



**5TH ANNUAL
EARTH DAY
CELEBRATION &**

BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION 2025

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The “The Beauty of Sri Lanka” photographic exhibition, organized by the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society (Member of Photographic Society of America - PSA) and the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, will take place at at the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International 5930 Frank Avenue Hollywood, CA 90028 on April 26th, 2025.

The annual photographic exhibition, held for the first time at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) in September 2019 and again in 2023 and 2024, was well-attended. This exhibition will feature over 80 rare photographs of Sri Lanka’s natural beauty, wildlife, cultural heritage, and scenic beauty, selected from a photo competition and created by award-winning nature photographers.



Sri Lankan Traditional Welcome Dance

**Performed by
Sandani S Kahadugoda
& Waruna Hemachandra**

at "The Beauty of Sri Lanka" at the
Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre
International, 5930 Frank Avenue Hollywood,
CA 90028 on April 26th, 2025.

Sandani S Kahadugoda

DIRECTOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS / ACADEMY OF
PERFORMING ARTS

Sandani completed her 4 years degree from performing arts in 2013 University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka. She has completed her masters degree in 2020 University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka. She has studied Indian Kathak dance to expert level. She was a main dancer in Chithrasena dance company since 2014 – 2022. She was a teacher in charge of Dance in Ladies College Colombo 7. She has a dance Choreography diploma in Sri Lanka foundation institute. She also served as an external lecturer for Sabaragamuwa dance in University of Kelaniya.

Waruna Hemachandra has been learning traditional drumming and dancing in age of seven. He has studied about percussion and drumming in Visual and performing arts university in Colombo. He worked as a dancer and Drummer in national youth center in 2010-2011. Waruna is the founder and the artistic director of "Dinaadha" as it is one of the main percussion bands in Colombo. He worked as a main Drummer and drum instructor in Chithrasena dance school since 2012.

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PROGRAMME 2025

April 24th		Arrive In Los Angeles	
April 25th	9.00AM	Whale Watching at New Port Beach	
April 26th	10.00AM to 5.00PM	Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition Los Angeles at The Celebrity Centre International 5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028	Supported By: Consulate General of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles
April 26th	11.30AM	The Great Elephant Gathering of Asia Award-Winning Wildlife Documentary Film at The Celebrity Centre International 5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028	
April 26th	2.00PM	Earth Day 2025 Voices of Young "Our Power, Our Planet" at The Celebrity Centre International 5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028	
April 26th	3.00PM	Capturing the Wild: A Journey in Wildlife Photography and Conservation by Dr. Nilanthi Rajapakse at The Celebrity Centre International 5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028	
April 27th	8.00AM	Wild-Scapes: A Fresh Perspective on Capturing Wildlife in Their Natural Habitat by Laksitha Karunarathna at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, 6350 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91436	
April 27th	9.00AM	ReTree Sepulveda: Earth Day Restoration Drive at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, 6350 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91436	
April 27th	4.00PM	Hollywood Walk of Fame Street Photography Workshop by Sameera Kotelawala	
April 28th	9.00AM	NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Tour by Dr. Sarath Gunapala *subject to approval	
April 29th		Travel to Toronto, Canada	
April 30th	10.00AM to 5.00PM	Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition Toronto, Canada at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Lower Level East Toronto, ON M5H 2N2	Supported By: Consulate General of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in Toronto
April 30th	11.30AM	The Great Elephant Gathering of Asia Award-Winning Wildlife Documentary Film at the Metro Hall, Rotunda Complex, Toronto, Canada	
April 30th	2.00PM	Earth DaY 2025 Voices of Young "Our Power, Our Planet" at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Lower Level East Toronto, ON M5H 2N2	
April 30th	3.00PM	Introduction to Post-Processing and Color Management Workshop by Riznad Hussain at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Lower Level East Toronto, ON M5H 2N2	
April 30th	6.30PM	Toronto at Night. Night Time Cityscape Photography Workshop By Sameera Kotelawala at Olympic Island, Toronto, ON M5J, Canada	
May 1st		Travel to Washington DC	
May 3rd	10.00AM to 5.00PM	Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibition Washington DC at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC 3025 Whitehaven St NE Washington DC 20008	Organised By: Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC
May 4th	10.00AM to 12.00PM	White House Tour *subject to approval	
May 4th	1.00PM to 5.00PM	Lincoln Memorial Tour	
May 5th	8.00AM	Avifauna in Cityscapes: A Guide to Urban Bird Photography by Laksitha Karunarathna at West Potomac Park, Washington DC	
May 5th	10.00AM to 5.00PM	Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Tour National Museum of American History Tour National Air & Space Museum Tour	
May 6th		Departs to Sri Lanka	

EARTH DAY 2025

VOICES OF YOUNG
SAVE OUR PLANET

OUR POWER OUR PLANET



Rashmi Perera



Akira Alagiyawanna



Akash Perera



Moderator
Medini Ratnayake



USA - April 26, 2025
Sunday 2.00PM

at The Celebrity Centre International,
5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028

Canada - April 30, 2025
Sunday 2.00PM

at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Lower Level East Toronto, ON M5H 2N2



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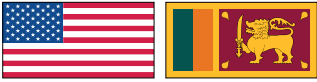
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LOS ANGELES

April 26th | 10.00AM to 5.00PM

at The Celebrity Centre International
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TORONTO, CANADA

April 30th | 10.00AM to 5.00PM

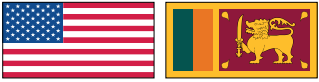
at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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WASHINGTON DC

May 3rd | 9.00AM to 5.00PM

at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC
3025 Whitehaven St NE Washington DC 20008



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DAVEY'S LOCKER

WHALE WATCHING AT NEW PORT BEACH

April 25th, 9.00AM at Davey's Locker, 400 Main St, Newport Beach, CA 92661



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The Great Elephant Gathering *of Asia*

Minneriya National Park



AWARD-WINNING WILDLIFE DOCUMENTARY FILM

This captivating documentary showcases the awe-inspiring annual congregation of elephants at Minneriya National Park in Sri Lanka, offering a glimpse into the remarkable biodiversity and natural wonders of the island. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to experience Sri Lanka's wildlife and cultural heritage through the lens of this globally celebrated film. Join us in celebrating Sri Lanka's beauty and raising awareness for its conservation and tourism potential.



April 26th 11.30AM
at the Celebrity Centre International,
5930 Franklin Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028



April 30th 11.30AM
at the Metro Hall,
Rotunda Complex, Toronto, Canada



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CAPTURING THE WILD:
A JOURNEY IN WILDLIFE
PHOTOGRAPHY AND CONSERVATION
BY DR. NILANTHI RAJAPAKSE

April 26th, 3.00PM at The Celebrity Centre International
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WILD-SCAPES:

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON CAPTURING
WILDLIFE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT

BY LAKSITHA KARUNARATHNA FRPS

April 27th, 8.00AM at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve
6350 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91436



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EARTH DAY 2025

ReTree Sepulveda: Earth Day Restoration Drive



Give back to nature;
Planting 200 trees at the Van Nuys in Sepulveda Wildlife Basin
(in an area deeply affected by the recent Los Angeles wildfires)

Join us for ReTree Sepulveda

Date: Sunday, April 27th 2025

Time: 9 AM onwards

Venue: Van Nuys @ Sepulveda Wildlife Basin



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HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP BY
 SAMEERA KOTELAWALA EFIAP / ANPAS

April 27th, 4.00PM at Hollywood Walk of Fame



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NASA

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY TOUR BY
 DR. SARATH GUNAPALA

April 28th, 9.00AM at Jet Propulsion Laboratory JPL 4800, CA 91109



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INTRODUCTION TO POST-PROCESSING AND COLOR MANAGEMENT

WORKSHOP BY RIZNAD HUSSAIN

April 30th, 3.00PM at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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TORONTO AT NIGHT

NIGHT TIME CITYSCAPE
PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP BY
SAMEERA KOTELAWALA EFIAP / ANPAS

April 30th, 6.30PM at Olympic Island, Toronto, ON M5J, Canada



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WHITE HOUSE TOUR

The White House, nestled in the heart of Washington, D.C., serves as both the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States. Constructed between 1792 and 1800, it was designed in the neoclassical style by Irish-born architect James Hoban. Over its rich history, the White House has been the backdrop for transformative events and decisions shaping the nation and the world. Comprising 132 rooms, including the iconic Oval Office, it has undergone numerous renovations to accommodate the evolving needs of each administration. Beyond its function as a hub of governance, the White House stands as an enduring symbol of American leadership and democracy, reflecting over two centuries of continuity and history.

