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SINHALA FILM FESTIVAL

A Festival of Award Winning Films

at the

ICES Auditorium, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 08



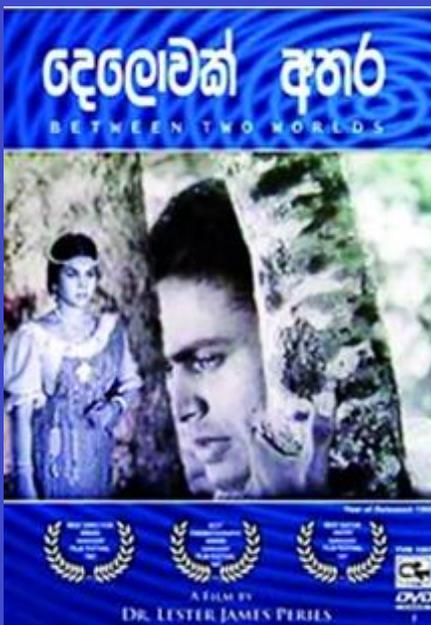
Monday, July 17, 4:30pm

Sath Samudura (1967)

Cyril Wickramage, Swarna Mallawarachchi

A Film by Siri Gunasinghe

Sath Samudra is a landmark Sri Lankan film directed by Professor Siri Gunasinghe. The film was critically acclaimed and is considered a major work in Sri Lankan cinema. It depicts the plight of fishermen living in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka.



Friday, July 21, 4:30pm

Delowak Athara (1966)

Tony Ranasinghe, Suwineetha Abeysekera, Jeevarani Kurukulasuriya

A Film by Lester James Peries

Lester developed the movie as a character study utilizing a single incident to provide insight into the newly rich society of Sri Lanka in the time period. It proved to be his most successful film up to that time. Nissanka (Tony Ranasinghe) is engaged to marry Shiranee (Jeevarani Kurukulasuriya), a woman of the same social class. Nissanka decides to go to a club and asks Shiranee who politely declines. He thus goes alone and meets an old friend Chitra (Suwineetha Abeysekera). They rekindle their friendship and Nissanka offers a ride home. Chitra agrees and they set off only to accidentally hit and kill a pedestrian. The two now have a large secret as they flee the scene.



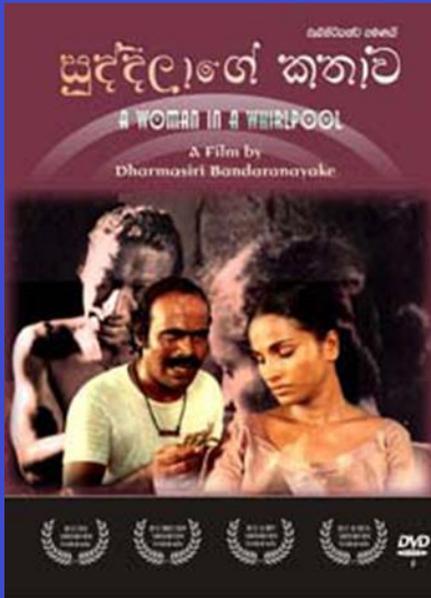
Friday, July 28, 4:30pm

Viragaya (1987)

Sanath Gunatilake, Sabitha Perera, Joe Abeywickrama

A film by Tissa Abeysekera

Adapted from Martin Wickramasinghe's novel, this psychological drama attempts to delve into the mind of Aravind (Sanath Gunatilake) whose Buddhist empathy and detachment is contrasted with his worldly friends and relatives.



Friday, August 4, 4:30pm

Suddilage Kathawa (1984)

Swarna Malliwarachchi, Sommie Ratnayake, Joe Abeywickrama

A Film by Dharmasiri Bandaranayake

The film was based on the novel by reputed writer Simon Navagattegama, who later adapted the novel for the movie. Swarna Malliwarachchi, plays the role of Suddi who is married to Romiel, a hired assassin played by Cyril Wickramage.



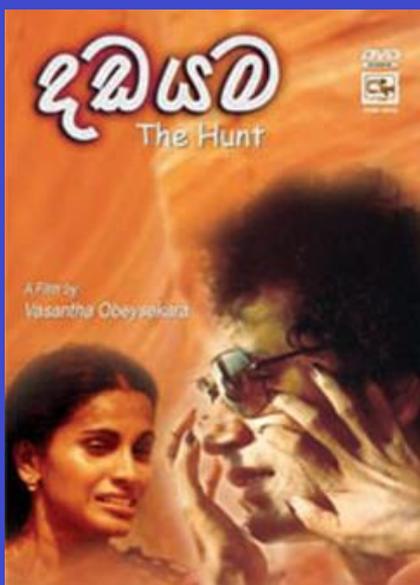
Friday, August 11, 4:30pm

Machan (2008)

Dharmapriya Dias, Gihan De Chickera, Dharshan Dharmaraj

A Film by Uberto Pasolini

Based upon a true story the film was shot on locations in Sri Lanka and Germany. The inspiration came from the actual case of the 2004 Incident where a fake Sri Lankan national handball team tricked its way into a German tournament, lost all their matches, and subsequently vanished.



Friday, August 18, 4:30pm

Dadayama (1984)

Ravindra Randeniya, Swarna Malliwarachchi, Somie Ratnayake

A Film by Vasantha Obeysekera

A woman plots her revenge after being duped by a slick, ruthless man who impregnates her and tries to bail out of marriage.