - 7.30pm</p>	<p>BOOK LAUNCH FREE EVENT</p> <p>Indran Amirthanayagam officially launches <i>The Splintered Face</i>, a series of poems written after the 2004 tsunami.</p> <p>Introduced by Tracy Holsinger</p> <p>Location: Dicks Bar at The Sun House</p>
<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 038</p> <p>Literary Dinner with world renowned author and polemicist Gore Vidal.</p> <p>3-course dinner presented by UK Celebrity Chef Sophie Grigson.</p> <p>Moderator: Randy Boyagoda</p> <p>Location: The Dutch House, Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 039</p> <p>Literary Dinner with much loved author of the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series Alexander McCall Smith in conversation with Nury Vittachi.</p> <p>3-course dinner presented by internationally renowned chef Peter Kuruvita.</p> <p>Location: Tamarind Hill, Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>
<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>Poetry Slam! FREE EVENT</p> <p>An informal evening of poetry, music and fun. An opportunity for you to recite original poetry. Write down your name as you enter the venue and recite your verse alongside various poets.</p> <p>Poets: Jeet Thayil, John Mateer, Tishani Doshi, Indran Amirthanayagam, Vivimarie VanderPoorten and Sandra Fernando.</p> <p>Featuring: This be the beat - Spoken Jazz Suman Sridhar: Vocals & Midi Programming Jeet Thayil: Vocals & Guitar</p> <p>Compere: Tracy Holsinger Location: Dicks Bar at The Sun House</p>	<p>6.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>EVENING FILM FREE EVENT</p> <p>Watch <i>Lagaan</i> an entertaining “not quite Bollywood” story with great music about an Indian village assembling a cricket team in response to a challenge by the British. It is about spirit, inspiration, and cinematic brilliance.</p> <p>Location: The Lady Hill Hotel, Galle</p>

