



## Cake Mixing

October 12, 2024

### The Thermal Hotel, Jaffna

The Thermal Hotel in Jaffna launched the festive season with its Annual Christmas Cake Mixing Ceremony, a beloved tradition that ignites the start of the holidays. Guests, including visitors from Germany, joined the hotel's management and staff to mix dried fruits, nuts, spices, rum, brandy, and wine for their signature Christmas cakes.

The event was filled with laughter and camaraderie, enhanced by the delightful aroma of spices. Guests enjoyed a variety of snacks and received special souvenirs as mementos of the occasion. This ceremony was not just about mixing ingredients, but about uniting people in the spirit of celebration and goodwill.



October 18, 2024

### Cinnamon Grand Colombo

The holiday spirit was ignited at Cinnamon Grand Colombo with a heartwarming Christmas Cake Mixing Ceremony, marking the start of the festive season. Guests and staff gathered for a memorable evening filled with celebration and joy. The grand lobby was beautifully decorated, with the sound of bagpipes and swirling smoke creating a magical atmosphere that captured the essence of the holidays.

Mikael Semerson, Chief Executive Officer, Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts, graced the occasion and joined in the festivities, making the event even more special. His presence underscored the importance of this cherished tradition, as the gathering reflected the values of togetherness and community, which are at the heart of the festive season.

At the heart of the celebration was the ritual of cake mixing, where participants enthusiastically gathered to combine an assortment of ingredients — from dried fruits to nuts and warming spices. This shared experience symbolized unity and togetherness, as attendees came together to prepare the rich, flavorful mixture that will soon become Cinnamon Grand's signature Christmas cake.

Komal Manojitha, Area Vice President, Cinnamon Colombo Hotels & General Manager — Cinnamon Grand Colombo said, "We are delighted to host our annual Christmas Cake Mixing Ceremony at Cinnamon Grand Colombo, as it serves as a perfect way to bring people together in the spirit of Christmas. This tradition is not only about preparing for the festive season but also about celebrating unity, joy, and the bonds that connect us all."



October 26, 2024

### Grand Hotel

The Grand Hotel proudly launched the festive season with our exceptional Christmas Cake Mixing Ceremony! Busting with a rich medley of ingredients and the joyful laughter of our team and guests, the event radiated holiday spirit and camaraderie. Cheers to sweet beginnings and sweet memories this Christmas!



October 15, 2024

### Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo

Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo transformed its Pool Terrace for the annual Christmas Cake Mixing Ceremony, officially kicking off the holiday season. This event, rooted in European tradition, brought together media personalities, guests, and hotel staff to mix dried fruits, nuts, and spices for upcoming Christmas cakes. The air was filled with festive aromas as laughter and holiday stories were shared, highlighting the spirit of unity and togetherness.



October 21

### Radisson Hotel Colombo

Radisson Hotel Colombo ushered in the holiday season with our much-anticipated Cake Mixing Ceremony! This cherished tradition brought together guests and team members to prepare the delightful ingredients for our Christmas cake — a warm kick-off to the festive celebrations filled with joy, camaraderie, and holiday spirit.



October 26, 2024

### Maalathi Colombo

The Maalathi Colombo Cake Mixing Ceremony on October 26th was a resounding success, uniting wonderful guests and our dedicated staff to officially kick off the holiday season. The hotel's pool deck was transformed into a festive haven, with a warm glow from the festive decorations and the sound of bagpipes and swirling smoke creating a magical atmosphere that captured the essence of the holidays.



November 5, 2024

### Waters Edge

Waters Edge ushered in the holiday season with its annual Cake Mixing Ceremony, celebrating tradition and community. The event, led by Jayantha Abayasinghe, Director of Operations, gathered guests, culinary experts, and senior management. Chef Tharindu showcased his culinary skills, blending premium ingredients for the festive cakes, while Thushita Ranatunga enriched the ceremony with insights about the significance of the process. The venue was beautifully decorated by the in-house team, creating a warm and festive atmosphere as guests participated in the mixing, embodying the spirit of the season. The event concluded with a toast to exceptional hospitality and the upcoming festivities.



