

# What's On

JANUARY 2025

## Best Western Elyon Colombo

Business Lunch (Crispy mixed vegetable salad with balsamic vinegar/Lamprais/Rice and Curry/ Penne Chicken Carbonara with dessert options)  
Chicken/Devised Pork Sizzlers

Tuesdays with a Twist BYOB; *Tuesday; VU Resto-Bar*  
Classic mixes to creative blends – Cocktail Pitchers  
Save 20% on Sea Siren's Seafood Bucket (*Reservations +94 117 527 527, +94 768 224 566*)



## Fairway Colombo Art and Jazz on the Street

*January 25 and 26; 10am–10pm*



## Lords Restaurant Complex, Negombo

Live music; *daily*  
Live saxophone jazz; *Batsman Outlet; 5pm–9pm*  
Breakfast and lunch (Poke Bowls, English breakfast, Sri Lankan breakfast, Continental breakfast, pancakes, tacos, flat breads, burgers, loaded fries, paninis, Sri Lankan curry); *8am–5pm*, Dinner; *5pm–9pm*  
Sunset sax 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; Batsman Outlet; 5pm–6pm*



## Nihonbashi

Ladies Night (any lady to make an order at the bar gets a free Yuzu shot for the ladies at the table); *Wednesday; Lost in Translation; 5pm*  
50% off on Yakitori; *Yakitori Bar; Daily; 6pm–9pm*



## The Thinnai

Happy Hour; *daily; 7pm–9pm*  
*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 unhinged creativity.  
*Paradise Road Saskia Fernando Gallery*



Till January 9

#### Sobāthma

In this series Jagath Ravindra references unanimous existence, blending Impressionism's pursuit of the fleeting moment with the evocative power of abstraction.  
*Paradise Road Saskia Fernando Gallery*



January 10 – 26

#### Theatre of Serendib Birds

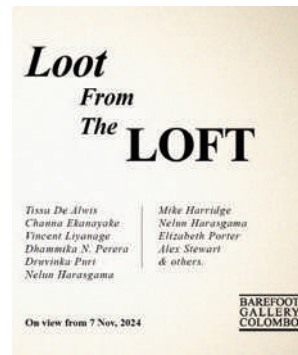
An exhibition of paintings based on birds by artist Sanath Herath.  
*Barefoot Art Gallery*



Till January 27

#### Loot from the Loft

An exhibition featuring artists: Tissa De Alwis, Channa Ekanayake, Vincent Liyanage, Dhammika N, Perera, Druvinka Puri, Nelun Harasgama, Mike Harridge, Chaminda Gamage, Alex Stewart, Elizabeth Porter, and others.  
*Barefoot Art Gallery*



January 31 – February 6

#### Nihal Fernando: Journey and Legacy (Exploring Connections through Shared Perspectives)

An exhibition of photographs by Nihal Fernando and exhibits by 15 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 past of her childhood, her ancestral land of four generations, which was her first canvass 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 Daswatte. 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*



### Dance

January 3

#### The Noir Queen: Kuweni

Prepare for a night where legend, dance, and drama merge in an unforgettable portrayal of Kuweni, brought to life by Niranjani Shanmugaraja and legendary dancer Ravibandu Vidyapathi as King Paduwasdeva. 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*



### Music

January 11

#### Sagi Sara

Prof Hemapala Perera and musician Mahinda Bandara will present an evening of wonderful music.  
*Venue: Bishop's College Auditorium. Time: 6pm. Tickets: Rs. 4,500, Rs.3,500, Rs.2,500, Rs.1,500*



January 25

#### Operetta 'qod 6000'

A music performance by the seniors and juniors of U.A.S.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 artists.  
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 Aitmatove's 'The First Teacher' novel, translated and directed by Prof Mangala Senanayake.  
Venue: Namel 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 artists.  
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

