

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

INAUGURAL FESTIVAL, GALLE, SRI LANKA

10th to 14th January 2007

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY

Festival Opening & Launch - 6PM

Event Code: 001

Join us in the newly restored Law Court Square, Galle Fort for the grand opening of the inaugural Galle Literary Festival.

The festival will be opened by patrons & dignitaries and **Elmo Jayawardena** will give a tribute to one of Sri Lanka's leading authors, the late **Nihal de Silva**. The winner of the Southern Province **AdoptSriLanka Twins** Children's Creative Writing Competition will get the chance to present their winning work and much more.

A fabulous introduction to the Festival and to Galle.

THURSDAY, 11TH JANUARY

LOCATION: Lunuganga, Bentota
TIME: 10.00AM - 5PM

Come & enjoy an action packed first day of the festival at **Lunuganga**, Bentota - the magnificent gardens and home of the late **Geoffrey Bawa**, one of the world's most distinguished architects. Garden tours, panel discussions with some of Asia's leading architects, a literary lunch with international food connoisseur **Christine Manfield**; and **Madhur Jaffrey & Christopher Kremmer** will take you on a journey to one of their favourite cities.

Lunuganga is located 1 ½ hours south of Colombo and 1 ½ hours north of Galle on the coast road. There will be festival buses operating a return trip from Galle and Colombo.

10.00am - 11.15am **Brief Bagatalle**

Event Code: 002

Listen to two Bawa experts; architects **David Robson & Channa Daswatte** entertain us with stories and anecdotes as they bring us into the world of the Bawa brothers; **Geoffrey & Bevis**. **David Robson's** monograph *Geoffrey Bawa - The Complete Works* is possibly one of the most comprehensive books him. **Channa Daswatte** who trained under **Geoffrey Bawa** is one of Sri Lanka's foremost architects and also writes frequently for international and local journals and magazines.
Moderator: **Richard Simon**

- 11.30am - 12.45pm** **Conversations on the Writing Life** Event Code: 003
Featuring Yasmine Gooneratne
- University professor, literary critic, editor, bibliographer, award winning novelist, essayist and poet, **Yasmine Gooneratne** will give us insights into her life as an author having published over 16 books in her career, many of which are internationally commended such as *The Pleasures of Conquest* which was short listed for the 1996 Commonwealth Writers Prize.
Moderator: **Deepika Shetty**
- 12.45pm - 2pm** **LUNCH BREAK**
- Have your own picnic in the magnificent 15 acre Italian inspired garden at **Lunuganga** or join us for a superb culinary literary lunch.
- 12.45pm - 2pm** **FEATURE EVENT** Event Code: 004
Literary Lunch - Exotic Flavours with Christine Manfield
- Enjoy a delicious lunch presented by celebrated chef, author, food writer, food manufacturer, presenter, teacher and gastronomic traveller **Christine Manfield**, as she shares with you how her culinary work draws on the exotic spices and flavours of many cultures. Christine has published four award-winning books with Penguin Australia - *Stir, Spice, Paramount Cooking* and *Paramount Desserts*.
Moderator: **Janet de Neefe**
- 2.15pm - 3.15pm** **When the Setting is the Story** Event Code: 005
- Join author, gastronomic expert & revered actress **Madhur Jaffrey** and intrepid foreign correspondent **Christopher Kremmer** as they share with us their favourite place, where they both grew up in very different ways and how this has influenced them both now and then. **Madhur Jaffrey** is one of the world's greatest authorities on Indian food and author of over 15 cookery books and a memoir *Climbing the Mango Tree*. **Christopher Kremmer** is a foreign correspondent for ABC Australia and has authored three commended books, his latest being *Inhaling the Mahatma*.
Moderator: **Deepika Shetty**
- 3.30pm - 4.45pm** **Bawa and Beyond** Event Code: 006
- Come & join a lively discussion with prized Sri Lankan & international architects **Channa Daswatte, Madhura Prematilleke, Anura Ratnavibushana & Kerry Hill**, as they discuss the influences of Geoffrey Bawa on their own work and the future of the Bawa legacy in architecture.
Moderated by **David Robson**
- 4.45pm - 5.30pm** **Walking Garden Tour** Event Code: 007
- Gain an insight into the incredible vision that Geoffrey Bawa had for the magnificent gardens at Lunuganga with Bawa expert, **Channa Daswatte**.