May 4th 10.00AM - 12NOON

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500, United States

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL TOUR

The Lincoln Memorial, located at the western end of the National Mall in Washington, D.C., honors the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. Completed in 1922 and designed by architect Henry Bacon, the memorial draws inspiration from Greek Doric temples. At its center, a 19-foot-tall marble statue of Lincoln by sculptor Daniel Chester French sits in thoughtful repose. The interior walls bear inscriptions of two of Lincoln's most famous speeches, the Gettysburg Address and the Second Inaugural Address, both emphasizing unity and equality. The memorial...

May 4th 1.00PM - 5.00PM

2 Lincoln Memorial Cir NW, Washington, DC 20002, United States



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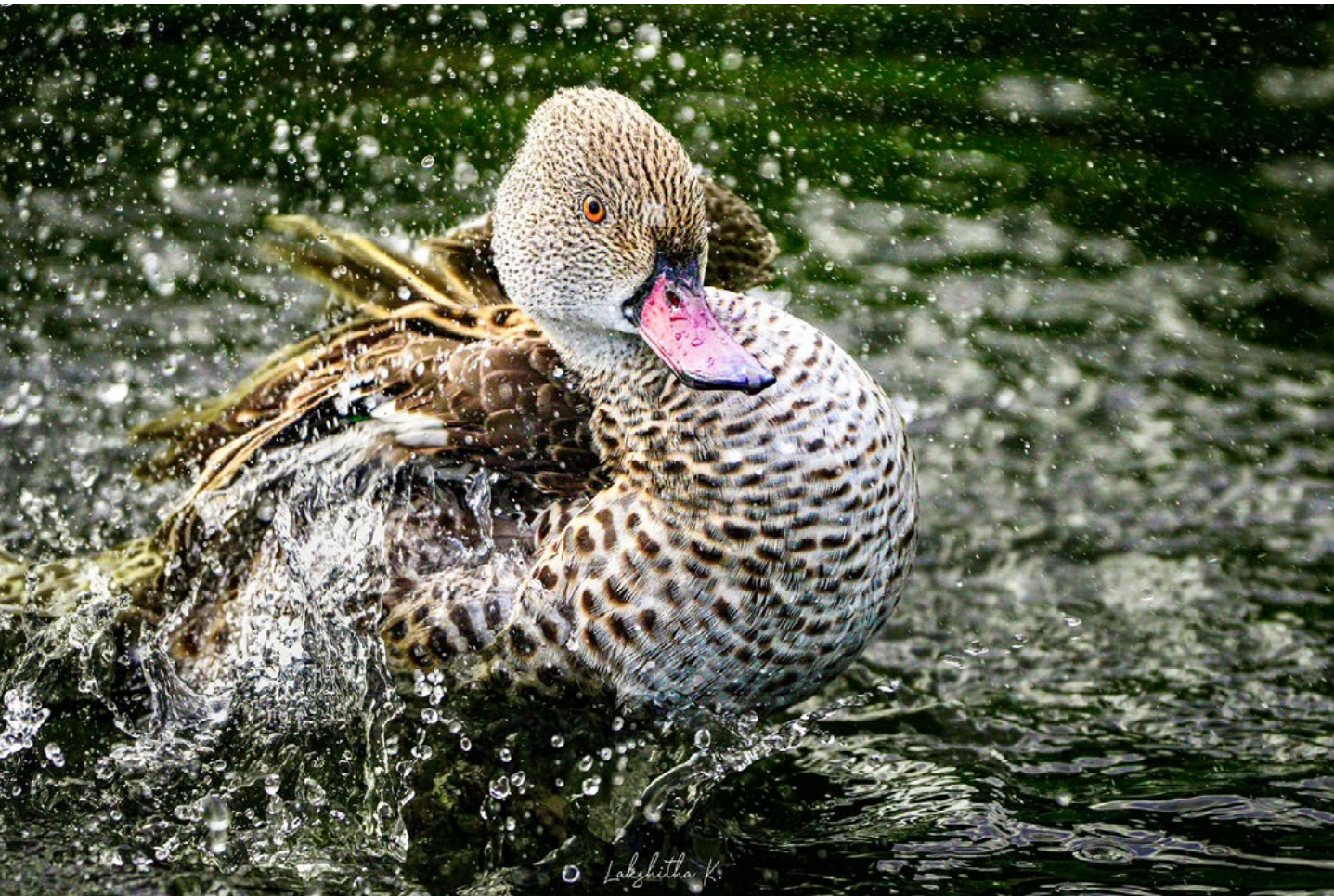
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AVIFAUNA IN CITYSCAPES:

A GUIDE TO URBAN BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY
BY LAKSITHA KARUNARATHNA FRPS

May 5th, 8.00AM at West Potomac Park, Washington DC



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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is a world-renowned center for the study and exhibition of natural history. Opened in 1910, the museum houses over 146 million specimens, including fossils, minerals, plants, and cultural artifacts. Its iconic exhibits, such as the Hope Diamond and the Dinosaur Hall, showcase the diversity of life on Earth and the forces that shape our natural world. The museum is also a leading research institution, advancing knowledge in fields like anthropology, biology, and paleontology. Its architecture, featuring a grand rotunda, reflects its status as a cornerstone of the Smithsonian Institution and a hub for scientific discovery and education.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY

The National Museum of American History, part of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich and complex history of the United States. Opened in 1964, the museum is located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Its extensive collections include iconic artifacts such as the Star-Spangled Banner, the Greensboro lunch counter, and Thomas Jefferson's desk. Through its exhibits, the museum explores themes like innovation, culture, politics, and social change. By showcasing objects and narratives from diverse periods, it provides a comprehensive view of the events and individuals that have shaped the nation's identity, from its founding to the present day.



NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

The National Air and Space Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution, chronicles the history and achievements of aviation and space exploration. Located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the museum opened in 1976 and houses one of the world's largest collections of aircraft and spacecraft. Its exhibits include the Wright Brothers' Flyer, the Apollo 11 Command Module, and a variety of modern satellites and space technology. Through interactive displays and immersive experiences, the museum highlights humanity's quest to conquer the skies and explore the cosmos. It also serves as a leading research institution, preserving and studying the artifacts and stories that define the age of flight and exploration.

