


**What's On**  
JANUARY 2025

**Best Western Elyon Colombo**  
Business Lunch (Crispy mixed vegetable salad with balsamic vinegar; Lampara/Rice and Curry/ Penne Chicken Carbonara with dessert optional)  
Chicken/Dressed Pork Sizzlers

Tuesdays with a Twist BYOB. Tuesday: VU Resto-Bar  
Classic mixes to creative blends - Cocktail Pitchers  
Save 20% on Sea Queen's Seafood Bucket (Reservations +94 117 527 527, +94 762 224 586)




**Fairway Colombo Art and Jazz on the Street**  
January 25 and 26; 7pm - 10pm



**Lords Restaurant Complex, Negombo**  
Live music daily  
Live saxophone jazz; Botman Outlet; 5pm - 8pm  
Breakfast and Lunch (Poke Bowl, English breakfast, Sri Lankan breakfast, Continental breakfast, pancakes, tacos, flat breads, burgers, loaded fries, paninis, Sri Lankan curries); 8am - 5pm, Dinner: 5pm - 10pm  
Sunset (see happy hour promotion) - unwind to the beats of live saxophone jazz and soak up the ocean breeze, watching the sunset (Buy one cocktail, get one free); daily; Botman Outlet; 5pm - 6pm



**Nikenbashi**  
Ladies Night (any lady to make an order at the bar gets a free Yuzu shot for the ladies at the table); Wednesday; Last in Paradise; 6pm  
50% off on Yakitori; Yakitori Bar; Daily; 6pm - 8pm



**The Thissal**  
Happy Hour: daily; 5pm - 8pm  
January 12  
Chinese Night; 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
January 26  
Street Food Night; 7.30pm - 9.30pm



## Art, Dance and Music

### Art

**Till January 5**  
**Stories within Stories**

Prasad Hettiarachchi offers a profound perspective on how minor narratives enrich and challenge grand narratives.  
Barefoot Art Gallery



**Till January 8**  
**A Song of Praise**

Nadine David engages in an exercise in finding beauty in the everyday - a feature that is evident in the sensitive study of her subjects.  
Paradise Road Galleries



**Till January 9**  
**Automata**

Muvindu Binoy for the last decade has been setting the trend by challenging conventions and adopting technological shifts with bold unbridged creativity.  
Paradise Road/Sanku Fernando Gallery



**Till January 9**  
**Sobriety**

In this series Jagath Rasindira references unassuming existence, blending Impressionism's pursuit of the fleeting moment with the evocative power of abstraction.  
Paradise Road/Sanku Fernando Gallery



**January 10 - 26**  
**Theatre of Savannah Birds**

An exhibition of paintings based on birds by artist Sarah's Health.  
Barefoot Art Gallery



**Till January 27**  
**Loot from the Loft**

An exhibition featuring artists: Tissa De Alwis, Channa Kumarakage, Vincent Lyanage, Dhammika N. Perera, Divyashika Siri, Nishan Haraagama, Mike Harindige, Chaminda Gamage, Alex Stewart, Elizabeth Perera and others.  
Barefoot Art Gallery



### Dance


**January 3**  
**The Neer Queen: Kuvemi**

Prepare for a night where legend, dance, and drama merge in an unforgettable portrayal of Kuvemi, brought to life by Niranjan Sharmasapara and legendary dancer Ranjitha Vidyaapathi as King Pathirandena. Choreographed and directed by Chandana Wickramasinghe, featuring 75 professional dancers.  
Venue: Nelum Pokuna Theatre. Time: 6pm.  
Tickets: Rs. 5,000, Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,500



**January 31 - February 6**  
**Rihal Fernando: Journey and Legacy (Exploring Connections through Shared Perspectives)**

An exhibition of photographs by Rihal Fernando and exhibits by 13 contemporary artists, sculptors, and photographers who have been inspired by him.  
Barefoot Art Gallery



**Till April**  
**Remnants**

Artist Asela Abeywardane carves out the beauty of the beauty of a lost world, a lost part of her childhood, her ancestral land of four generations, which was her first canvas to the vastness of nature and the beauty of her surroundings.  
Galle Fort Art Gallery



**Till May**  
**Furniture by the Geoffrey Bawa Practice**


An exhibition curated by Aparna Rao and Channa Desawatte. Alongside architecture, Geoffrey Bawa's practice issued a number of furniture designs in response to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural circumstances of the time.  
The Bawa Space, Colombo 7



### Music


**January 11**  
**Saga Sansa**

Prof Hemajala Perera and musician Malinda Bandara will present an evening of wonderful music.  
Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium. Time: 8pm.  
Tickets: Rs. 4,500, Rs. 3,500, Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,500



**January 25**  
**Opereetta '900' 00:00**

A music performance by the seniors and juniors of U.S.A.A Music Academy under the direction of Indika Upamali.  
Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium. Time: 6pm. Tickets: Rs. 4,500, Rs. 3,500, Rs. 2,500, Rs. 1,500



## Festivals



**January 14  
Thai Pongal**  
Pongal is a vibrant Tamil harvest festival celebrated in honor of the Sun God, symbolizing agricultural abundance. It involves the joyful preparation of the traditional Pongal dish, the artistic decoration of homes with intricate kolam designs, and the performance of rich rituals that highlight the significance of this festive occasion.



**January 13  
Duruthu Perahera**  
On this remarkable day, the stunning Kelani Duruthu Perahera unfolds, showcasing the rich traditions and cultural heritage of our nation. With vibrant folk music, captivating rhythmic dance, and powerful drum performances, this pageant is a true celebration of our spirituality and history.



**Till May 12  
Pilgrimage to Adam's Peak**  
Sri Pada is a revered pilgrimage site that holds significant importance for followers of four major religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam. Its sacredness transcends cultural and religious boundaries, making it a meaningful destination for many devotees.

## Drama and Theatre

**January 11  
Madhura Geetha Jawanika**



A theatrical production by veteran drama writer and director Dayananda Gunawardena.  
**Venue:** Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. **Time:** 3.30pm, 6.45pm

**January 12  
Sudu Andagena Horu Avidin**



A theatrical production featuring Kumara Thirimadura, Roshan Pilapitiya, Saman Hemarathne, Rohan Wijethunga, Anusha Dissanayake, and many more artistes.  
**Venue:** Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. **Time:** 3.30pm, 6.45pm

**January 24  
Nari Burathi 2**



A Sinhala comedy written and directed by Sarath Kothalawala with a contemporary social phenomenon in a hilarious manner.  
**Venue:** Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. **Time:** 3.30pm, 6.30pm

**January 25  
Guru Geethaya**



Based on great Russian writer Chinghis Aitmatov's 'The First Teacher' novel, translated and directed by Prof Mangala Senanayake.  
**Venue:** Nani Malini Punchi Theater, Borella. **Time:** 3.30pm, 6.45pm

**February 1  
Thunsiya Heta Eka**



Written and directed by Udayasiri Wickremarathne, it features a host of artistes.  
**Venue:** Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. **Time:** 3.30pm, 6.45pm

## Sports

### Cricket



**Sri Lanka in New Zealand T20I series  
January 2, 2025**  
3<sup>rd</sup> T20I Nelson; 13.15

**Sri Lanka in New Zealand ODI series**  
**January 5**  
1<sup>st</sup> ODI; Wellington  
**January 8**  
2<sup>nd</sup> ODI; Hamilton  
**January 11**  
3<sup>rd</sup> ODI; Auckland



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