

Participating Authors

Anjali Joseph, Sean Borodale, Carolin Emcke, Sharmila Kantha, Julian West, Sumathy Sivamohan, Malinda Seneviratne, Anne Ranasinghe, Ramya Jirasinghe, Vivimarie Vanderpoorten, Brandon Ingram, Neluka Silva, Madhubhashini Ratnayaka Disanayake, Smriti Daniel, Rajiva Wijesinha,

Gourmet Dinners

At Park Street Mews, Bayleaf and Dutch Hospital. Details and tickets from February 15th at Park Street Mews.

Free Events

- An exhibition of artworks curated by Annoushka Hempel in collaboration with the Colombo Art Biennale and Hempel Galleries.
- Film Shows curated by Anoma Rajakaruna in conjunction with Agenda 14.
- Book launches and readings by authors
- Dance items

Saturday

6.15 – 6.30 Martha Graham – The Resurrection, by Seneka Abeyratne.

7.00 – 7.45 Performance by nATANDA;
Choreography by Kapila Palihawadana

10.00 – 12.00 Rock Concert - Out of Time

Sunday 7.00 – 7.45 Absence confronts the voice of the woman – and the many strands of the story that is her experience of displacement. Created by Ruhanie Perera in collaboration with Sally Dean and Jake Orloff.

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FRIDAY 22nd

06:00 PM **Festival Opening** *Free Event*
06:15 PM Incredibly short speeches by Festival Sponsors: Anirvan Dastidar (CEO Standard Chartered Bank), Tony Reilly (Country Director, British Council), Bjoern Keitels (Director Goethe Institut), Ashok Ferrey (Festival Curator)

6.15 PM **Announcement of Short List for the Gratiaen Prize 2012**
7.30 PM Compered by Nafeesa K Amiruddeen. Introduction of judging panel, comments on the judging process by chair of panel, citations on the shortlisted works, brief self introductions by the five authors, and readings of their short-listed works. *Free Event*

08:30 PM ***GOURMET DINNER***
10:30 PM At Bayleaf, Dutch Hospital, and Park Street Mews. Details and tickets from February 15th at Park Street Mews.

SATURDAY 23rd

9.00 AM **The Kaduwa** *Free Event*
9.40 AM Does English serve to unite or divide? English-Singlish-Tinglish – how far should we go with the indigenization of the language? Sumathy Sivamohan, Sermal Wijewardene and Malinda Seneviratne air their views. Moderator Shyamalee Tudawe wields the sword.

10.00 AM **1 - Anjali Joseph in conversation with Tony Reilly**
10.40 AM The prize-winning author of Saraswati Park and Another Country on her writing life.

11:00 AM **2 - My Life in Robes**
11:40 PM Two men and a woman in robes – a Christian priest, a Buddhist monk and a Muslim lady – talk about what those robes mean to them: how they serve to define their identity and how they change the way others perceive them. Moderator Jill Macdonald.

12:45 AM **3 - Lunchtime Concert: Some Musical Fun**
01:30 PM Concertmaster Lakshman Joseph de Saram and the Chamber Music Society of Colombo. Mozart Divertimento K. 522

02:00 PM **4 - Songs from Across the Water**
02:40 PM Four poets: Three of Sri Lanka's finest – Holocaust poet Anne Ranasinghe, Ramya Jirasinghe and Vivimarie VanderPoorten – and T.S. Eliot Prize nominee Sean Borodale, on expressing identity and alienation through their work.

03:00 PM **5 - Flying on the Other Wing**
03:40 PM Minoli Ratnayake talks to Carolin Emcke, Rosanna Flamer-Caldera, Kolu and Brandon Ingram about sexual identity and living an alternate lifestyle in modern-day Sri Lanka, and to film-maker Asoka Handagama about the portrayal of it on film.

04:00 PM ***Free Events*** **Book launches & readings**
06:00 PM **Film show** followed by Q&A: **Flying with one Wing**
08:00 PM by **Asoka Handagama** curated by **Anoma Rajakaruna**

06:15 PM **Dance Recitals** *Free Event*
06:30 PM **Martha Graham – The Resurrection, by Seneka Abeyratne.**
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10:00 PM At Bayleaf, Dutch Hospital, and Park Street Mews.

10:00 PM **Rock Concert** *Free Event*
12:00 PM Kumar & Out of Time

Free art exhibition throughout the festival curated by Annoushka Hempel in collaboration with CAB and Hempel galleries - please see separate art brochure.

SUNDAY 24th

09:30 AM **The Gratiaen Prize** *Free Event*
10:10 AM Former Gratiaen judge and nominee Neluka Silva talks to last year's winner Madhubhashini Disanayaka Ratnayake and this year's short listed hopefuls: about Sri Lanka's top literary prize for English writing, and what a win would mean to their writing career.

10:30 AM **6 - Sean Borodale in conversation with Smriti Daniel**
11:10 AM T. S. Eliot Prize nominee, poet Sean Borodale talks to poet and journalist Smriti Daniel

11:30 AM **7 - Who Counted the Bodies?**
12:10 PM War reporters Carolin Emcke and Julian West in conversation with Rajiv Wijesinha and a representative of the Sri Lankan Army, about the problems of war reportage: Who exactly assigns the numbers in an environment where facts and figures can be massaged equally vigorously by both sides? Moderated by Savithri Rodrigo.

01:00 PM **8 - Eshantha Peiris in Concert**
01:40 PM One of Sri Lanka's most gifted pianists, with his own selection.

02:00 PM **9 - In the Driving Seat**
02:40 PM Three very different women novelists - Yasmine Gooneratne (The Sweet & Simple Kind), Anjali Joseph (Saraswati Park, Another Country) and Sharmila Kantha (Just the Facts, Madam-ji, A Break in the Circle) talk to Mrinali Thalagodapitiya about what exactly drives their work. Is it plot, character or genre? Or is it just plain good writing?

03:00 PM **10 - Kaveri Lalchand: One woman show**
04:00 PM Side-splitting laughs with a born entertainer.

04:00 PM ***Free Events***
04:30 PM **Book launch: M.T.L. Ebell.**
05:00 PM **CD launch by Spa Ceylon**
05:30 PM **Film show** followed by Q&A: **August Sun** by **Prasanna Vithanage** curated by **Anoma Rajakaruna**
06:00 PM **Dance Recital: ABSENCE** created by **RUHANIE PERERA** in collaboration with **SALLY DEAN** and **JAKE ORLOFF.**
07:00 PM
07:45 PM

08:00 PM **AFTERPARTY - Street bands & food carts**
10:00 PM