



CHILDRENS PROGRAMME

Saturday, January 19th

Ages 2+ - 5

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS: 10 children. Each child must be accompanied by one or both parents.

Ticket Price: Rs.1,500.00

Venue: Thomas Gall School

Registration: 9.30 - 10.00 am

10.00 - 11.00 am Story Hour

Enjoy a book with your child in an hour of storytelling, singing and creative activities with early education specialist Jessica Mason.

11.00 - 11.10 am Snack Break

11.10 - 11.30 am Treasure Hunt

You and your child will stroll around the school premises, following a map that leads to treasure.

11.30 - 12.00 pm What We Did Today

Participants will share their memories from the day and record them through art in this wind down session guided by art therapist Shimali Perera.

Ages 6 - 8

Ticket Price: Rs.2,500.00

Venue: Thomas Gall School

Registration: 8.30 - 9.00 am

9.00 - 9.25 am Ice Breakers Theatre artist Kimaya de Silva will host games and activities to introduce the children to each other.

9.30 - 10.30 am Talky Tumble of Jumble Farm

When Mummy falls ill one day, it's up to Talky to take charge! But when Talky has a bad day, will she be able to cheer herself up? Or is her grumpy mood going to stay put? Author Nandana Sen hosts a rollicking interactive story telling session featuring word play and rhyme.

10.30 - 10.45 am Break

10.45am - 12.00 p.m Poetry Remix Workshop

In this hands-on session with creative nomad Larry T Hill, we will use collage poetry, cutting up words and objects from magazines and pasting together to create fun pieces. Participants will be encouraged to remix found objects and their surroundings to create art using popular techniques from collage and found poetry.

12.00 - 12.45 p.m Lunch

12.45 - 2.00 p.m Future Worlds

What kind of a world would you like to live in? What will be the laws of your land? Create your very own world and share your ideas for the future in this world building drama workshop with Kimaya de Silva.

2.00- 2.15 pm Quiet Time

A short session about the benefits of meditation and self-reflection conducted by art therapist Shimali Perera.

Ages 9 - 11

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Registration: 8.30 - 9.00 am

2.15 - 2.45 p.m What We Did Today

Participants will share their memories from the day and record them through art in this wind down session guided by art therapist Shimali Perera.

2.45 - 3.00 p.m Sharing Our Work

Our participants will perform poetry and plays and share their art with parents in this final session for the day.

9.00 - 9.15 a.m Cartography

Writer Brandon Ingram presents an introduction to this year's theme and also shares what famous explorers, writers, philosophers and celebrities have noted about the glorious island of Sri Lanka.

9.15- 10.45 a.m The Soul Music

This energetic and eclectic band will take you on an exploration of mutli-cultural musical traditions, song-writing exercises and rhythm games. They'll also show you how to make music with pots, pans, tables and chairs and just about anything that comes to hand.

10.45 - 11.00 a.m Break

11.00am - 12.00 p.m The Ramayana

Take part in the live action re-enactment of this epic story of love, loss, revenge and war with theatre artists Tracy Holsinger and Kimaya de Silva. Learn about the characters and the history of this fascinating and tragic myth that is shared by India and Sri Lanka.

12.00 - 12.45 p.m Lunch

12.45 - 2.15 p.m The Wanderer

Can you imagine ocean travel? Step back to the days of the Spice Trade, as creative nomad Larry T Hill guides participants through techniques of 'found poetry' using texts on the spice trade and legendary tales of Taprobane Island. This workshop encourages participants to find poetry in everyday encounters and quickly rearrange them into creative tales.

2.15- 2.30 p.m **Break**

2.30 - 3.30 p.m **Endangered Species**

This workshop on Sri Lankan endangered species will feature the work of artist Zev Landes and conservationist Vinod Malwatte. Together this science communication duo will present stories and visual illustrations about several species that roam the island's different ecosystems.

3.30 - 5.30 p.m **Tour de Earth**

If Aliens visited Earth, what would you tell them about our planet and its peoples? Help theatre artist Kimaya de Silva create the perfect tour guide for visitors from afar in this drama session that plans to feature all that is sublime and ridiculous about this rock we call our home.

5.30 - 6.00 p.m **Creative Sharing**

Come and watch your children demonstrate the skills they have developed as they share their original songs, poetry and plays.

6.00 - 7.00 p.m **The Soul - Live**

Catch Sri Lanka's most in-demand band demonstrate their unmatched island groove in this free open air event that is for the young and the young at heart. **Email** childrensprogramme.fgjf@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

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Home and Country

Poet Ohan Hominis guides you through techniques of creating spoken word stories about feeling at home or feeling conflicted or about just wanting to explore and get lost!

10.30 - 10.45 a.m

Break

10.45am - 11.45 am

Quiz!

Brandon Ingram hosts a quiz based on real and fictitious cities, peoples, landmarks and modes of travel found in contemporary and classic literature. The winning team gets a literary surprise!

11.45am - 1.00 p.m

Variable Histories

Ohan Hominis explored our relationship with history through the work of Prof.Gananath Obeysekara and Sunela Jayawardene who approach it from different contexts. The workshop will encourage participants to create their own personal histories in both mythological and academic styles.