8pm - 10.30pm

FEATURE EVENT

Literary Dinner with Suketu Mehta Event Code: 008
3-course dinner presented by Peter Kuruvita, one of Australia's leading chefs & owner of Sydney's award winning restaurant, Flying Fish.

Suketu Mehta's first book, *Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found* won the Kiriya Prize, and was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize. Salman Rushdie called it "the best book yet written about that great, ruined metropolis". Join the author as he shares his passion for this incredible city, and reveals the multiple personalities and secrets of this throbbing metropolis.

Moderator: **Nury Vittachi**

Location: **The Fort Printers**, Fort Galle

8pm - Late

FREE EVENING EVENT

"*Flying with One Wing*" Directed by **Asoka Handagama**. (81 mins)
Voted the Best Asian Film - Tokyo International Film Festival 2002,
Best Film - Gay and Lesbian Film Festival - 2002 Vienna, Audience
Award for Best Feature - Torino International Film Festival 2002- Italy,
Best Film, Best Director, Best Script - Presidential Awards - 2003 Sri Lanka.

A married man works as a mechanic in a small Sri Lankan town. His secret, known to none but his wife, is that he is actually a woman. One day an accident causes his real gender to be discovered, setting off a chain of events which will change his life forever.

Asoka Handagama is one of the most gifted filmmakers working in Sri Lanka's emerging film industry. Originally banned in Sri Lanka this groundbreaking film highlights gender identity, love, and courage in a climate of acute homophobia and sexual harassment.

Location: **Dicks Bar**, 18 Upper Dickson Road, Galle

FRIDAY, 12TH JANUARY

LOCATION: The Hall de Galle, Galle Fort
TIME: 9.30am - 6.15pm

Be prepared for an exciting day as you join **Yasmine Gooneratne** and ‘**Another Lady**’ discuss Jane Austen and her works; be taken back in time with the legendary **RK de Silva** as he takes you on a journey of the history of the Dutch Forts. Distinguished biographer **Victoria Glendinning** shares with us the pitfalls of biography writing, ex BBC India correspondent **Mark Tully** talks East meets West and **Romesh Gunesequera & Suketu Mehta** join The 2006 Man Booker Prize Winner **Kiran Desai**.

- 9.30 - 10.30am** **Re-reading Jane Austen** Event Code: 009
- Join two Jane Austen experts, notable Sri Lankan author **Yasmine Gooneratne** and Australian author “**Another Lady**” share with us the secrets behind the female & male relationships in the works of Jane Austen.
Yasmine Gooneratne has written extensively on Jane Austen & is the patron of the Jane Austen society of Australia. “**Another Lady**” completed Jane Austen’s unfinished fragment *Sanditon* to critical acclaim.
Moderator: **Nury Vittachi**
- 11.am - 12.15pm** **Language and on the Writing Life** Event Code: 010
- Join three Gratiaen Prize Winning authors, **Carl Muller**, **Elmo Jayawardena** and **Tissa Abeysekara** as they talk about writing as a profession, winning awards and what they see as the future of writing in English in Sri Lanka.
Carl Muller poet, novelist, historian and one of Sri Lanka’s most prolific authors, **Elmo Jayawardena** author of *Sam’s Story* and *The Last Kingdom of Sinhalay* and **Tissa Abeysekara**, distinguished actor, scriptwriter, poet & author of *Bringing Tony Home* and *In the Kingdom of the Sun*.
Moderator: **Rohan Ponniah**
- 12.30pm - 1.45pm** **The Outside Inside - Sri Lankan Literature & Beyond** Event Code: 011
- Belonging to the literary dynasty of the Vittachis, Sri Lankan born **Nury Vittachi** takes us on a fascinating journey of Sri Lanka’s contribution to world literature. Following in the footsteps of his famous father, **Tarzie Vittachi**, Nury who has published extensively in different languages explores the crucial contribution of literature in Sri Lanka and to the world.
Moderator: **Richard Simon**
- 12.30pm - 2pm** **FEATURE EVENT** Event Code: 012
Literary Lunch - Victoria Glendinning & Yasmine Gooneratne
- 3-course lunch presented by Janet de Neefe, owner of two of Bali’s most successful restaurants.**

Distinguished biographer, critic, broadcaster and novelist, **Victoria Glendinning**, and **Yasmine Gooneratne**, biographer, academic and novelist, will share with us the pitfalls of writing biographies and the relationships that exist with the subject matter.