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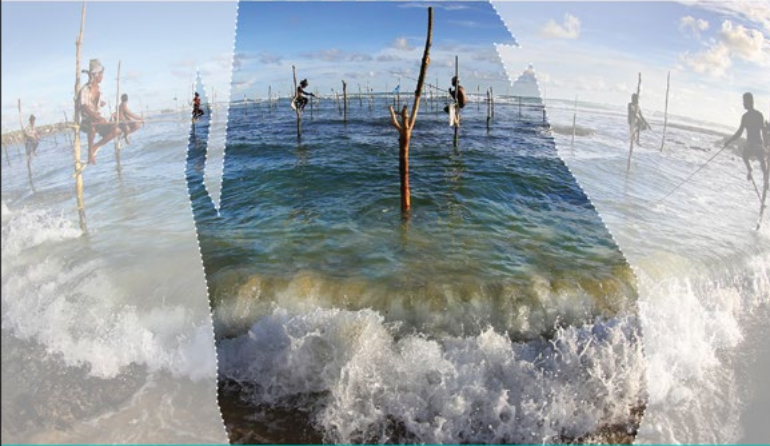
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UCLA Los Angeles 2024

April 20th | 21st 10.00AM to 5.00PM
at Grand Salon - Kerchoff Hall
University of California, Los Angeles 221 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095



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New York 2024

April 25th 6.30PM to 9.00PM | April 26th 10.00AM to 4.00PM
at Permanent Mission of to the United Nations Sri Lanka New York
820, Second Ave, FL 2 New York, NY10017, United States



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Washington DC 2024

May 4th 9.00AM to 5.00PM
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EARTH DAY-2024

April 21, 2024
Our earth. Our future



April 21, 2024
UCLA
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



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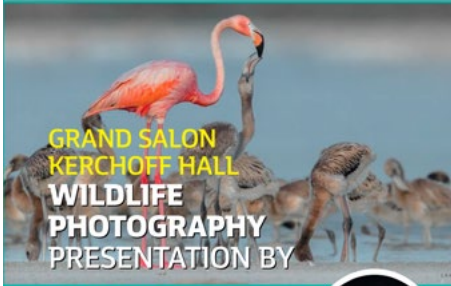
DR. SARATH GUNAPALA



April 18th, 10.00 am
at Jet Propulsion Laboratory JPL, 4800, CA 91109



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**GRAND SALON
KERCHOFF HALL
WILDLIFE
PHOTOGRAPHY
PRESENTATION BY**

**LAKSHITHA
KARUNARATHNA**



April 20th, 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm
at Grand Salon - Kerchhoff Hall, University of California,
Los Angeles 221 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095



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**DAVEY'S LOCKER
CAPTURING
OF OCEAN GIANTS
WORKSHOP BY**

**VIMUKTHI
WEERATHUNGA**



April 22nd, 9.30 am - 10.30 am
at Davey's Locker, 400 Main St, Newport Beach, CA 92661



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**MIRROR LAKE
YOSEMITE
NATIONAL PARK
SLOW SHUTTER
PHOTOGRAPHY
WORKSHOP BY**

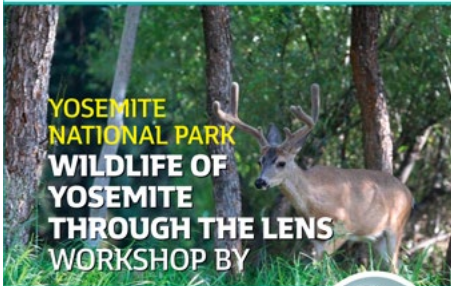
ANDY SAMARASENA



April 24th, 10.00 am
at Yosemite National Park



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**YOSEMITE
NATIONAL PARK
WILDLIFE OF
YOSEMITE
THROUGH THE LENS
WORKSHOP BY**

**VIMUKTHI
WEERATHUNGA**



April 24th, 5.00 pm
at Yosemite National Park



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**SRI LANKA
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ATTRICTIONS
PRESENTATION BY**

VIMUKTHI WEERATHUNGA

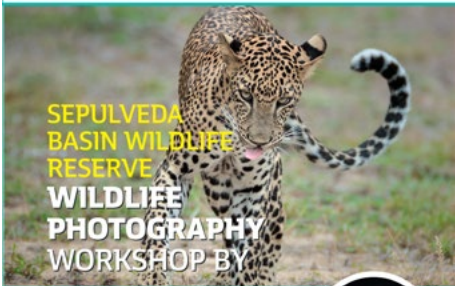


April 25th, 1.00pm to 2.00pm
at The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
1250 Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 27th, 3.00 pm
For the Southern California
Business Community &
Tourist Industry Representatives
at the Consulate General Office of
Sri Lanka, Los Angeles, California



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**SEPULVEDA
BASIN WILDLIFE
RESERVE
WILDLIFE
PHOTOGRAPHY
WORKSHOP BY**

**LAKSHITHA
KARUNARATHNA**



April 28th, 8.00 am to 12.00 pm
at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve
6350, Woodley Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91436



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**SAMY'S CAMERA
PRINTING DEPARTMENT
PHOTO
PRINTING
WORKSHOP BY**

ROGER WON



May 1st, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
at Samy's Camera, 4313 Fairfax Ave, Los Angeles, CA



BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024





Ambassador of Sri Lanka



Message from H.E. Mahinda Samarasinghe Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States

It is my pleasure to forward this message of congratulation to the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, Los Angeles (ASP AS) on the occasion of the 4th "Beauty of Sri Lanka" photographic exhibition at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). It is also especially noteworthy that, this year, this exhibition will also be held in Washington D.C. and New York. The Embassy takes pride in showcasing

the many wonders that Sri Lanka has to offer to potential visitors from the United States and elsewhere.

This event, to take place in May in the nation's capital, will display images depicting Sri Lanka's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, wildlife and other aspects of interest and will contribute to attracting US nationals to visit and learn about the many facets that is Sri Lanka, thereby contributing to the economic revival and general wellbeing of the people of our motherland. The exhibition, which coincides with the marking of International Earth Day 2024, is an important occasion as Sri Lanka faces the challenges of climate change and is attempting to evolve solutions that will ensure sustainable development and secure the future of generations to come.

I must express our sincere appreciation for the hard work of President Suriya Perera, the membership of ASPAS and all those who assisted in making this event a success.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mahinda Samarasinghe'.

Mahinda Samarasinghe

February 22, 2024

BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024

*Embassy of the United States of America
Colombo, Sri Lanka*

March 28, 2024

Welcome,

As the Ambassador of the United States to the government and people of Sri Lanka, it gives me great pleasure to dedicate the souvenir booklet for the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Exhibition.

Sri Lanka truly deserves its nickname, Jewel of the Indian Ocean. Each day I am reminded of the beauty of this country, which is steeped in rich history and ethnic diversity. Not only is the climate warm but the people are some of the friendliest on earth. The

national parks with abundant flora and fauna, the ruins of ancient cities and temples, and endless beaches add to the country's bountiful appeal.

Just a few highlights: Earlier this year, my husband and I scaled the heights of Adam's Peak, arriving at the summit just in time to see the colorful sun rise. In addition to offering spectacular views, Adam's Peak is widely known for the Sacred Footprint, venerated by Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and Christians, attracting thousands of pilgrims and tourists every year.

Not only have I travelled to the heights of Sri Lanka but also the depths. The Godawaya shipwreck, located off the coast of Hambantota in southern Sri Lanka, is the oldest known shipwreck in Asia, dating back to the Second Century B.C. It was awe inspiring to dive the crystal-clear waters to explore what remains of this ancient vessel. I am particularly proud since the United States government is supporting the study of the wreck and preservation of the artifacts recovered through a grant from the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation. The items recovered, such as pottery and beads, will eventually be exhibited at the Maritime History Museum in Galle, to be appreciated by local and foreign visitors, and the whole project is a testament to Sri Lanka's long history of free and open waterways and a great example of the strong bonds of friendship and collaboration that exist between our two countries.

