



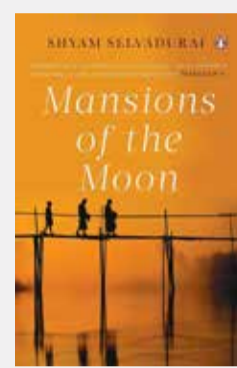
# Festival Programme

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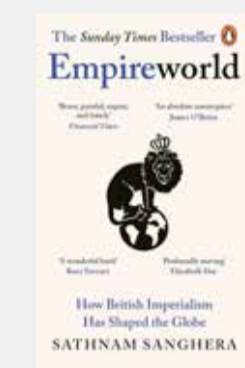


06  
Thursday

09:30 - 12:30  
*Sri Yoga Shala*  
**Your Life in Words**  
Marguerite Richards  
Workshop



10:15 - 11:15  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Mansions of the Moon**  
Shyam Selvadurai  
with Ameena Hussein  
In Conversation



11:30 - 12:30  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Empireworld**  
Sathnam Sanghera  
with Nihal Arthanayake  
In Conversation

11:30 - 12:30  
*When in Galle*  
**Lyrical Landscapes: Crafting Narrative across Mediums**  
Sharanya Manivannan, Shyala Smith & Justin Whyte with Vikrom Mathur  
Panel

11:30 - 12:30  
*Maritime*  
**Dystopia: Our Fascination with an Alternative Future**  
Greg Mosse, Helen Macdonald & Yudhanjaya Wijeratne with Kiran Dass  
Panel

12:30 - 14:00  
*The Charleston*  
**Razeen Sally**  
Literary Lunch

12:30 - 14:00  
*Radisson Collection*  
**Growing Up Wild**  
with Saba Douglas-Hamilton & Frank Pope  
Literary Lunch  
Special thanks to Heather Christiansen

14:00 - 15:00  
*Hall De Galle*  
**30 Years in Print**  
Kate Mosse  
with Julia Wheeler  
In Conversation

14:00 - 15:00  
*Maritime*  
**Reshaping the Modern-Day Museum: Digital Collections in South Asia**  
Aanchal Malhotra & Johann Peiris  
with Anisha Dias Bandaranaike  
Panel

14:00 - 16:00  
*Fort Printers*  
**Urban Illustration**  
Devni Jayakody  
Workshop  
Sponsored by iDiscover

15:15 - 16:15  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Running in the Family: Unravelling Trauma through Memoir**  
Peter Godwin, Helen Macdonald & Sathnam Sanghera with Jill Macdonald  
Panel

15:15 - 16:15  
*Maritime*  
**Nicolas Bouvier's The Scorpion-Fish: 70 Years After the Author's Stay in Galle**  
Adrien Krause  
Solo (Free Event)   
Sponsored by Embassy of Switzerland

15:15 - 16:15  
*The Galle Fort Art Gallery*  
**Tea & Poetry: Tea Stained Lines**  
Annal Glory, Jeyakantha Janu, Mylvaganam Thilakarajah, & Pathum Wickramaratne  
Tea & Poetry  
Sponsored by CATA

16:30 - 17:30  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Morning TV to Murder Mystery**  
Louise Minchin  
with Hen Tatham  
In Conversation

16:30 - 18:00  
*Maritime*  
**Vietnam Through Time: A Nat Geo Photographer's 25-Year Journey**  
Catherine Karnow  
Solo



16:30 - 17:30  
*When in Galle*  
**Decolonising My Body**  
Afua Hirsch  
with Kalpanee Gunawardana  
In Conversation

16:30 - 18:30  
*Ambalama, Court Square*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
Photo Walk  
Sponsored by Streets of Colombo

18:00 - Onwards  
*Doomberg*  
**30 Years of Reef**  
Romesh Gunesekera & Rashmika Mandawala  
with Savithri Rodrigo  
Cocktails  
Sponsored by IDL

18:00 - 19:00  
*Radisson Blu Resort Galle*  
**Twilight Songbook with Justin Whyte**  
Performance  
Sponsored by IDL

18:00 - 19:00  
*10 Leyn Baan Street*  
**Celebrating the Art of Slow Textiles**  
Shamji Vankar Vishram Valji  
Solo (Free Event)

19:30 - 21:45  
*Fort Printers*  
**JayaFlava**  
Tasha Marikkar  
Literary Dinner  
Sponsored by IDL