Janet de Neefe is the owner of two of Bali's leading restaurants, Casa Luna & Indus and is founder of the Casa Luna Cooking school, recently listed amongst the World's Best Cooking Schools by The Australian. She is also the author of a memoir, *Fragrant Rice*.

Location: **Aditya, Galle**

2 pm - 3.15pm

The First Word: Breaking the Ice

Event Code: 013

First time, yet highly celebrated Sri Lankan writers, discuss the highs & lows of writing their first books. Enjoy **Ashok Ferrey** author of best seller *Colpetty People*, **David Blacker** author of *A Cause Untrue* and **Manuka Wijesinghe** author of *Monsoons & Potholes*.
Moderator: **Ameena Hussein**

3.30pm - 4.45pm

East meets West

Event Code: 014

Join ex BBC India Correspondent & author **Mark Tully** as he discusses his new book which focuses on what India can teach the West. During his 22-year tenure as the BBC's India Correspondent, **Mark Tully** became familiar to viewers and listeners throughout the world for his incisive and thought-provoking reports. Whether dodging bullets during skirmishes which bubbled up from time to time on the India-Pakistan border, describing the effect of absolute poverty on Calcutta's street beggars or detailing the horrific aftermath of the Bhopal chemical disaster, he gave a unique insight into the life of the subcontinent.
Moderator: **Christopher Kremmer**

5pm - 6.15pm

Telling the Tale: Fact or Fiction

Event Code: 015

Marquez, Faulkner and Joyce have all transformed family stories and first hand experiences into rich myths of their own. Now listen to three authors of world renown talk about their ability to blend reality, magic and imagination to create PRIZE WINNING works of deep rich meaning. The 2006 Man Booker Prize Winner - **Kiran Desai**, Booker Prize Nominee & Sri Lankan **Romesh Gunesequera** and 2005 Pulitzer Prize Finalist **Suketu Mehta**.

Moderator: **Nury Vittachi**

5pm - 6pm

Alternative Option: Fort Walking Tour

Event Code: 016

Join the expert on the history of Dutch Forts **Rajpal de Silva** as he gives a presentation on Dutch Forts and takes you on a walking tour of the UN World Heritage Site of Galle Fort, taking you back in time as he unfolds his passion for forts with interesting stories of the past.
Meeting Point - **The Fort Gallery**, Church St, Galle Fort

8pm - 10.30pm

FEATURE EVENT

Literary Dinner with William Dalrymple Event Code: 017
**3-course dinner presented by London River Café Chef & Owner -
Rose Gray**

Listen to the award winning **William Dalrymple** give a fascinating lecture & slide show on his book *White Mughals*, a romantic and ultimately tragic tale of a passionate love affair that transcended all the cultural, religious and political boundaries of its time.

Rose Gray is the chef of London's enormously successful River Cafe. She is co-author of five best selling cookery books. She is also co-host of a twelve-part cookery television series.

Location: **The Dutch House**, Galle

FREE EVENING EVENT

6.45pm - 7.15pm

A Class Act - Music & Reading with Ashok Ferrey
Join **Ashok Ferrey**, author of best selling *Colpetty People*, as he presents hilarious excerpts from his latest release *The Good Little Ceylonese Girl*. Performing with Ashok will be poet **Vivimarie VanderPoorten** and actor **Rohan Ponniah**.

Location: **Dicks Bar**, 18 Upper Dickson Road, Galle

8pm - Late

Poets Unplugged & Jazz evening

A lively and entertaining evening of live jazz and contemporary poetry from published & unpublished poets, young & old, amateur & professional, good & bad go head to head at the open mike.