An increasing number of tourists from all over the world are discovering this spectacular country, and I hope that the photos in this exhibit inspire you to visit too. I am sure you will fall in love with Sri Lanka and its people, just as I have

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie J. Chung'.

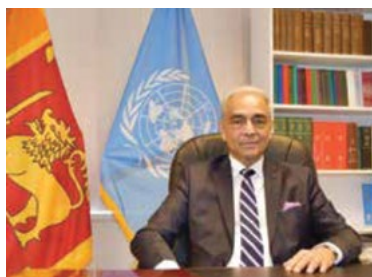
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**Message from Ambassador Mohan Pieris,
Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the
United Nations in New York**

It is with pleasure that I pen these few lines for the souvenir of "The Beauty of Sri Lanka" photography exhibition. This event celebrates the art of photography and the stories it tells. It is truly an extraordinary journey; a feast for the eyes; and presents beauty in the diversity of Sri Lanka's fauna and flora; in the many exhibits, of a land rich in biodiversity, with two Natural World Heritage Sites designated by UNESCO. The significance of the event is expected to be enhanced by the presence of award-winning photographers documenting the island's natural beauty.

A photography exhibition Souvenir is a unique keepsake that commemorates a special exhibition. This souvenir serves as a memento for visitors to remember the experience and the artwork they encountered.

Through this lens, we will discover the beauty of the world in this visual journey of inspiration and imagination. We hope this exhibition has ignited your curiosity, sparked your emotions, and left you with a deeper appreciation for the art of capturing moments. We live in a world with fleeting moments and photography allows us to freeze time and immortalize memories.

We invite you to relive the magic of this exhibition and cherish the power of visual storytelling; to see the world through a new lens. Many of these photographs, will inspire you to see the world with a fresh perspective and find beauty in the smallest details.

I congratulate the America-Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society on the successful launch of "Sri Lanka in FOCUS USA 2024". Their endeavor to bring the beauty of Sri Lanka to American and world audiences is commendable.

The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York is proud to facilitate this effort by the young photographers Sri Lanka.

Mohan Pieris

Ambassador / Permanent Representative

BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024



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It is with immense pleasure that I join [@SLUNNewYork](#) to appreciate this 4th Annual 'Beauty of Sri Lanka' Photographic Exhibition.

Today, we celebrate the enchanting beauty and rich cultural heritage of Sri Lanka, captured through the lens of photography.

This exhibition, and each of the over 80 competitively selected exquisite artwork, tells a unique story – not just a story of unity in diversity, but they are also symbolically a portrait of the skill and passion of the artists; and an irresistible invitation to explore the depths and resilient spirit of a nation that continues to inspire awe and admiration.



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Ambassador Julie Chung 🇺🇸 🇸🇱

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I love photography because it allows us to share what we find impactful, important, or beautiful. Today I met with reps of the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society to learn more about their work, inc a recent exhibit at @UCLA to commemorate #EarthDay2023 & #USSriLanka75.



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**Message From Dr. Lauth P. Chandradasa
Consul General of Sri Lanka, Los Angeles**

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the President and members of the America Sri Lanka Art Photographic Society for orchestrating the "Beauty of Sri Lanka 2024" Photographic Exhibition for the fourth consecutive time in the United States of America. This year holds particular significance as, unlike previous editions confined solely to California, the exhibition will also grace the cities of Washington and New York.

The exhibition predominantly showcases the mesmerizing facets of Sri Lanka's natural landscape, emphasizing its status as a global biodiversity hotspot, sure to enthral travelers with its unique wonders. From herds of Asian Elephants to troops of monkeys traversing the forests, encounters with leopards - given Sri Lanka's distinction for hosting one of the world's highest densities of these majestic cats - along with sightings of sloth bears, jackals, and Asiatic buffalo, the island's wildlife offers a spectacle like no other. Cascading waterfalls cascade from the cloud-kissed highlands, harboring a myriad of vibrant bird species, while golden beaches hug its coastline, and offshore, colossal blue whales, various species of dolphins, and sea turtles frolic in crystalline waters.

Regrettably, these remarkable attributes often remain unknown to the wider world, especially among Americans, perhaps due to Sri Lanka's geographical remoteness and its relatively small size.

I express my gratitude to the America Sri Lanka Art Photographic Society for illuminating these distinctive features of Sri Lanka to American society. By coinciding with Earth Day, this exhibition underscores the significance placed by Sri Lankans on climate change and the preservation of ecosystems for future generations.

I extend my best wishes to the organizers in their endeavors to showcase Sri Lanka as a tranquil and harmonious abode for all living beings, coexisting seamlessly with its environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lauth P. Chandradasa

Consul General of Sri Lanka, Los Angeles



Ayubowan !

Hello America

It is with great pleasure that I thank the American Sri Lankan Photographic Art Society (ASPAS), Los Angeles, in particular its president Suriya Jayalath Perera, for organizing and continuing this significant event in order to showcase the beauty of Sri Lanka to the American travellers.

This photographic exhibition highlights the beauty of Sri Lanka, which has so much to offer by being a year-round holiday destination while offering a variety of experiences except snow. Being a compact island, the traveller can see the two largest mammals on earth; whales and elephants on the same day while experiencing Sri Lankan authentic cultural values with its diversified beauty from Kingdoms to modern cities.

The Island of Sri Lanka has been described as a 'small universe' by acclaimed author Arthur C Clark. Ever since the 1950s glory days of the silver screen, film producers and directors such as Don Boyd and Steven Spielberg have raved about its beauty, light and variety while shooting "Indiana Jones and the Temple of the Doom", "Bridge on the River Kwai", "Elephant Walk" and etc. Apart from that, there are many Hollywood A-listers who have endorsed and been to this beautiful island on their secret holidays.

Sri Lanka is gaining a vast global recognition as it continues to emerge as one of the world's best tourist destinations with accolades receiving from various travel guides, travel magazines and travel web sites.

While Sri Lanka is waiting with 22 Mn warm hearts to welcome the American travellers, I extend my warm wishes to ASPAS for a successful exhibition!

Chalaka Gajabahu

Chairman

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau



Welcome and congratulations from the Photographic Society of America Worldwide (PSA).

JR Schnelzer

FPSA, GMPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP

President,
Photographic Society of America Worldwide



Congratulations and welcome from the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) and on behalf of the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP).

Joanne Stolte

HonFPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP

President,
Photographic Alliance of America FIAP Liaison
Officer for the USA

BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2024

Beauty of Sri Lanka: Photographic exhibition in California showcasing the captivating visions of Sri Lanka

Commemorating Earth Day 2024 America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society (ASPAS), with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Consulate General in Los Angeles and the Sri Lanka Tourist Promotion Bureau, is holding an exhibition titled Sri Lanka in Focus "Beauty of Sri Lanka," for the fourth year celebrating the breathtaking beauty of Sri Lanka through the lens of talented photographers at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Grand Salon of the Kerkhoff Art Gallery on April 20 and 21, 2024.

The Exhibit will be ceremonially opened on the 20th with a Kandyan Dance performance by a recognised exponent of Kandyan dancing, Sandani Sulochani, and Waruna Hemachandra.

The visitors will enter a world of natural wonders as the exhibition presents an exquisite, curated collection of seventy-five captivating photographs that capture the essence of Sri Lanka's diverse landscapes and rich biodiversity. From lush rainforests to pristine beaches, each image is a testament to the unparalleled beauty of the island paradise.