<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>The Meaning of Everything Event Code: 040</p> <p>Featuring Simon Winchester in conversation with Hilali Noordeen</p> <p>A range of eclectic subjects fascinate this well-respected journalist and writer. Hear many stories including the story of the Oxford English Dictionary, a scintillating account of the creation of the greatest monument erected to a living language.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>The Female Pioneers Event Code: 041</p> <p>Featuring Yasmine Gooneratne, Jean Arasanayagam, Vijita Fernando, Anne Ransinghe & Punyakante Wijenaike.</p> <p>Enjoy a fascinating discussion with these trailblazing writers as they share their varied lives and writing passions.</p> <p>Moderator: Deepika Shetty</p> <p>Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>																
<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>A Good Detective and a Good Woman Event Code: 042</p> <p>Alexander McCall Smith</p> <p>An in-depth conversation with author of the much feted No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series. Find out how Precious Ramotswe changed the life of an established author of forty books and distinguished professor of medical law.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>Fact or Fiction Event Code: 043</p> <p>Kamila Shamsie, John Zubrzycki, Julian West and Sandra Hoffmann</p> <p>Some are novelists, some are journalists some are both. Hear them discuss their motivations and the gulf or the bridge between fact and fiction.</p> <p>Moderator: William Dalrymple</p> <p>Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Sponsored by Wijeya Newspapers Ltd</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>																
<p>12.30pm - 1.45pm</p>	<p>BOOK LAUNCHES FREE EVENT</p> <p>Jean Arasanaygam launches her latest novel <i>Dragons in the Wilderness</i> the story of a woman's self realisation to discover not just one world but many within the constraints of society and convention.</p> <p>Rajiva Wijesinha launches <i>The Terrorist Trilogy</i> which brings together <i>Acts of Faith</i> (about the 1983 riots), <i>Days of Despair</i> (about the 1987 Accord and its aftermath) and <i>The Limits of Love</i> (based on the life of Richard de Zoysa).</p> <p>Introduced by Yasmine Gooneratne</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p>	<p>12.30pm - 1.30pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT</p> <p>A Private Affair! Intimate lunches in interesting heritage homes with a variety of authors. Choose from:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Karen Roberts</td> <td>Event Code: 044</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jung Chang</td> <td>Event Code: 045</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brian Keenan</td> <td>Event Code: 046</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gore Vidal</td> <td>Event Code: 047</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simon Winchester</td> <td>Event Code: 048</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Severin</td> <td>Event Code: 049</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Elderkin</td> <td>Event Code: 051</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kamila Shamsie & Tishani Doshi</td> <td>Event Code: 050</td> </tr> </table> <p>Location: Galle Fort Houses</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	Karen Roberts	Event Code: 044	Jung Chang	Event Code: 045	Brian Keenan	Event Code: 046	Gore Vidal	Event Code: 047	Simon Winchester	Event Code: 048	Tim Severin	Event Code: 049	Susan Elderkin	Event Code: 051	Kamila Shamsie & Tishani Doshi	Event Code: 050
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<p>2.00pm - 3.00pm</p>	<p>Funny Boy talks to Funny Man Event Code: 052</p> <p>Come and listen to Shyam Selvadurai, groundbreaking author of Sri Lanka's first gay novel <i>Funny Boy</i> in conversation with Ashok Ferrey, as they discuss love, life and writing.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Sponsored by Emirates</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>2.00pm - 3.00pm</p>	<p>Bloggers: Can they be taken seriously? Event Code: 053</p> <p>Indi Samarajiva, Deepika Shetty, Nazreen Sansoni, Sanjana Hattotuwa, Ravana and Iresha Dilhani.</p> <p>Do blogs today better capture who we are and what we imagine ourselves to be? This panel will bring together leading winning bloggers and writers to explore these issues in a provocative and engaging discussion.</p> <p>Moderator: Nury Vittachi Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Sponsored by Sri Lanka Telecom</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>3.15pm - 4.15pm</p>	<p>The Voice Within Event Code: 054</p> <p>Why do writers write? The compulsion, the muse, the audience and the writer.</p> <p>Tishani Doshi, Yasmine Gooneratne, Indran Amirthanayagam and Brian Keenan</p> <p>Moderator: Sunila Galappatti Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>3.15pm - 4.15pm</p>	<p>The Last Nizam: From Riches to Rags Event Code: 055</p> <p>Ever heard of the Indian Prince who lost it all in the Australian outback? Get ready for a history lesson like no other in this evocative story by award-winning journalist John Zubrzycki.</p> <p>Moderator: William Dalrymple Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>A Suitable Novel Event Code: 056</p> <p>Vikram Seth author of the epic best-selling novel of postcolonial India, <i>A Suitable Boy</i>, in conversation with journalist, blogger and news producer Deepika Shetty.</p> <p>Location: The Hall de Galle</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>	<p>4.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>Living with Conflict Event Code: 057</p> <p>Kamila Shamsie, A. Santhan, Louise Dean, Karen Roberts and Lal Medawattegedara.</p> <p>Hear these authors discuss the impact & significance of conflict on their work.</p> <p>Moderator: Sharmini Boyle Location: Maritime Museum</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>