Guaranteed great fun. Featuring **Afdhel Aziz**, **Nury Vittachi**, **Nuzhat Abbas**, **Vivimarie VanderPoorten**, **Sandra Fernando** and **Krisantha Sri Bhaggiyadatta**.

Location: **Dicks Bar**, 18 Upper Dickson Road, Galle

SATURDAY, 13TH JANUARY

The main day of the festival will bring you two concurrent programmes offering book enthusiasts with an incredible literary feast at The Hall de Galle or at the restored tea plantation of Samakanda on the outskirts of Galle. **Romesh Gunesekera** will tell us why *The Match* is just not cricket, **William Dalrymple** will unveil his passion for 18th century India in words & pictures, The Man Booker Prize 2006 Winner **Kiran Desai** will reveal what influences her writing, **Victoria Glendinning** brings Woolf alive, Sri Lankan writers from all walks of life discuss language and **Rory Spowers** with other environmentalists will take you on a journey at his organic farm Samakanda.

OPTION 1

LOCATION:

The Hall de Galle, Fort Galle

TIME:

9.30am - 6.15am

9.30 - 10.30am

Its just not Cricket!

Event Code: 018

Romesh Gunesekera, will share with us why playing the game of cricket is only half the story in his latest book *The Match*.

Romesh is the author of *Reef*, which was short listed for the Booker Prize in 1994, *Monkfish Moon*, a collection of short stories, *The Sandglass*, a novel published in 1998 and *Heaven's Edge*.

Moderator: **Christopher Kremmer**

11.am - 12.15pm

The Last Mughal
Featuring William Dalrymple

Event Code: 019

Award winning author **William Dalrymple** will discuss his most recent book *The Last Mughal*, taking you on a dramatic journey through the Indian rebellion of 1857-8 and the deposition of the last Mughal Emperor.

12.30pm - 2pm

LUNCH BREAK

FEATURE EVENT

Literary Lunch - A Private Affair!

Event Code: 020

Your chance to have an intimate lunch with an award winning author set in a selection of magnificent private historical Galle Fort homes. Arrange a group or come as an individual, as no more than 10 people get to dine with their favourite author.

Choose to have lunch with either: **Kiran Desai, Suketu Mehta, Christopher Kremmer, Romesh Gunesekera, Madhur Jaffrey, Victoria Glendinning, Mark Tully** or **William Dalrymple**.

2 pm - 3.15pm

Four Ways Forward

Event Code: 021

Join four writers who talk to us about their particular use of language in their writings. **Pradeep Jeganathan, Lal Medawattagedera, Jagath Kumarasinghe & Madhubashini Ratnayake** talk to us about the use of the vernacular in their writing and how it shapes Sri Lankan writing in English.

Moderator: Neloufer de Mel

3.30pm - 4.45pm

In the Spotlight

Event Code: 022

The 2006 Man Booker Prize Winner **Kiran Desai** introduces us to her award winning novel *The Inheritance of Loss* and talks about issues such as globalisation, multiculturalism, inequality and the different forms of love that influenced her writing.

Moderator: **Deepika Shetty**

5pm - 6pm

Unveiling the Woolf!

Event Code: 023

Distinguished biographer, critic, broadcaster and novelist, **Victoria Glendinning**, brings to life the formidable publisher & author Leonard Woolf in her latest biography *Leonard Woolf - A life*. Victoria will share with us Woolf's 7 years in Ceylon & how this period of his life influenced his writing.

Moderator: **Ashley Halpe**

8pm - 10.30pm

FEATURE EVENT

Literary Dinner with Madhur Jaffrey

Event Code: 024

Meet the internationally acclaimed actress and one of the world's greatest authorities on Indian food as she shares spicy stories from a memoir, *Climbing the Mango Tree*, and takes you on a gastronomic journey over dinner as you enjoy a meal presented by Madhur.

Moderator: **Hiran Cooray**

Location: **Amangalla**, Galle Fort

FREE EVENING EVENT

6.45pm - 8.30pm

Live Debate: Men are better writers than women!

This promises to be one of the festival highlights.

Come and participate in this lively debate as members of the audience take sides and battle out this somewhat controversial topic.