19:30 - 21:45  
*Radisson Collection*  
**Philippe Sands**  
Literary Dinner

19:30 - 21:45  
*Villa Sielen Diva*  
**Afua Hirsch**  
Literary Dinner



Philippe Sands



Afua Hirsch



**07**  
Friday

**07:00 - 08:00**  
*Garden Stage*  
**Morning Yoga**  
Sri Yoga Shala  
**Yoga & Meditation (Free Event)**

Sponsored by Sri Yoga Shala

**08:00 - 10:00**  
*Ambalama, Court Square*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
**Photo Walk**

Sponsored by Streets of Colombo

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Maritime*  
**Catalysts of Creativity: Why Writing Prizes Matter**  
Romesh Gunsekera, Maduranga Kalugampitiya & Kate Mosse with Louise Minchin  
**Panel**



 **09:00 - 10:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Brotherless Night**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan with Shyam Selvadurai  
**In Conversation**



**10:15 - 12:15**  
*The Merchant*  
**Writing Poetry**  
Ramya Jirasinghe  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*Radisson Blu Resort Galle*  
**How to Write a Children's Book**  
Shyala Smith  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*AQUA Forte*  
**Ceylon Artisanal Tea Tasting**  
Ceylon Artisanal Tea Association  
**Workshop**

Sponsored by CATA

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Maritime*  
**Legacy: Who do we choose to remember?**  
Peter Frankopan, Afua Hirsch, Simon Lister & Ben Macintyre with Julia Wheeler  
**Panel**



**10:15 - 11:15**  
*When in Galle*  
**Storytelling as Peoples' Histories**  
Radhika Hettiarachchi, Aanchal Malhotra & Eithne Nightingale with Johann Peiris  
**Panel**



**11:00 - 12:00**  
*Galle Fort Hotel*  
**Andi Oliver**  
**Gourmet Galle Masterclass**



**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Maritime*  
**The Landscape of a Lost Kingdom**  
Sunela Jayewardene with Razeen Sally  
**In Conversation**



**11:30 - 12:30**  
*When in Galle*  
**Connecting Cultures: The Art of Literary Translation**  
Michael Hofmann, Rashmika Mandawala & Aube Rey Lescure with Amita Arudpragasam  
**Panel (Free Event)**



**12:30 - 14:00**  
*79 Leyn Baan St*  
**Shyam Selvadurai**  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Halle de Galle*  
**The Fusion of Dreams & The Forbidden Gift**  
Sunera Foundation  
**Performance (Free Event)**



**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Maritime*  
**Beyond Kairos: Opera, Literature & Language**  
Jenny Erpenbeck with Julia Wheeler  
**In Conversation**



**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Foreigner, Expatriate, Immigrant**  
Peter Godwin, Sashi Perera & Aube Rey Lescure with Nihal Arthanayake  
**Panel**



**14:00 - 16:00**  
*10 Leyn Baan Street*  
**Songwriting: Turning Ideas into Music**  
Justin Whyte  
**Workshop**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Maritime*  
**Tattoo: Reclaiming Ancestral Traditions**  
Afua Hirsch with Radhika Hettiarachchi  
**Panel**



**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Future of War**  
Peter Frankopan & Philippe Sands with Adam Rutherford  
**Panel**

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**15:15 - 16:15**  
*When in Galle*  
**Plastic Emotions**  
Shiromi Pinto with Selva Sandrapragas  
**In Conversation**



**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Elliot House*  
**Tea & Poetry**  
Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai & Ramya Jirasinghe with Curtis Jobe  
**Tea & Poetry**

**15:30 - 17:30**  
*Ambalama, Court Square*  
**Galle Fort Heritage Walk**  
Yasiru Epsa  
**Tour**

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**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Worrell: Cricket & Caribbean Identity**  
Simon Lister with Simon Parker  
**In Conversation**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Pepperpot Diaries**  
Andi Oliver with Susan Jung  
**In Conversation**



**16:45 - 17:45**  
*When in Galle*  
**Shaking Things Up: Mr Lyan and Modern Cocktail Culture**  
Ryan Chetiyawardana with Dilin Peiris  
**In Conversation**