November 12, 2024

### Radisson Hotel Kandy

Radisson Hotel Kandy proudly kicked off the holiday season with an extravagant, Royal-themed Cake Mixing Ceremony! This beloved tradition united guests and team members to blend the finest ingredients for our Christmas cakes, marking the start of the festive season with regal elegance and exuberance. As they embrace the festivities, they are excited to welcome their guests with a stellar lineup of events and offerings that truly capture the magic and rich heritage of Kandy's unique charm.



## Christmas Carols and Concerts

### Christmas Carols and Services

**All Saints Church, Battaramulla**  
Christmas Carols, December 24, 7:15pm  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11:45am and December 25

**Christ Church, Galle Face**  
Christmas Carols, December 15, 5pm  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11:30pm and on December 25, 11am

**Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya**  
Christmas Carols, December 22, 8:30pm  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11:30pm and on December 25

**St Anthony's Shrine, Kochchikade**  
Christmas Carols, December 24, 7:15pm  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11:30pm and December 25

### Christmas Concerts

**December 1**  
A Classic Christmas  
A Classic Christmas concert by Billy and Desavaine. Venue: Buddha College Auditorium, 6:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 7,500, Rs. 5,000, Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,000

**December 6**  
A Christmas Wish  
A Christmas Wish by The Old Jones Choir. Venue: The Jubilee Park Street. Music: 7:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs. 1,500, Rs. 800

**December 13 and 15**  
2024 Christmas Concert  
Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka Christmas Concert features artists Shresha Uyangoda, Desavaine Jayawickreme and conductor Dulagani Perera. Venue: Buddha College Auditorium. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs. 7,500, Rs. 6,500, Rs. 5,500, Rs. 4,500, Rs. 3,500, Rs. 2,500

**December 8**  
Carol Service and Christmas Fair  
Carols. Time: 5pm onwards, Christmas Fair. Time: 6pm to 11pm. The Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour.

**December 10-15**  
Festive Choir of Nilsson Colombo  
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**December 11**  
Sing for the King  
An evening unfolding the story of Christmas through songs by Soul Sounds Academy. Venue: The Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour. Time: 7pm

**December 10-15**  
Agn Kodikara - Violin and Flute Duo, Nilsson Colombo, 6pm-9pm

**December 21**  
Carnegie, Nilsson Colombo, 6pm-9pm

**December 24 and 25**  
Auction: Nilsson Colombo, 6pm-9pm

**St Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena**  
Christmas Carols, December 22, 7:15pm  
Christmas Service (Bilingual), December 24, 11:30pm onwards and on December 25

**St Michael's Church, Polonnaruwa, Colombo 3**  
Christmas Eve Carols, December 24, 6pm  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11:30pm and December 25, 8:30am, 9:30am and 12 noon

**St Mary's Cathedral, Negombo**  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11:45am and December 25, 11am

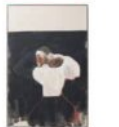
**Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu, Mannar**  
Christmas Service, December 24, 11pm and December 25, 11am

**Trinity College Chapel, Kandy**  
Christmas Carols, December 7, 6:30pm  
Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church, December 24, 11:30pm

## Art, Dance and Music

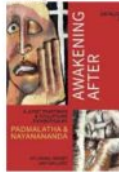
### Art

December 17  
My Makeup is Wrong



The exhibition by artist Fabienne Francotte, 'My Makeup is Wrong' traverses through the stages of grief, as Fabienne Francotte mines the depths of her psyche. Sotheby's International Colombo 7

December 6 - 8  
Awakening After



A joint exhibition and sculpture exhibition by husband and wife duo Nayanaranda and Padmalatha who have conducted many exhibitions earlier. Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo 7. Time: 9am-7pm

### Music

December 1  
CISIC, welcomes World Class Violinist Midani



Experience the magic of Midani and Ozzur Ardu. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo. Time: 7:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 25,000, Rs. 15,000, Rs. 2,500

December 3  
Junior Symphony Orchestra in Concert



Conducted by Dulagani Perera, the performance by Junior Symphony Orchestra will cover Bach, Beethoven, Gung, Haid, Liszt, Schubert and more. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo. Time: 7:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 2,500, Rs. 2,000, Rs. 1,500

December 2 - 14  
Sombodhi



Somebody is an artistic collaboration between Rochelle Fernando and his one-year-old daughter, inspired by the profound bond they have developed over the past year. Each piece reflects her influence, as she contributed her own lines to the artwork. The artist subsequently enhanced these contributions with brushstrokes, creating abstract portraits and figures that represent individuals who have significantly impacted their lives. Gallery Fourty, Colombo 5. Time: 3:00pm-5:30pm