They will immerse themselves in a visual journey as each photograph tells a unique story of nature's tears and triumphs. From mountain tea gardens to majestic wildlife parks, these images capture the essence of

Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.

It is an opportunity presented to the American public to experience the magic of Sri Lanka through the lens of talented photographers on Earth Day 2024 weekend for an unforgettable exploration of nature's wonders. Visitors will embark on a visual journey through the breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural tapestry of Sri Lanka at the upcoming exhibition in April 2024, delving into the mesmerising beauty of the island nation and showcasing its diverse fauna, flora, wildlife, and marine life that will captivate visitors and immerse them in the 2500-year-old historical and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka, as award-winning photographs bring to life the stories and traditions that have shaped this enchanting land over millennia.

A land where one can watch the land's biggest mammal, the Elephant, and the biggest marine mammal, the Blue Whale, within a couple of hours and in between the majestic Leopard. All of them are depicted in the stunning photographs of the exhibition.

It showcases works by acclaimed photographer Suriya Jayalath Perera, the President of ASPAS, who is credited with holding the first Sri Lankan Photographic exhibition in the U.S.A. He will be joined by acclaimed photographers Lakshitha Karunaratna, Vimukthi Weeraratna,

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ga, K.G. Keerthirathna, Ravi Ranasinghe, Kasun Hulangamuwa, Jagath Kanaharaarachchi, Udaya Shantha Idamagedara (Best News Reader in Sri Lanka - Sumathi Award Ceremony), who will travel from Sri Lanka to exhibit their award-winning photographs and Sanjaya Warnasuriya, Andy Samarasena, and Shantha Weerasinghe award-winning Sri

Lankan photographers from California. These talented artists will transport the visitors to the heart of Sri Lanka through their lens, offering a glimpse into the soul of this vibrant country. To make the exhibition more attractive to the public and to promote tourism in Sri Lanka, it will include a series of related events, including a seminar, lectures, a cul-

tural performance, and a screening of The Blue Planet IMAX movie, a video on Sri Lanka Provided by BBC and produced by the Blue Planet Program. Arrangements are under way to move the Exhibit to New York to hold it on April 25 and 26 at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations and on May 4 at the Sri Lanka Embassy in Washing-

ton, DC. The Chief Guest, renowned professor Saloni Mathur, Professor and Chair of the Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art Department, will deliver a keynote address relating to the history of South Asian photography.

Ecological Society of America (ESA) Prof. Priyanga Amarasekare, Professor of Ecology and Environment Biology at UCLA and distinguished Fellow of the Ecological Society of America (ESA), will make a presentation on biological and ecological mechanisms that maintain biological diversity in variable environments. Medini Rathnayaka will be the MC for the event.

This immersive exhibition is not just about showcasing art but also about promoting tourism to the Pearl of the Indian Ocean. The exhibition will entice tourists to explore the scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, ancient history, and vibrant culture that make Sri Lanka a truly unique destination.

The exhibition will celebrate the essence of Sri Lanka and promote its allure as a premier tourist destination. The organisers will inspire tourists with the splendour of nature's tears as they explore this visual feast on Earth Day weekend when the ASPAS will present a unique opportunity to experience the enchanting allure of Sri Lanka through the eyes of talented artists.

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“Kingdom of Ruhuna” presented to US envoy



From left: Ms. Sadeesha Hulangamuwa, Secretary of the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung, Ms. Hiranthi De Silva, Photographer, Senior Vice President, Wholesale Banking, Union Bank of Colombo PLC, and K.T. Shantha Udaya Kumara Jayalath, Branch Manager of the America Lanka Photographic Art Society, Sri Lanka.

US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung was presented with the recently launched coffee table book, “Kingdom of Ruhuna,” by representatives from the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society.

The book presentation took place at the US Embassy in Colombo, during a visit by Ms. Sadeesha Hulangamuwa, the Secretary of the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, who is currently in Colombo. The event was attended by Ms. Hiranthi De Silva, Shantha Jayalath, and other officials of the US Embassy.

During the presentation, Ms. Sadeesha Hulangamuwa, on behalf of the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society expressed her gratitude to US Ambassador Chung for her support of the “Sri Lanka In Focus 2023” Art and Culture Exhibition at the University of California in Los Angeles- UCLA on April 22 and 23, 2023. The exhibition served as a tribute to Earth Day 2023 and commemorated 75 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and Sri Lanka.

As the presentation concluded, representatives from the America Sri Lanka Photographic and Art Society thanked the US Ambassador for her time and expressed their eagerness for future collaborations to further promote the cultural heritage of Sri Lanka in the United States.

The America Sri Lanka Photographic and Art Society, a highly regarded organisation in Los Angeles is dedicated to promoting Sri Lanka’s culture, art and photography. Through their initiatives, they strive to foster cross-cultural understanding between the United States and Sri Lanka, reinforcing the ties that bind the two nations.

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BY SANUJ HATHURUSINGHE

After several arduous years, the tourism industry in Sri Lanka is finally making a strong comeback with a record number of tourist arrivals. This year, for the second consecutive month, the number of tourist arrivals exceeded the 200,000 mark, showing some positive enforcement to curb the economic crisis of the country.

However, in order to maintain the demand and further develop the tourism industry, the hospitality industry needs to be levelled up to match international standards and tourism promotion needs to reach a new gear. In terms of tourism promotion, Sri Lanka holds a host of attractions that go well beyond the conventional tourism hotspots the country is famous for such as the sandy beaches, ancient architectural wonders like Sigiriya, and the elephants. Recently, the Pekoe Trail of Sri Lanka was included in National Geographic's 'Best of the World 2024' list, emphasising the importance of promoting tea tourism and cultural tourism.

Although the authorities are taking various strategies to promote tourism with different types of promotional projects, lucrative deals, and quick visa procedures, most of these tourism promotional measures are witnessed by eager travellers who wish to visit Sri Lanka or South Asia in general. To the unassuming traveller in the West, the wonders this island nation in the Indian Ocean possesses are not conveyed in an efficient way which is a huge waste of potential in terms of the tourism development in the country.

Beauty of Sri Lanka 2024

Filling this void in the land of liberty and opportunity – USA – is the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society, Los Angeles (ASPAS) which has been organising exhibitions to familiarise the wonders of Sri Lanka with the far West for the past several years. Following their tradition, ASPAS is poised to organise its popular

JOURNEY THROUGH PARADISE

Annual photography exhibition by ASPAS scheduled to be held in USA



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photography exhibition, 'Sri Lanka in Focus USA: Beauty of Sri Lanka' photographic exhibition for the fourth consecutive year.

Organised in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Consulate General in Los Angeles and the Sri Lanka Tourist Promotion Bureau, the exhibition is scheduled to be held in three locations in the USA.

On 20 and 21 April the exhibition will be held in Los Angeles at the Art Gallery of Kerckhoff Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In New York, the exhibition is scheduled to be held on two consecutive days – 25 April (6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and 26 April (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) – at the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York. Lastly, in May, the exhibition is scheduled

to arrive at the administrative capital of the USA – Washington DC – where it will be held on 4 May from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington DC. The exhibition also coincides with Earth Day which is observed every year on 22 April.