**18:30 - 20:00**  
*Fort Bazaar*  
**Soviet Bus Stops**  
**Screening**

**18:00 - Onwards**  
*Radisson Collection*  
**Cocktails & Contemporary Art with ARTRA**  
Artists with Azara Jaleel  
**Cocktails**

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**18:00 - Onwards**  
*The Charleston*  
**Growing Leaders**  
Vidusha Nathavitharana with Savithri Rodrigo  
**Cocktails**

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**18:00 - 21:45**  
*Radisson Collection*  
**Ravinder Bhogal**  
**Gourmet Galle Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*Radisson Blu Resort Galle*  
**Peter Frankopan**  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*Luna Terrace, Cloisenberg Hotel*  
**Sustainably-Conscious Architecture**  
Channa Daswatte & Sunela Jayewardene with Shiromi Pinto  
**Literary Dinner**

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**19:30 - 21:45**  
*The Lake House on Koggala*  
**Peter & Georgina Godwin**  
**Literary Dinner**

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**21:00 - Onwards**  
*The Sun House*  
**MAYHEM PAST MIDNIGHT**  
Nihal Arthanayake, DJ Niro  
**Party**

**21:00 - Onwards**  
*Radisson Collection*  
**GLF Beach Party**  
**Party**



Simon Lister



Andi Oliver



Channa Daswatte



Sunela Jayewardene



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**08**  
Saturday

**07:00 - 08:00**  
*Garden Stage*  
**Morning Yoga**  
Sri Yoga Shala  
**Yoga & Meditation (Free Event)**

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**08:00 - 10:00**  
*Ambalama, Court Square*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
**Photo Walk**

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**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Climate Crossroads: The Imperative to Act**  
Peter Frankopan, Sunela Jayewardene & Philippe Sands with Amita Arudpragasam  
**Panel (Free Event)**

Sponsored by Commercial Bank

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Maritime*  
**LOVE: In Literature as in Life**  
Saraid de Silva & Aube Rey Lescure with Kiran Dass  
**Panel**

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*When in Galle*  
**With Fresh Eyes: The Insider & Outsider in Travel Writing**  
Simon Parker & Razeen Sally with Simon Lister  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*10 Leyn Baan Street*  
**Writing a Crime-Thriller: Creating a Storyboard**  
Greg Mosse  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Fusing Fact with Fiction in the Historical Novel**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan & Aanchal Malhotra with Artika Bakshi  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Maritime*  
**Inheriting the Past: Vietnam's Legacy Through Two Lenses**  
Catherine Karnow & Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai with Radhika Hettiarachchi  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*When in Galle*  
**AI in Writing: Friend, Foe or Tool?**  
Adam Rutherford & Yudhanjaya Wijeratne with Mangala Karunaratne  
**Panel**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**LGBTQ+ Identities On & Off the Page**  
Saraid de Silva, Rosanna Flamer-Caldera & Shyam Selvadurai with Kalpanee Gunawardana  
**Panel**

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**11:30 - 13:00**  
*Maritime*  
**Child Migrant Voices**  
Eithne Nightingale & Hajra Williams with Marguerite Richards  
**Panel (Free Event)**

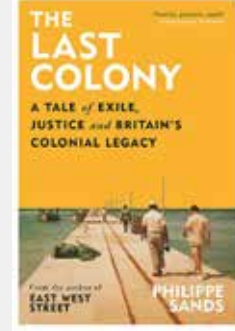
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*79 Lighthouse Street*  
**Muslim Cookery Demonstration**  
Crescent Ladies Association  
**Cookery Demo**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Garden Stage*  
**Discover Your Voice**  
Ashanthi de Alwis  
**Workshop (Free Event)**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Garden Stage*  
**Ashanthi's School of Music**  
**Performance (Free Event)**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Fort Bazaar*  
**Louise Minchin**  
**Literary Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:00**  
*When in Galle*  
**A Photographic Guide to the Wildlife of Sri Lanka**  
Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne with Frank Pope  
**In Conversation**



**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Maritime*  
**The Last Colony**  
Philippe Sands with Ram Manikkalingam  
**In Conversation**

**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Stuff of Legend**  
Sunela Jayewardene & Devdutt Pattanaik with Asoka de Zoysa  
**Panel**

