



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

GALLE, SRI LANKA

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>TH</sup> 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><b>Before Precious</b></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><b>Breathe and Stretch</b></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><b>If you can't write it draw it!</b></p> <p>With author, artist, designer Barbara Sansoni</p> <p>Learn how drawing can bring writing alive.</p>	10.30am- 11.30am	<p><b>Creative Workshop</b></p> <p>Featuring John James Ford</p> <p>Imagery and writing - unleashing the imagination using symbols from around the world.</p>

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11.30am - 12.30 pm	<p><b>The Land that Grew Me</b></p> <p>Featuring British writer <b>Susan Elderkin</b></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>Sponsored by The British Council</p>	11.30am - 1.30pm	<p><b>Drama Workshop</b></p> <p>Featuring <b>Sashi Mendis Decosta</b></p> <p>Develop characters and story lines. Sharpen up your improvisation skills in this interactive drama workshop.</p>
12.30 - 1.00 pm	<p><b>LUNCH: Bring your own picnic or buy pizzas and more from festival vendors.</b></p> <p><b>BOOK LAUNCH:</b>  <b>Lakmali Goonawardena</b> launches her children's book <i>A Pigeon Learns to Fly</i>.</p>	1.30pm - 2.00 pm	<p><b>LUNCH: Bring your own picnic or buy pizzas and more from festival vendors.</b></p>
1.00pm- 2.00pm	<p><b>Recycled Art Initiative</b></p> <p>Make art from garbage. Learn the art of recycling.</p> <p>Suitable for 6 years and above.</p>		
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm	<p><b>Short Stories &amp; the Loch Ness Monster</b></p> <p>Workshop featuring <b>Lal Medawattegedera</b></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>	2.00pm - 3.00pm	<p><b>Chess Workshop</b></p> <p>The Russian Cultural Centre brings an interactive chess playing workshop to Galle.</p>
3.30 pm - 4.30 pm	<p><b>Sing, Zig Zag, Fly with Words</b></p> <p><b>An interactive presentation of Lakmali Gunawardena's books</b></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!</p>	3.00pm - 4.30pm	<p><b>Poetry Workshop</b></p> <p>Featuring <b>Rachel Bowden</b></p> <p>Learn about the use of metaphor and write your own poetry from scratch.</p>
4.30 pm - 5.30 pm	<p><b>Word Up!</b></p> <p>Scrabble, Anagram, Boggle, Quiddler - a variety of fun games to play.</p>		

**SUNDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

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

09.30am - 10.30am	<b>Beastly Tales and More</b> Be entertained by internationally renowned poets including <b>Vikram Seth, Jeet Thayil &amp; Suman Sridhar.</b>
10.30am - 11.30am	<b>Reading is Fun</b> <b>Karen Roberts</b> shares her passion for reading and discusses what children find inspiring and why.
11.30 am - 12.30 pm	<b>Story Planet</b> Do you love Harry Potter or Pokemon or Spiderman or Narnia? Children's book writer <b>Nury Vittachi</b> 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](mailto:info@galleliteraryfestival.com)

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