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<p>4.30pm - 6.00pm</p>	<p>SEMINAR FREE EVENT</p> <p>Tea: A Pathway to Peace</p> <p>Sarah Scarborough gives an inspiring talk on the viability of an age-old trade in the face of a quickly changing modern world.</p> <p>Location: Mercantile Seamen Training Institute</p>	<p>3.00pm - 6.00pm</p>	<p>COOKING WORKSHOP Event Code: 027</p> <p>The perfect opportunity to come and learn some culinary secrets from chef and author Channa Dassanayaka. Channa, inspired by the recent menu that he prepared for the Dalai Lama will share his special blend of food & spirituality.</p> <p>Location: The Fortress, Koggala</p> <p>Price: US\$30.00 / SLR3,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>
<p>6.00pm - 7.30pm</p>	<p>Literary Quiz FREE EVENT</p> <p>Be entertained, be challenged and be titillated with comedian, author and literary critic Nury Vittachi.</p> <p>Location: Rampart Hotel, Galle Fort</p> <p>Sponsored by My Carbon Stash.</p>		
<p>7.30pm - 8.30pm</p>	<p>MUSIC & READINGS FREE EVENT</p> <p>Be entertained with music and readings from Ashok Ferrey's Colpetty People and <i>The Good Little Ceylonese Girl</i> brought to life by Gill Westaway and the author.</p> <p>Location: The Cloisenberg Hotel, Galle</p>	<p>7.00pm - 8.00pm</p>	<p>THEATRE PERFORMANCE FREE EVENT</p> <p><i>Voicing Silence</i> directed by Jake Oorloff. A performance based on the narratives and experiences of Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender men and women living in Sri Lanka.</p> <p>Location: Pilgrims Lounge, Galle Fort</p>
<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 058</p> <p>Literary Dinner with internationally acclaimed Indian poet, novelist, travel writer, children's author and biographer Vikram Seth in conversation with Tishani Doshi.</p> <p>3-course dinner presented by author & internationally renowned chef Peter Kuruvita.</p> <p>Location: Amangalla, Galle Fort</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>	<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 059</p> <p>Literary Dinner with acclaimed historian and award winning author William Dalrymple in conversation with Hilali Noordeen.</p> <p>3-course dinner presented by celebrity chef Sophie Grigson.</p> <p>Location: Fort Printers, Galle Fort</p> <p>Price: US\$50.00 / SLR5,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>

<p>8.00pm - 10.00pm</p>	<p>EVENING FILM FREE EVENT</p> <p>Whale Dreamers: A must-see film for all those who care about our planet.</p> <p>Come and watch this provocative film, a Julian Lennon production and winner of 8 international film festival awards. A powerful portrayal of how the events of September 11, global warming and the ensuing war on terror are destroying us.</p> <p>Meet scriptwriter and director Kim Kindersley, as he gives us insights into this powerful film.</p> <p>Sponsored by Six Senses Resorts & Spa</p> <p>Location: The Ball Room, The Light House Hotel</p>		
<p>10.00pm - late</p>	<p>LIVE SHOW & ENTERTAINMENT FREE EVENT</p> <p>Writers are often multi-talented creatures, harbouring secret skills and quirky pasts. The Light House Hotel will play host to an unpredictable evening featuring festival writers who will strum, sing, shimmy and shake. Its time to let your hair down.</p> <p>Compere: Nury Vittachi</p> <p>Music by Boycy</p> <p>Location: The Light House Hotel</p>		

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LOCATION: The Light House Hotel, Galle
TIME: 9.30am - 3.00pm

<p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>Can Language Provide a Bridge to Peace? Event Code: 060</p> <p>Listen to this eminent group discussing how effectively the written and spoken word may be used as a mechanism for peace.</p> <p>Rajiva Wijesinha, A. Santhan, Neloufer de Mel, Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Sanjana Hattotuwa & Jean Arasanayagam</p> <p>Moderator: Rama Mani Location: The Eddystone Hall, The Light House Hotel</p> <p>Sponsored by Sri Lanka Telecom</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>11.00am - 12.00pm</p>	<p>The Nature of the American Empire Event Code: 061</p> <p>Join world renowned author and polemicist Gore Vidal in conversation with Simon Winchester.</p> <p>Location: The Eddystone Hall, The Light House Hotel</p> <p>Price: US\$8.00 / SLR800.00 Students: SLR150.00</p>
<p>1.00pm - 3.00pm</p>	<p>FEATURE EVENT Event Code: 062</p> <p>Literary Lunch & Grande Finale</p> <p>Your last chance to dine with the festival authors. Each table will consist of 10 guests plus 2 festival authors.</p> <p>Location: The Cinnamon Room & Terrace, The Light House Hotel</p> <p>Sponsored by Jetwing Hotels</p> <p>Price: US\$30.00 / SLR3,000.00 (Limited Tickets)</p>



FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

16th to 20th January 2008

THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2008 - SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2008

Yoga Workshops with Channa Dassanayaka

Event Code: 0063

Under the guidance of his spiritual leaders, **Channa Dassanayaka** offers you the opportunity to begin or continue a yoga practise that is both mentally probing and physically inspiring.