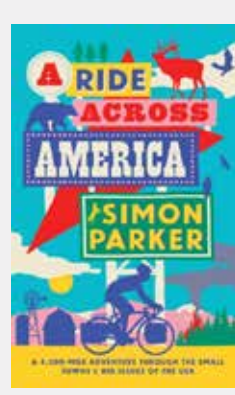
**14:00 - 16:00**  
*Sydney Hotel*  
**Illustration Builds Character**  
Lalith Karunatilaka  
**Workshop**

**14:30 - 18:30**  
*When in Galle - Room*  
**Part I: Beyond the Frame: People and Cultural Photography**  
with Catherine Karnow  
**Workshop**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Maritime*  
**In the Footsteps of Elephants**  
Saba Douglas-Hamilton  
**Solo**

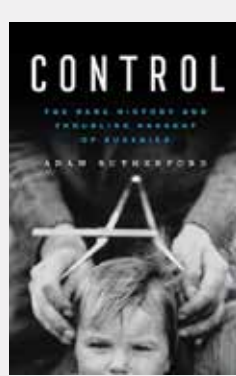
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**15:15 - 16:15**  
*When in Galle*  
**Cuisine as Community: Tales from the Diaspora Kitchen**  
Ravinder Bhogal, Dom Fernando & Andi Oliver with Susan Jung  
**Panel**



**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**A Ride Across America**  
Simon Parker with Anushka Wijesinha  
**In Conversation**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Chambers*  
**Tea & Poetry**  
Michael Hofmann & Helen Macdonald with Curtis Jobe  
**Tea & Poetry**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Maritime*  
**The Dark History and Troubling Present of Eugenics**  
Adam Rutherford with Simon Lister  
**In Conversation**

**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Behind the Curtain: Writing for Theatre**  
Michael Attenborough, Jenny Erpenbeck & Greg Mosse with Tracy Holsinger  
**Panel**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*When in Galle*  
**A Story of Love, Loss and Occasional Wars**  
Peter Godwin with Georgina Godwin  
**In Conversation**

**16:30 - 18:30**  
*Ambalama, Court Square*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
**Photo Walk**

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**16:45 - 17:45**  
*Galle Fort Hotel*  
**Mixology Masterclass with Mr Lyan**  
Ryan Chetiyawardana  
**Gourmet Galle Masterclass**

**17:00 - 17:45**  
*Garden Stage*  
**Shringar**  
Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre High Commission of India, Colombo  
**Dance (Free Event)**

**18:15 - 20:45**  
*Galle Fort Hotel*  
**Mr Lyan**  
Ryan Chetiyawardana  
**Gourmet Galle Dinner With Cocktails**

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**18:00 - Onwards**  
*Habaraduwa House*  
**Women's Prize for Fiction**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan, Aube Rey Lescure, Louise Minchin, Kate Mosse  
**Cocktails**

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**18:00 - 18:45**  
*Dutch Reformed Church*  
**In Concert**  
Lakshman Joseph-de Saram & The Chamber Music Society of Colombo  
**Recital**

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**19:00 - 19:45**  
*Amangalla*  
**Cocktails & Conversation:**  
Lakshman Joseph-de Saram with Rahul Jacob  
**Cocktails**

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**19:00 - 21:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Comedy Night featuring Sashi Perera and Taniya Lewwanduwage**  
**Comedy**

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**19:30 - 21:45**  
*Fort Printers*  
**2024 International Booker Prize**  
Jenny Erpenbeck, Michael Hofmann & Romesh Gunesequera  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*Wild & the Sage*  
**Nihal Arthanayake & Sathnam Sanghera**  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*Why House*  
**Ben Macintyre**  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:00 - Onwards**  
*Closenberg*  
**The After Party - Dinner + Party**  
Tropical Wax  
**Party**

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**21:00 - Onwards**  
*Closenberg*  
**The After Party**  
Tropical Wax  
**Party**

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Nihal Arthanayake



Sathnam Sanghera



Saba Douglas-Hamilton



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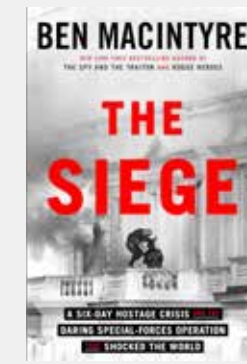


**09**  
Sunday

**07:00 - 08:00**  
*Garden Stage*  
**Yoga**  
**Yoga & Meditation (Free Event)**  
Sponsored by Sri Yoga Shala

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Podcast Era**  
Nihal Arthanayake,  
& Adam Rutherford  
with Saraid de Silva  
**Panel**