Works of award-winning photographers

The opening ceremony will include a Kandyan Dance performance by a recognised exponent of Kandyan dancing, Sandani Sulochani and Waruna Hemachandra and the exhibition will showcase works by acclaimed photographer the President of ASPAS Suriya Jayalath Perera who is credited with holding the first Sri Lankan Photographic exhibition in the USA. He will be joined by acclaimed

photographers; Lakshitha Karunaratna, Wimukthi Weeraratna, K.G. Keerthirathna, Ravi Ranasinghe, and Kasun Hulangamuwa. Moreover, award-winning Sri Lankan photographers from California, Suriya Jayalath Perera, Sanjaya Warnasuriya, Andy Samarasena, and Shantha Weerasinghe will also take part in the exhibition with their work.

To make the exhibition more attractive to the public and to promote tourism in Sri Lanka, it will include a series of related events, including a seminar, lectures, a cultural performance, and a screening of a video on Sri Lanka Provided by BBC and produced by the Blue Planet nature documentary.

The Chief Guest – renowned professor Saloni Mathur who is Professor and Chair of the Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art Department – will deliver

a keynote address relating to the history of South Asian photography. Prof. Priyanga Amarasekera who is a Professor of Ecology and Environment Biology at UCLA and a Fellow of the Ecological Society of America (ESA), will make a presentation on biological and ecological mechanisms that maintain biological diversity in variable environments. Medini Rathnayaka will be the compere of the event.

The exhibition will comprise 75 captivating photographs encompassing the uniqueness of wildlife, culture and art of Sri Lanka. From lush greenery of rainforests, pristine sandy beaches, and the grandeur of Kandy Esala Perahera to the intricate carvings of Polonnaruwa Gal Vihara, the majestic tea estates of the misty hill country, and the unique fauna of the dry zone national parks, the exhibition will take the visitors to a world of natural wonders, rich biodiversity, and cultural heritage.

A great way to promote tourism

The exhibition is a great opportunity for the American public to experience the magic of Sri Lanka through the lens of talented Sri Lankan photographers. Visitors will embark on a visual journey through the breath-taking landscapes and rich cultural tapestry of Sri Lanka at the upcoming exhibition in April 2024, delving into the mesmerising beauty of the island nation – its diverse fauna, flora, wildlife, marine life as well as the 2500-year-old historical and cultural heritage. The award-winning photographs will bring to life the stories and traditions that have shaped this enchanting country over millennia, a land where one can watch the land's biggest mammal – the Elephant – and the biggest marine mammal – the Blue Whale – within a couple of hours, and in between the majestic Leopard. All of them are depicted in the stunning photographs of the exhibition.

The exhibition will entice tourists to explore the scenic beauty, diverse wildlife, ancient history, and vibrant culture that make Sri Lanka a truly unique destination. It will also celebrate the essence of Sri Lanka and promote its allure as a premier tourist destination. The organisers are confident that the splendour of the island nation depicted in the photographs will inspire tourists and open up a new dimension of Sri Lanka to them.



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Ambassador of Sri Lanka



Message from H.E. Mahinda Samarasinghe Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States

It is with pleasure that I send this message of congratulation for inclusion in the commemorative souvenir being published on the occasion of the photographic exhibition "Sri Lanka in Focus" at the Art Gallery of the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA). This event marks Earth Day 2023 and the 75th anniversary of the establishment diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the United States.

Firstly, I would like to thank the American Sri Lankan Photographic Art Society (ASPAS), Los Angeles, in particular its President Suriya Jayalath Perera, for organizing this significant event and am pleased to note that the Consulate General of Sri Lanka has actively supported the initiative.

On this occasion, especially as we are also celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the United States, leading to an important milestone in bilateral understanding and cooperation, it is appropriate to recall the many contributions made by Sri Lankan expatriates in organizing events such as this exhibition. Events such as these contribute to the strengthening of ties between Sri Lanka and the United States.

The exhibition's programme is indeed very comprehensive, one showcasing the beauty of Sri Lanka and the splendour of its historical monuments. It is presented by a team of award-winning photographers from Sri Lanka with their valuable imagery. We are grateful for their contributions and hope their efforts will convey the uniqueness of Sri Lanka - the pearl of the Indian Ocean - to the public in the United States.

I wish ASPAS and its dynamic team led by President Suriya Perera every success in staging a successful exhibition to promote awareness of, and greater tourist inflows from, the United States to Sri Lanka.

Mahinda Samarasinghe

March 14, 2023

BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA 2023



Embassy of the United States of America Colombo, Sri Lanka



Colombo, Sri Lanka
March 23, 2023

Welcome, ආශ්‍රීතියේ, நல்வரவு!

Sri Lanka is one of the most beautiful places on Earth. As the U.S. Ambassador, I try to notice and celebrate every part of it, from the smallest of fiery red dimiya ants to the lumbering elephants, the largest mammal on land.

This photo exhibition, conveniently timed with Earth Day, showcases the beauty of Sri Lanka and highlights the island's flora and fauna. As you revel in the beauty of this island, it is worth considering the looming threat of climate change and its impact on species, habitats, and ecosystems. The United States is active in helping Sri Lanka to advance solutions including support for green technology industry, climate-smart agriculture, climate finance, and climate change policy. Working together, we want to keep Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity thriving for generations to come.

That kind of partnership is nothing new. This year we are celebrating Sri Lanka's 75th anniversary of independence, as well as the 75th year of diplomatic relations between our countries. For 75 years, Americans and Sri Lankans have worked in partnership to embrace democracy, strengthen our economies, and support a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Our shared goals around people, progress and partnership underscore our combined efforts and friendship.

Speaking of supporting an economy, perhaps you will be inspired to come see for yourself: Yala National Park with its shaggy sloth bears and gracefully athletic leopards; miles and miles of glorious coastline, warm cerulean waters inviting you to swim; tea plantations and hill country open for exploring and fun. Sri Lanka also has ancient cities and diverse cultural relics celebrating life and history: the endless sky and sunset with Sigiriya in the foreground from the top of Pidurangula Rock; the gentle knowing smile of Buddha in various forms throughout the old city in Polonnaruwa; one of the longest inhabited cities in the world, Anuradhapura; the unmistakable red-and-white facade of the Jami Ul-Afar Mosque; the Holy flag waving over tallest point of the Nallur Kandaswamy temple and so many others.

I hope you will be tempted to come explore this resplendent island in person soon.

Sincerely,


Julie J. Chung
Ambassador



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America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles (ASPAS), in association with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, will hold 'The Beauty of Sri Lanka' the third annual photography exhibition on 22 and 23 April 2023 at the Art Gallery of the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) in commemoration of the Earth Day 2023 and the 75th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the United States.

The Exhibition under the theme of 'Sri Lanka in Focus' is designed to promote tourism in Sri Lanka. As such, it will depict the scenic beauty of the island as well as the 2500-year-old historical and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka. This exhibition is also designed to introduce viewers to a range of issues that currently impact the environment. Commemorating Earth Day 2023, the keynote speaker Prof. Glen MacDonald, a distinguished Professor of Ecology and Geography, will address such concerns.

A host of related events

The exhibition will include a series of related events, including a seminar, lectures, and a cultural performance led by the Director of Cultural Affairs of ASPAS Sandani S. Kahanandugoda – an exponent of Sri Lankan traditional dance forms – and former lead dancer of famed Chitrasena dance Academy, along with Waruna Hemachandra – an exponent of former traditional drumming who toured several countries with the Chitrasena Dance Academy. Youth Jith Dance School students, directed by Prasanna Yamasinghe, will also perform. There will also be a screening of the award-winning wildlife documentary, The Great Elephant Gathering of Asia, a film directed by Dilum Alagiyawanna on the annual elephant gathering at the Minneriya National Park. As exhibitors and participants of the seminars and lectures, ASPAS has invited several specialists from Sri Lanka whose presence will enhance the exhibition programme attracting the American public to the event.