Chairperson: **Nury Vittachi**

Location: **The Rampart Hotel**, Galle Fort

10pm till late

Live Show & Entertainment

Location: **The Light House**, Galle

SATURDAY, 13TH JANUARY

OPTION 2

LOCATION: Samakanda, Galle
TIME: 10.00am - LATE

Samakanda 'Bio-versity' is an ecological learning centre and eco-tourism destination being developed on the site of an abandoned 60-acre tea estate about 20kms north-east of Galle.

The project has been pioneered by UK environmentalist and writer **Rory Spowers**, founder of The Web of Hope (www.thewebofhope.org), an on-line resource that highlights 'best practice' role models for sustainability.

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| 10.00am - 11.15am | A year in Sri Lanka | Event Code: 025 |
| | Join Rory Spowers , owner and founder of Samakanda, author of <i>Three Men on a Bike</i> - a bizarre tale of cycling through Africa, critically acclaimed <i>Rising Tides</i> - a history of environmentalism and his latest book soon to be released, <i>A year in Green Tea & Tuk Tuks</i> and Libby Southwell author of the best selling book <i>Monsoon Rains & Icicle Drops</i> as they share excerpts from their books about living in Sri Lanka.
Moderator: Richard Simon | |
| 10.00am - 11.15am | CHILDRENS EVENT
Story Telling | |
| | Children will be treated to an action packed hour of story telling by Barbara Sansoni , designer, artist & author of the best selling children's book <i>Missy Fu and Tikkira Banda</i> and <i>Press with the Toes in the Grass</i> . | |
| 11.30am - 12.30pm | Walking Tour of Samakanda | Event Code: 026 |
| | A walking tour of Samakanda with Rory Spowers, covering the seven 'zones' of the project and highlighting the key elements of each, from the concepts of the <i>forest garden</i> to renewable energy systems. Join Rory as he shares with you his vision behind Samakanda and the role it will play within The Web of Hope's educational projects. | |
| 11.30am - 12.30pm | CHILDRENS EVENT
Eco Workshop for children | |
| | Children will learn how to make their own compost and will plant seeds and trees as they gain an understanding on the basic fundamentals of the environment.
Suitable for children aged 5 years plus. | |
| 11.30am - 12.30pm | COLOUR WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS
Colour co-ordination based on the colour wheel | |
| | The master of colour, Barbara Sansoni will give senior students an understanding of the colour wheel, and how to combine and contrast colours.
Suitable for senior students 16 years and over. | |
| 12.30pm - 2.30pm | LUNCH BREAK | |

FEATURE EVENT

Event Code: 027

'A Moveable Feast' - enjoy al fresco dining, wine tasting & live music, moving between various locations around Samakanda.

Soak up the magical atmosphere of Samakanda complemented with a gourmet lunch, fine Italian wine and music from all over the world as some of the festival's gastronomes - **Rose Gray, Carina Cooper** and **Peter Kuruvita** who will cook up a storm al fresco style, using the farm's finest organic produce, woodfire pizza ovens, salads and BBQ's.

- Pizza demonstration with Rose Gray at the wood-fired oven.
- Freshly picked Samakanda salads prepared by Carina Cooper.
- Grilled meat & fish dishes by Peter Kuruvita at the barbeque.

Carina Cooper is a UK author of *The Nottinghill Cook Book* and Sri Lankan Peter Kuruvita is owner and executive chef of Sydney's leading restaurant Flying Fish. Rose Gray is chef and owner of The River Café, London.

12.30pm - 2.30pm

CHILDRENS EVENT

Children's Art Conservation Workshop with Sculptor & Potter **Tissa de Alwis**.

2.45 pm - 3.45pm

Can Tourism Help the Environment?

Event Code: 028

Join in on a panel discussion with **Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne** one of Sri Lanka's most prolific nature photographers and writers, **Rukshan Jayewardene**, full time wildlife photographer and co-author of the first publication dedicated to leopards in Sri Lanka & **Dr Ranil Senanayake** environmental scientist and one of Sri Lanka's experts on Ecologically Sustainable Development, as they passionately discuss key environmental issues facing the tourism industry.
Moderated by **Rory Spowers**

2.45 pm - 3.45pm

CHILDRENS EVENT

Story Telling

Join the dynamic young **Timothy Seneviratne** author of the best selling book *The 3 friends and the BIG wave*.