Yoga Workshops held daily from Thursday, 17th January 2008 to Sunday, 20th January 2008.

Time: 7.30am - 8.30am

Cost: SLR300.00

Limited Tickets. Registration Mandatory.

Location: Tamarind Hill, Galle

THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2008 - 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Creative Writing Workshop with Shyam Selvadurai

Event Code: 012

An opportunity for budding writers to work with award-winning author & Creative Writing Professor **Shyam Selvadurai**.

Cost: US\$15.00 / SLR1,500.00

Location: The Galle Fort Library, Galle Fort

FRIDAY, 18TH JANUARY 2008 - 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Creative Writing Workshop with Nazreen Sansoni

Event Code: 033

Do you feel inspired by great writing? This workshop gives beginners an opportunity to try their hand at writing creatively. Learn how to plunge yourself into the writing process with **Nazreen Sansoni**.

Cost: US\$15.00 / SLR1,500.00

Location: The Galle Fort Library, Galle Fort

SATURDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2008 - 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Cooking Workshop with Channa Dassanayaka

Event Code: 027

The perfect opportunity to come and learn some culinary secrets from chef and author **Channa Dassanayaka**. Channa, inspired by the recent menu that he prepared for the Dalai Lama will share his special blend of food & spirituality.

Location: The Fortress, Koggala

Price: US\$30.00 / SLR3,000.00
(Limited Tickets)



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

GALLE, SRI LANKA

19th & 20th January 2008

The 2008 Galle Literary Festival features a selection of fun-filled and informative workshops and discussions with a variety of authors. Suitable for young people from 6-16. All events are **FREE** and are held in English.

All Children must register their names at the Festival Box Office at Barefoot in Galle or Colombo.

SATURDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2008

LOCATION: Thomas Gall International School, 75 Light House St, Galle Fort.

Throughout the Saturday children can enjoy "Chuti Loke" - A small world, an interactive event based on experiencing the beauty, danger and vulnerability of our living world. **Rainforest Rescue International** will be setting up a walk through experience for young rangers and the young at heart to experience the natural wonders of the environment and especially those which can be found near Galle.

9.30am - 10.30am	<p>Before Precious</p> <p>Featuring Alexander McCall Smith</p> <p>Alexander McCall Smith entertained children long before adults so the children get the first glimpse!</p>	9.30am - 10.30am	<p>Breathe and Stretch</p> <p>Channa Dassanayaka's Yoga Workshop</p> <p>Start the day with a gentle introduction to the ancient energizing art of Yoga.</p>
10.30am- 11.30am	<p>If you can't write it draw it!</p> <p>With author, artist, designer Barbara Sansoni</p> <p>Learn how drawing can bring writing alive.</p>	10.30am- 11.30am	<p>Creative Workshop</p> <p>Featuring John James Ford</p> <p>Imagery and writing - unleashing the imagination using symbols from around the world.</p>

LOCATION: Thomas Gall International School, 75 Light House St, Galle Fort.