Having left Sri Lanka many years back and immigrated to the United States, several generations of Sri Lankan Americans are now living in the USA. Some of the youth and children have yet to have the opportunity even to visit Sri Lanka, and this photo exhibition allows them to be exposed to the aesthetic beauty and the cultural heritage of Sri Lanka and encourages them to learn

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ASPAS to hold its third annual photography exhibition on 22 and 23 April



more about their motherland.

Award-winning photographs

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Launch of Kingdom of Ruhuna

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Exhibiting photographers

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They will be accompanied by the Manager of ASPAS Sri Lanka Branch Shanthi Jayalath as the Programme Coordinator, and Head of News Lanka, Department of Information Prabhath Rathnayaka as Media Director for the Exhibition.

During their visit, they will also participate in programmes organised by



the ASPAS, including a photography workshop, a media conference, and a visit to Yosemite National Park.

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In marking Earth Day 2023, Certificates will be awarded to the winners of a photo competition taken during a 'Sepulveda Wildlife Park Bird Walk' conducted by Samarasekera and organised by the ASPAS with the assistance of the National Audubon Society of America, Los Angeles. In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Sri Lanka, a section of the exhibition will be devoted to the display of historical photographs and media records.

The exhibition will be ceremonially opened to the public on 22 April at 11 a.m. and run through to Sunday 23 p.m. Many distinguished guests are expected to participate in the opening ceremony, led by the Chief Guest for the Exhibition, the Consul General of Sri Lanka, in Los Angeles Dr. Laksh Chandradasa, who will address the audience marking the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Sri Lanka and the United States. The programme will be presented by Medini Rathnayake. The exhibition hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the entrance is free.

(By Nandastiri Jasingtulyana, former Deputy Director-General of United Nations)



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Enchanting island adventures

THE BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA DISPLAYED IN LOS ANGELES

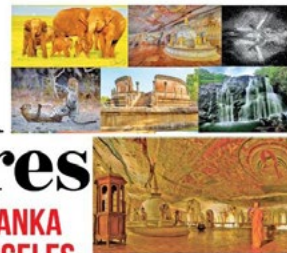
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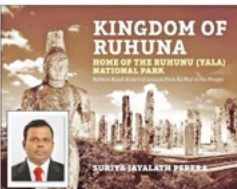
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of the National Photographic Society and held his exhibition in 1973 at Lionel Wound Art Gallery in Sri Lanka. He has also assisted in twenty-one documentary productions in Sri Lanka, including the BBC Blue Planet II sperm whale sequence. Hiranthi De Silva, Senior Vice President of Wholesale Banking at Union Bank of Colombo PLC, uses her love for photography to escape from the stresses of her professional life. She was the first lady president of the Photographic Society of Sri Lanka during the year 2016/17. RG Keerthirane, AFAP, ANPAS, FNPAS, served as the Director of Exhibition, as well as Director of Publications and Social Services of the National Photographic Society of America, Los Angeles, in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the United States and Sri Lanka, a section of the exhibition will be devoted to the display of historical photographs and media records.

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Focus On Sri Lanka Photographic Exhibition Held At Ucla Art Gallery In California

A Review by --- Nandi Jasentuliyana, Former Deputy Director-General, United Nations.

A panorama of seventy-five strikingly attractive nature photographs was exhibited at the UCLA Art Gallery on the Earth Day weekend, April 22-23. Visitors enjoyed discovering the toppers who brought their fascinating work all the way from Sri Lanka for this unique exhibition. With a fierce commitment to pushing boundaries and experimenting and exploring the possibilities of the still image, the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society Los Angeles (ASPAS), in association with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, held "The Beauty of Sri Lanka" Photographic Exhibition at the Art Gallery at UCLA commemorating both the Earth Day 2023 and the 75th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between Sri Lanka and the United States for which special exhibit of historic photos was in display.

The exhibition is also designed to promote tourism in Sri Lanka. As such, it depicted the scenic beauty of the island and its fauna, flora and wildlife, and marine life, as well as the 2500-year-old historical and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka. The work of award-winning photographers Mr. Chitral Perera, Mr. Lakshitha Karunaratna, Ms. Hiranthi De Silva, and Mr. K.G. Keerthirane, visiting from Sri Lanka, were on display, while the award-winning photographers who are U.S. residents Mr. Sanjaya Warnasuriya, Mr. Andy Samarasinghe and Mr. Shantha Weerasinghe joined them to exhibit

their work. The exhibition featured outstanding photographs of Sri Lanka's beauty and heritage as seen through their keen eyes and Suriya Perera, president of the America Sri Lanka Photographic Art Society (ASPAS), who is credited with holding the first-ever Sri Lankan Photographic Exhibition in the United States. This year's exhibit was the third in the series. This exhibition was also intended to introduce viewers to a range of issues that currently impact the environment. Commemorating Earth Day 2023, the keynote speaker Prof. Glen MacDonald FRSC, a distinguished Professor of Ecology and Geography at UCLA, made a brilliant presentation addressing such concerns.

He spoke about Sri Lanka during his Earth Day 2023 address and recounted that due to its incredible biodiversity of life, including mammal, bird, reptile, and plant species, Sri Lanka is considered one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. A number of species of animals and plants are found nowhere else in the world. The nation also has a remarkable history, culture, and important monuments. Accordingly, it contains 8 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Professor MacDonald noted that the population of Sri Lanka had grown significantly over recent decades to over 22 million people, which produces challenges in protecting the environment, the many rare species in Sri Lanka, and supporting its people. Unfortunately, the burden of anthropogenic climate change is weighing heavily on

tropical regions such as Sri Lanka. Temperatures have increased in most areas of the island in recent decades, and this trend is projected to increase into the 21st century. The sea level is also rising and will continue to do so. Along with high temperatures and rising seas, incidences of drought, destructive cyclones, floods, and landslides have been projected to increase in portions of Sri Lanka. Professor MacDonald commented that a report by the World Bank Group concluded that increased flooding may be one of the most significant challenges. As is the case for many tropical nations, Sri Lanka faces economic challenges in developing the adaptations to meet these climate change vulnerabilities while at the same time being responsible for only a very tiny fraction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

In a message read at the exhibition The American Ambassador in Sri Lanka Amb. Julie Chang said that "This photo exhibition, conveniently timed with Earth Day, showcases the beauty of Sri Lanka, and highlights the island's flora and fauna. As you revel in the beauty of this island, it is worth considering the looming threat of climate change and its impact on species, habitats, and ecosystems. The United States is active in helping Sri Lanka to advance solutions including support for green technology industry, climate-smart agriculture, climate finance, and climate change policy. Working together, we