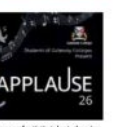
December 6 - 8  
Charity Auction



Presented by George Key Foundation, a selection of modern and contemporary Sri Lankan art conducted by Sotheby's International, Cinnamon Lila, Colombo

### Dance

December 12 and 15  
Applause 26: A 2 of Music, Verse, Song and Dance



A vibrant showcase of artistic talent, drawing inspiration from iconic Broadway hits and renowned Sri Lankan performances, under the expert of veteran dramatist Kala Keerthi Jerome de Silva. December 12 - Venue: Lionel Wendt Theatre, Colombo 2. Time: 7pm. Tickets: Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,500, 7:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,500, Rs. 500, Rs. 300, Rs. 200

December 15 - Venue: Gateway College Kandy Auditorium, Kandy. Time: 8:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 5,000, Rs. 4,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,000

December 16  
Dance recitals by Kessala Dullewa Children of KDF Dance group of Sandali Rangana. In aid of its skill development program. Choreographed and directed by Dr Sakura Senewaratne and Isharada Dimutha Wijayaratne. Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium. Time: 6pm. Tickets: Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,000



Experience a night like no other with Kumar Saru - the legendary voice of romance behind timeless Bollywood hits, and Sathana Sargam - the divine melody queen of Bollywood, as they take you through a nostalgic journey to the golden era of Bollywood music. Venue: Rajapalace Indoor Stadium. Time: 8:30pm. Tickets: Rs. 35,000, Rs. 20,000, Rs. 15,000, Rs. 10,000, Rs. 7,500, Rs. 5,000

## Festivals



December 1 - 8  
Feast of St Xavier's Church, Nuwara Eliya  
Starting from December 1 with the heading of the feast, Novenas will be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> and Vespers on the 7<sup>th</sup> and concludes with the feast on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



December 15  
Feast of St Lucia's Cathedral, Kotahena  
The Church feast is celebrated with a heart-felt mass and vespers service on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The highlight of the celebration is the procession of the moved St. Lucia, where devoted participants come together to honor and celebrate, creating a truly uplifting experience for all involved.



December - May 2025  
Pilgrimage to Sri Pada  
The pilgrimage season commences as numerous devotees, accompanied by their families as well as solo travelers, ascend the sacred mountain.



December 25  
Christmas  
The joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ unites Christians worldwide in a spirit of love and hope. As the festive season draws near, the streets are adorned with festive decorations, heartwarming Christmas carols, preparation of festive sweets and the cherished tradition of gift-giving come together to create a magical atmosphere.

## Drama and Theatre



December 13  
Charlie's Home Again  
Written and directed by Raviindu Ariyaratne with a host of popular artists: Gihan Fernando, Chamila Peris, Ferri Rashan, Sathin Karunaratne, Chinthaka Perera and Wasantha Wimalathilaka. Venue: Epiphany Theatre, Colombo 10. Time: 8:30pm, 7pm



December 20  
Wells Paula  
Great children's play by Somath Subasinghe with a host of popular artists. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 2. Time: 3:30pm, 6:45pm



December 21  
Sithulaha  
One of the greatest stage plays written and directed by Prof. Edirweera Sarachchandra. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 2. Time: 8:30pm, 7pm



December 22  
Maname  
Written and directed by Prof. Edirweera Sarachchandra, Maname utilizes the traditions of madrigals in typical folk theatre tradition in Sri Lanka. Venue: Lionel Wendt, Colombo 2. Time: 8:30pm, 7pm



December 28  
Balthus Ekka 2  
A political comedy written and directed by Raviindu Ariyaratne, with a host of popular artists. Venue: Epiphany Theatre, Colombo 10. Time: 8:30pm, 7pm

## Sports

### Cricket



ICC World Test Championship 3<sup>rd</sup> Test December 5 - 9  
South Africa v Sri Lanka; Gqeberha

Sri Lanka in New Zealand T20 series  
December 28  
1<sup>st</sup> T20 Mount Maunganui, 18:15  
December 30  
2<sup>nd</sup> T20 Mount Maunganui, 18:15  
January 3, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> T20 Nelson, 12:15