<p>11.30am - 12.30 pm</p>	<p>The Land that grew me</p> <p>Featuring British writer Susan Elderkin</p> <p>A lively, interactive workshop exploring the landscape children are growing up in, how it has shaped them and affected them, and what their relationship to their landscape is now.</p>	<p>11.30am - 1.30pm</p>	<p>Drama Workshop</p> <p>Featuring Sashi Mendis Decosta</p> <p>Develop characters and story lines. Sharpen up your improvisation skills in this interactive drama workshop.</p>
<p>12.30pm - 1.00 pm</p>	<p>LUNCH: Bring your own picnic or buy pizzas and more from festival vendors.</p> <p>BOOK LAUNCH: Lakmali Goonawardena launches her children's book <i>A Pigeon Learns to Fly</i>. Steven Philip will play guitar.</p>	<p>1.30pm - 2.00 pm</p>	<p>LUNCH: Bring your own picnic or buy pizzas and more from festival vendors.</p>
<p>1.00pm- 2.00pm</p>	<p>Recycled Art Initiative</p> <p>Make art from garbage. Learn the art of recycling.</p> <p>Suitable for 6 years and above.</p>		
<p>2.00 pm - 3.30 pm</p>	<p>Short Stories & The Loch Ness Monster</p> <p>Workshop featuring Lal Medawattegedara</p> <p>Short stories should be like the Loch Ness monster. When the monster emerges people stop, stare and snoop.</p> <p>Suitable for 11-15 years.</p>	<p>2.00pm - 3.00pm</p>	<p>Chess Workshop</p> <p>The Russian Cultural Centre brings an interactive chess playing workshop to Galle.</p>
<p>3.30 pm - 4.30 pm</p>	<p>Sing, Zig Zag, Fly with Words</p> <p>An interactive presentation of Lakmali Gunawardena's books</p> <p>Learn how the sun forgot to set, dance with a fat caterpillar, Clap to a pigeon's wing-beat, when Lakmali reads from her writing in with Manel Jagoda, Sashini Mustachi and a mysterious stranger! Steven Philip will play guitar.</p>	<p>3.00pm - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Poetry Workshop</p> <p>Featuring Rachel Bowden</p> <p>Learn about the use of metaphor and write your own poetry from scratch.</p>
<p>4.30 pm - 5.30 pm</p>	<p>Word Up!</p> <p>Scrabble, Anagram, Boggle, Quiddler - a variety of fun games to play.</p>		

SUNDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2008

LOCATION: The Galle Room, The Light House Hotel, Galle.

09.30am - 10.30am	Beastly Tales and More Be entertained by internationally renowned poets including Vikram Seth, Jeet Thayil & Suman Sridhar.
10.30am - 11.30am	Reading is Fun Karen Roberts shares her passion for reading and discusses what children find inspiring and why.
11.30 am - 12.30 pm	Story Planet Do you love Harry Potter or Pokemon or Spiderman or Narnia? Children's book writer Nury Vittachi shows you how to make an instant book of your favourite story characters.

More information on some of our other Children's initiatives.

We are predominantly working with Sri Lankan schools in the Southern Province and our aim is to promote educational and learning opportunities for all children, exposing them to English literature. It is also our objective to promote integration & unity of children across the island.

ADOPTSRI LANKA TWINS CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

AdoptSriLanka Twins will be conducting for a 2nd year a creative writing competition among Galle Zonal Schools in the English language.

The objectives of the competition are to:

- encourage students to think and express themselves creatively
- support English language learning
- recognize and award student literary achievement
- collaborate with Galle Literary festival in Jan 2008, announcing a winner at the Opening ceremony.

The competition will be conducted at three different age levels:

Pre-intermediate level - Grade 6 & 7 Students (age 11 & 12)

Intermediate level - Grade 8 & 9 Students (age 13 & 14)

Upper intermediate level - Grade 10 & 11 Students (age 15 & 16)

ADOPTSRILANKA TWINS DEBATING COMPETITION

AdoptSriLanka Twins will be holding Debating Competitions in every district of the Southern Province. This is an on going year long initiative in conjunction with the Galle Literary Festival 2008. A model debate will be held and the competition launched during the festival.

For more information on the Children's Programme contact: info@galleliteraryfestival.com

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