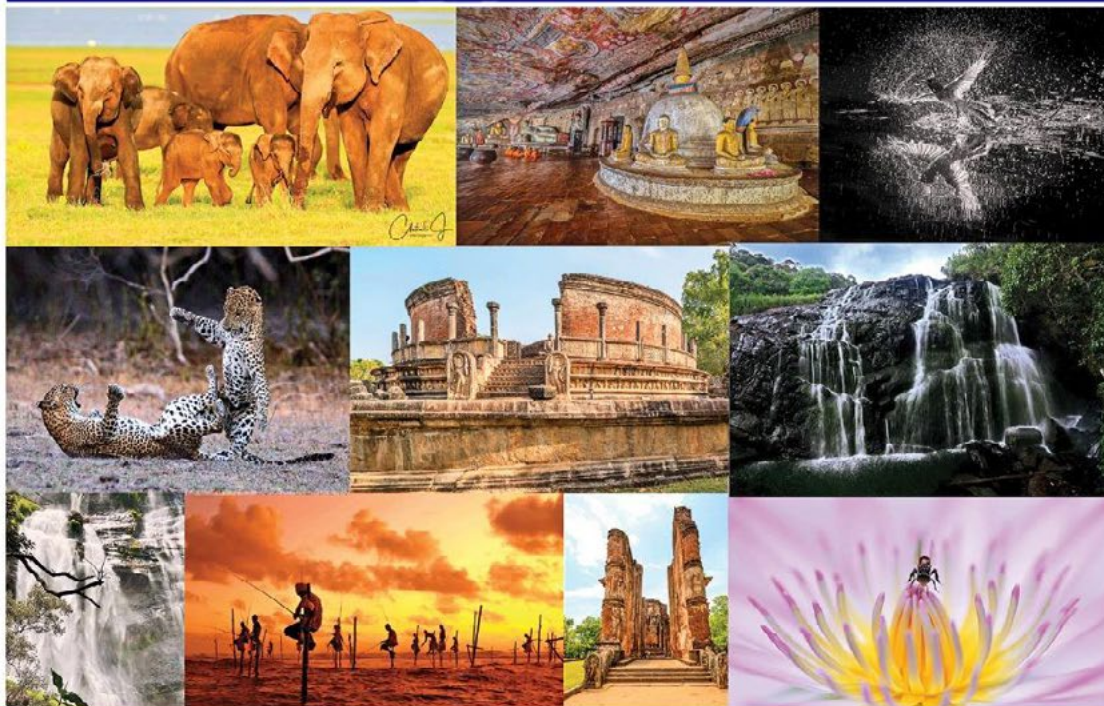
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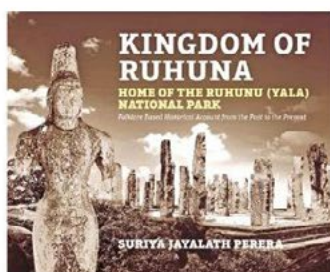


The Beauty of Sri Lanka at University of California Art Gallery

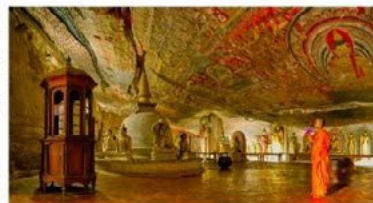
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REVIEW BY NANDANIRI JASENTULIYANA,
FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
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America Sri Lankan Photographic Art Society, an affiliate of the Photographic Society of America (PSA), in association with the Consulate General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles, held a photographic exhibition in Los Angeles titled, "The Beauty of Sri Lanka", at the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), which was attended by a large number of visitors.

The exhibition was designed to depict the beauty of the rich fauna and flora of Sri Lanka, and the serenity of the jungle life highlighted by its National Parks, home for more than 400 species of birds, leopards, elephants, deer and the prolific marine life such as whales, turtles and colourful coral reefs. The ancient cities of Sri Lanka with architectural gems that are part of the 2500-year-old cultural and religious heritage of the nation that blend with the tropical fauna and flora of the island nation were also an integral part of the exhibit.

"Beauty of Sri Lanka" a collection of nearly 100 photographs certainly made jaws drop, eyes open wide, from the grandeur of the gems of archaeological ruins of ancient Sri Lanka to elephants marching in perfect symmetry across the national parks watched by the majestic leopards lounging on tree tops, so exquisitely composed they belong truly on the top rung of photography.

They raised the bar with nature photography and made it more artistic. The photographers clearly were not attempting to just document nature but to help preserve it too. The exhibit carried with it an environmental message as well, that these creatures and these places are beyond special.

You could have breezed through the exhibit just revelling in the images, but when confronted with the most iconic shots, photographers spend hours and

Worth a thousand words Los Angeles photo exhibit on the beauty of Sri Lanka



even days waiting in a field for the perfect moment, one begins to think and appreciate the purpose and effort of the photographers to capture that image. You begin to value what the photographer had to endure to wait for the moment when the leopard will pop for a fleeting moment from the cave where he spent the night. One of the exhibitors, Rohitha, spent one entire night watching a leopard at the Yala National Park, to capture that amazing moment as explained by Suriya Jayalath Perera, President of the APSA who organized the event. Suriya Perera, an award-winning Nature Photographer who has demonstrated a sensitivity to the animal life that surrounds the pristine environs had on display several amazing photographs captured through his expert lens under similar circumstances.

While the serenity of the jungle and National Parks of Sri Lanka was well displayed, the majesty of the rich histor-



ical culture of the country etched in the ruins of ancient cities that are surrounded by the magnificent fauna and flora was masterfully portrayed in the work of the accomplished artists participating in the exhibition. The exquisite photos of the 'lovers of Isarumuniya' or the 'Sandakalapohana' captured by Yamuni Perera spoke volumes of the skill of the ancient artists of Sri Lanka who created them several centuries ago. The face of a 'Vedha' Chiefdom captured by her related the entire lifestyle of the Neolithic man from whom he descended and now assimilated to the rest of the modern nation of Sri Lankans that claim the same ancestry.

Rohitha Gunawardana, Official Photographer of the Department of Wildlife Conservation in Sri Lanka, and Yamuni Rashmika Perera,

Photojournalist of the Department of Government Information in Sri Lanka, are among the six award winning photographers whose outstanding photography was displayed at the exhibition. The nature photography as represented by landscapes of the green hills, valleys, streams, waterfalls, colorful fauna and flora captured in the brilliant photography of the other expert photographers Dr. Vikum Senanayake, K.G., Keerthirathna, Ranjini Perera and Kumara Karunaratne, made the exhibit a very special one. They are all members of the National Photographic Art Society of Sri Lanka (NPAS) and award winners from the British and French Academy of Photographers and were in Los Angeles courtesy of the American Embassy in Colombo. They were joined by four outstanding Sri Lankan photog-

raphers from Los Angeles, Anly Samarasekera, Sumedha Jayasena, Moran Perera, and Suriya Perera to display the magic of photography.

This exhibition also contributed to the knowledge of the history of photography by showing how photography in the past has evolved and contributed to what we can do today. It showed how you can tell stories through photos and how a leopard's pose or the facial expression of a Vedha Chiefdom could add to a photo and give a meaning and allows you to interpret things in the way you see them.

Each photo has its own unique story. Viewed together, the images reveal a natural world that's both beautiful and at risk from human actions. Their creativity, originality and technical excellence reflect the expansive and diverse beauty of Sri Lanka and her rich heritage.

Agatha Anna Buranta, Vice President International Affairs, Photographic Society of America (PSA), complemented the organizers for their efforts in staging an admirable exhibit. Judging from the comments of a select few, the exhibit seems to have gone beyond the visual to create an interest in experiencing first hand the island that was seen as an enchanting place to visit. Visitors were heard to comment that they were not aware of such a locale and others expressed a desire to visit the island. Such comments seem to justify the primary aim, particularly of the Consulate General in organizing the exhibit to promote tourism.

The exhibition was ceremoniously opened on 21st September 2019, by Swarna Gunaratna, Consul General of Sri Lanka in Los Angeles and Dr. Walter Jayasinghe, Founder President of the Sri Lanka Foundation U.S.A. The organizers have already commenced organizing next year's edition of the 'Beauty of Sri Lanka Exhibit' which they plan to hold even on a grander scale.



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