3.45pm - 6pm

Soak in Samakanda

Its time to relax! Pick your own organic salad, hike down to the spectacular river or up along the ridge to the sacred Banyan tree temple, have informal discussions with the chefs and panelists or simply sit and listen to some great live music whilst sipping a sunset cocktail.

6.30pm - 8pm

EVENING FILM

An Inconvenient Truth featuring Al Gore and directed by Davis Guggenheim. To be screened in the tea shed.

Humanity is sitting on a ticking time bomb. If the vast majority of the world's scientists are right, we have just ten years to avert a major catastrophe that could send our entire planet into a tail-spin of epic destruction involving extreme weather, floods, droughts, epidemics and killer heat waves beyond anything we have ever experienced. If that sounds like a recipe for serious gloom and doom -- think again. *An Inconvenient Truth* offers a passionate and inspirational look at Al Gore's crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it.

You owe it to yourself to see it.

SUNDAY, 14TH JANUARY

LOCATION: The Light House, Galle
TIME: 9.30am - 3pm

On the final day be swept away with yet another stimulating panel discussion on unity & peace and listen to the festival's most entertaining authors **Arthur C Clarke, Mark Tully & William Dalrymple**. Join in the official closing of the festival with your last chance to mix & mingle with your favourite authors.

9.30am - 11.00am **What makes Sri Lankans one?** Event Code: 029

Join **Neela Marikkar**, president of Sri Lanka First, a powerful group of business leaders that advocate for a negotiated settlement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, **Namini Wijedasa**, journalist & winner of the 2005 Natali Prize for Human Rights, **Kumi Samuels** who is known for her work in the area of women and peace, fiction writer **David Blacker** and actor **Rohan Ponniah**, as they discuss what unites Sri Lankans together as one.

Moderator: **Tissa Jayatilaka**

11.15am - 12.30pm **An Englishman Abroad** Event Code: 030

Fasten your seatbelts for the grand finale of the festival where three highly commended authors will compare notes on living in distant corners of the globe. Notable author of novels & science fiction **Arthur C Clarke**, world renowned ex BBC Indian correspondent & author **Mark Tully**, & celebrated author & historian **William Dalrymple**.

Moderator: **Nury Vittachi**

1pm - 3pm **FEATURE EVENT** Event Code: 031

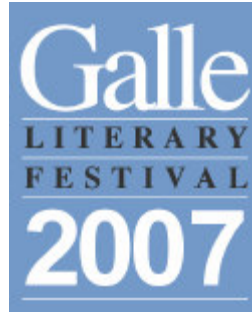
Literary Lunch:

Your last chance to dine with the festival authors.

Mix & mingle as the authors and you get to discuss the topic of your choice in a grand finale closure to Sri Lanka's first ever English literary festival.

Each table will consist of 10 guests plus 2 festival authors.

Location: **The Light House, Galle**



FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

PREMIER FESTIVAL, GALLE, SRI LANKA

10th to 14th January 2007

THURSDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2007 - 10AM - 1PM

Creative Writing Workshop with Ann Scowcroft

Do you feel inspired by the great writing that has drawn you to this festival? Might you be tempted to try your own hand at writing creatively? Then this workshop is for you. Beginners will learn how to plunge into the writing process; both beginning and practiced writers just might discover veins for exploration that they didn't know were there for the taking. In this workshop we will write together and learn how to listen for what is strong in both our own writing and the writing of others. Be honest: have you been thinking of taking up the pen? Have you been haunted by knowing that you want to? *Carpe Diem!*

Ann Scowcroft is a poet from Quebec, Canada. Her work has been published in a number of international literary journals. She is currently being pursued by a PhD in second language acquisition.

Cost: US\$15.00

Location: The Sun House, Galle

FRIDAY, 12TH JANUARY 2007 - 2PM - 5PM

Writing Across Media with Deepika Shetty

Print/TV/Blogs? What does it take to write across media and is it easy enough to make the shift from one to the next?

