

# Launch of the Art Gallery at The Bayleaf

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The Rainbow Bull.

The Bayleaf restaurant, in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, continues to add special features that interest many guests and visitors. The Bayleaf Art Gallery was launched in December 2024 to promote local talent in art and creativity on the upper level. The Gallery has been featuring talented Sri Lankan artists each month.

It was launched with the painting 'Flowers Do Have Dreams' by well-known artist Chaminda Gamage. Gamage is a state Award Winner for Painter of the Year, Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Visual Arts, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo, and Founder Member of Colombo Artists Sri Lanka.



Artist Sanjeewa Ilangarathne.

It was followed by the 'Quest for Tranquility' exhibition by K. D. Lakshman. Lakshman could see beyond the obvious in his teenage years. Throwing himself into the world of conservation brought him into contact with a range of unusual and talented personalities.

The captivating exhibition 'A Language of Horns' by Sanjeewa Ilangarathne is currently on display. A bull embodies a remarkable presence—both spectral and immense. Its powerful essence resonates even in stillness, casting a lasting shadow across time.

The collection explores the bull as more than an animal – an embodiment of power,

myth, and silent strength. Through bold strokes, shifting forms, and deep textures, each artwork tells an unspoken story. Horns, muscles, and dust form a primal language of power, grace, tradition, and defiance, echoing timelessly.



Royal Horn I.



King of Cultivation I.

The Art Gallery is curated by Sadev Wittachy, a fellow member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA) and a chartered member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Sadev Wittachy, a graduate of the City School of Architecture, Colombo, is an architect with over 20 years of experience, known for blending creative vision with meticulous craftsmanship. Since establishing his studio practice in 2002, he has built a reputation for design excellence and innovation.

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Now curating his debut art exhibition, Sadev celebrates local artists and the Bayleaf team by creating a platform to showcase their creativity. A passionate art collector and dedicated educator with over a decade of teaching at the City School of Architecture, he combines design and context to craft impactful art experiences.

This exhibition marks Sadev's and The Bayleaf's mission to connect audiences with vibrant local talent, making art accessible and inspiring.

*The Bayleaf Art Gallery,  
79 Gregory's Road, Colombo 7  
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*Open daily. Time: 11am – 10pm*



Golden Horn.



Ambaruwo I.



Storm III.



Playful Bull V.



Playful Bull VI.



Playfull Bull III.