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Maritime*  
**The Siege**  
Ben Macintyre  
with Julia Wheeler  
**In Conversation**



**09:00 - 10:00**  
*When in Galle*  
**A Way with Words: The Magic of the Multilingual Writer**  
Sharanya Manivannan  
& Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai  
with Georgina Godwin  
**Panel**

**10:00 - 12:00**  
*When in Galle - Room*  
**Part II: Beyond the Frame: People and Cultural Photography**  
with Catherine Karnow  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*Stick No Bills*  
**The Art of Poster Design**  
Mads Berg  
**Workshop**  
Sponsored by Stick No Bills

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*The Merchant*  
**Creative Writing**  
Nadeesha Paulis  
**Workshop**  
Sponsored by iDiscover

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*When in Galle*  
**Sati Savitri**  
Devdutt Pattanaik  
with Artika Bakshi  
**In Conversation**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Kairos: The International Booker Prize**  
Jenny Erpenbeck,  
Michael Hofmann &  
Romesh Gunsekera  
with Jill Macdonald  
**Panel**  
Sponsored by Commercial Bank



Mads Berg



Jenny Erpenbeck



Michael Hofmann



Romesh Gunsekera

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Maritime*  
**A New Wave of Democracy in South Asia?**  
Daniel Alphonsus,  
Peter Frankopan  
& Razeen Sally  
with Rahul Jacob  
**Panel**

**11:00 - 12:00**  
*Galle Fort Hotel*  
**Ravinder Bhogal**  
**Gourmet Galle Masterclass**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Repatriation: Objects of Empire**  
Naazima Kamardeen,  
& Sathnam Sanghera  
with Georgina Godwin  
**Panel**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Seeing Ourselves: South Asian Representation in Children's Books**  
Lalith Karunatilaka, Sharanya Manivannan & Shyala Smith  
with Marguerite Richards  
**Panel**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*When in Galle*  
**Comedian, Writer, Recovering Lawyer**  
Sashi Perera  
with Kalpanee Gunawardana  
**In Conversation**  
Sponsored by Australian High Commission

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Archives*  
**Food Writing with Susan Jung**  
with Rahul Jacob  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Amangalla*  
**Kate & Greg Mosse**  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*20 Middle Street*  
**Shakespeare with Michael Attenborough**  
with Tracy Holsinger  
**Literary Lunch**  
Sponsored by The Chatham Collection

**13:30 - Onwards**  
*Archives*  
**Andi Oliver**  
**Gourmet Galle Lunch**

**14:30 - 15:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Wild Encounters, Wise Choices: Shaping Sustainable Wildlife Tourism**  
Saba Douglas-Hamilton  
& Manori Gunawardena  
with Anushka Wijesinha  
**Panel**

**14:30 - 15:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Understanding Sri Lankan Identity through Novels**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan, Ameena Hussein & Shyam Selvadurai  
with Maduranga Kalugampitiya  
**Panel**

**14:45 - 18:00**  
*Malabar Hill*  
**Birding on the Hill**  
Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne  
& Helen Macdonald  
**Tour**



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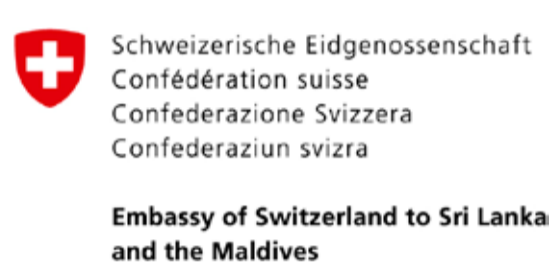
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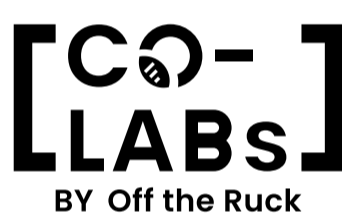
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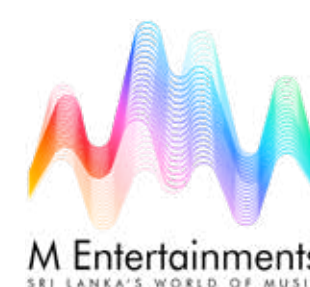
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