Is this going to be the age of the multi-skilled journalist? If yes, what will it take to write across media?

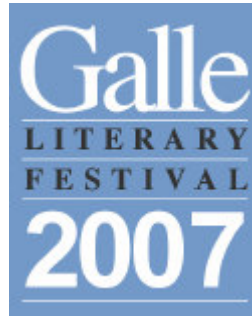
Learn how to make a 40 second script leap to the realms of a full analysis piece. All the whys of writing answered in this workshop.

Deepika Shetty moved from newspaper writing to a newsmagazine before making the plunge into television. This year she stepped into to the realm of blogs as well and posts her comments at <http://www.readatpeace.blogspot.com/>

Equally at ease in front and behind the camera, Deepika epitomizes the new breed of journalism.

Cost: US\$15.00

Location: Amangalla, Galle



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

GALLE, SRI LANKA

13th & 14th January 2007

The 2007 Galle Literary Festival features a selection of fun-filled and informative workshops, debates & essay writing competitions for young people aged from 3 to 16 years old. All workshops are FREE and are held in English.

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.

SATURDAY, 13TH JANUARY

9.00am - 10.30am

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Sponsored by The British Council in support of Schools of the Southern Province.

Workshop leaders:

Lal Medawattegedera for children aged 12-13 yrs

Vivimarie VanderPoorten for children aged 14-15 yrs

Location: **Uswathan Hasana College, Katugoda**

10.00am - 11.00am

STORY TELLING

Children will be treated to an action packed hour of story telling by **Barbara Sansoni**, designer, artist & author of the best selling children's book *Missy Fu and Tikkira Banda* and *Press with the Toes in the Grass*.

Location: **Samakanda**, Galle

11.00am - 12.30pm

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Location: **Uswathan Hasana College, Katugoda**

Workshop leaders:

Lal Medawattegedera for children aged 12-13 yrs

Vivimarie VanderPoorten for children aged 14-15 yrs

- 11.30am - 12.30pm** **ECO WORKSHOP**
Children will learn how to make their own compost and will plant seeds and trees as they gain an understanding of the basic fundamentals of the environment.
Suitable for children aged 5 years plus.
Location: **Samakanda**, Galle
- 11.30am - 12.30pm** **COLOUR WORKSHOP**
Colour coordination based on the colour wheel
The master of colour, **Barbara Sansoni** will give senior students an understanding of the colour wheel, and how to combine and contrast colours.
Suitable for senior students 16 years and over.
Location: **Samakanda**, Galle
- 12.30pm - 2.30pm** **CHILDRENS ART CONSERVATION WORKSHOP**
Let the creativeness flow.....children will be inspired with Sculptor & Potter **Tissa de Alwis**.
Location: **Samakanda**, Galle
- 2.45pm - 3.45pm** **STORY TELLING**
Join the dynamic young **Timothy Seneviratne** author of the best selling book *The 3 friends and the BIG wave*.
Location: **Samakanda**, Galle

SUNDAY, 14TH JANUARY

- 9.00am - 10.00am** **BE A COMIC BOOK CREATOR**
Move over, Spiderman! Now you can design a hero or heroine and put together a story that you can take home. Children's book author **Nury Vittachi** shows you how.
Location: **The Light House**, Galle

ADOPTSRI LANKA TWINS CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Adopt Sri Lanka Twins are proudly sponsoring a creative writing competition among Galle Zonal Schools in the English language.

The objectives of the competition are to:

- To encourage students to think and express themselves creatively
- To support English language learning
- To create a paragraph, story, essay etc in English.
- To recognize and award student literary achievement.
- To collaborate with Galle Literary festival in Jan 2007

The competition will be conducted in two different age levels:
Intermediate level - Grade 7 & 8 Students (age 12 & 13)
Upper intermediate level - Grade 9 & 10 Students (age 14 & 15)

ADOPTSRI LANKA TWINS DEBATING COMPETITION

AdoptSriLanka Twins will be holding Debating Competitions in every district of the Southern Province. This will be a year long initiative commencing in line with the Galle Literary Festival 2007. Zonal wide winners will be awarded and all participants will attend a debating workshop prior to the competition.

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

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