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Here Be Dragons

Investigate dangerous or unexplored territories or even imaginary lands. Theatre practitioner Tracy Holsinger invites you to envision real and fictitious indigenous cultures that thrived before explorers defined the known world.

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11.10 - 11.30 am **Animal Safari**

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9.00 - 10.30 a.m Big Bad Bunty's Boat Ride From Brazil

Bunty, a young adventurer from Brazil, doesn't look like other children and has a tough time in school, so he builds a magnificent boat and sets off on an epic journey of self discovery. Join author Shama Perera for an interactive storytelling session that investigates the countries that Bunty visits and explores what it means to be 'different'.

10.30 - 10.45 a.m Break

10.45am - 12.00 p.m Luk in Lanka

Luk loves Sri Lanka and takes us on a journey of the country's culture, cuisine and most famous historical cities! Author Srianjali Gunasena will guide young story tellers in creating their own map of Sri Lanka and writing about their favourite places and experiences on the island.

12.00 - 12.45 p.m Lunch

12.45 - 1.45 p.m In My Heart

Mia knows that she came out of Mumma's heart and Papa's heart. That's why she's so much like them! But when Mia learns that she has a tummy mummy too, she can't wait to find her. Child rights activist

Nandana Sen takes us on a child's journey of discovering who she really is and where she comes from, in this is a fearless and tender celebration of the magical ways in which different kinds of families are born.

1.45 - 2.05 p.m What We Did Today

Participants will share their memories from the day and record them through art in this wind down session guided by art therapist Shimali Perera.

2.05 - 2.15 p.m Until Next Time

Authors Nandana Sen, Shama Perera and Srianjali Gunasena will be available for book signings, while impromptu lyricist and musician Hidaayath Hazeer leads a singalong that concludes our programme for this year. Our authors' books will be on sale at the Children's Programme bookshop on both days.



Ages 9 - 11

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Registration: 8.30 - 9.00 am

9.00 - 9.45 am On The Spot

Singer and songwriter Hidaayath Hazeer loves making up songs on the spot. Be soulful, outrageous, witty or even downright silly as you join him in this lyrical improvisation session.

9.45 - 10.30 am Comic Expression

Art Therapist Shimali Perera's practice and focus is all about expressing emotions in a fun, safe and non-judgemental environment. In this session, she will guide participants in gaining a better understanding of themselves and their emotions through the creation of comic strips.

10.30 - 10.45 am Refreshments break

10.45am - 12.00 pm Quiz!

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12.00 - 12.45 pm: Lunch

12.45 - 2.00 pm The Girl Who Lost Her Country

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9.00 - 10.00 a.m The Trojan War

Find out more about the face that launched a thousand ships as you take part in the live action re-enactment of this epic Greek tale of love, war, Gods and heroes with theatre artists Brandon Ingram and Kimaya de Silva.

10.00 - 10.15 a.m break

10.15am - 12.15 p.m Mission To Mars

Join the expeditions of the second wave of humanity to settle on Mars in a not too distant future. Make life or death decision that will impact the future of our race as the Game Masters from Lanka Comic Con guide you through this exciting role playing game experience.

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11.30 - 11.45 a.m Break

10.00 - 11.30 a.m **Saama'** by Power of Play - A story performed with hand puppets and giant puppets accompanied by clowning, mime and live music (in Sinhala and Tamil)

Venue - Auditorium

A drama workshop (in Tamil) by the Aarohana Theatre College, Jaffna

Venue - Garden

11.45 - 12.45 p.m **A Cartooning Workshop**

conducted by facilitators from the Bilindu Children's magazine

Venue -Ambalama

An interactive storytelling session (in Tamil) with Nandana Dev Sen, an award winning actor and writer from India

Venue - Auditorium

12.45 - 1.45 p.m **Lunch**

1.45 - 2.00 pm A presentation on our beautiful island Sri Lanka and what famous explorers, writers and celebrities have said about it.

Venue - Auditorium

2.00 - 4.00 p.m **Arts and Crafts**

with the Serendipity Trust, featuring clay pot painting, tie-dying, felt badges and much more

Venue - Garden

4.00 - 4.15 pm **Break**

4.15 - 5.15 pm **"Peyar"**

is a hilarious monologue (in Sinhala) about love, written and performed by students of the University of Visual and Performing Arts

Parents are welcome to attend this event."

"The 2018 State Children's Drama Festival award-winning play (in Tamil) , **'Vandippajanam'**, performed by the Aarohana Theatre College, Jaffna

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Venue -Auditorium

5.15 - 6.00 p.m “An interactive musical performance by ‘**No Names**’, a wonderfully entertaining Trilingual Band

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Venue - Open Air Theatre

6.00 - 7.00 p.m “**Labu Gediye Thovila**’ by **Power of Play**

Witness this famous Sri Lankan folktale brought to life by low country dancers, live musicians and storytellers who invite audience members to play multiple roles in this hilarious spectacle (in Sinhala and Tamil)

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