

**Maldivians get trendy**



Yes, it's now happening in the Republic of Maldives - talented fashion designers are being given the opportunity to showcase their creativeness and designs at a prestigious fashion show.

Pro Models Runway 2008, held in Dharubaaruge, Male (for the second time), brought into the limelight the artistic works of six Maldivian designers.

They were all competing for the prestigious title of Best Designer Award 2008.

Their creations, which had to focus on plastic wear, paper, wood, rubber and metal wear, were unique, vibrant, and eye-catching as well.

Some of the top models in the Maldivian scene were on the catwalk, displaying these outfits.

This year's event also saw several salons and make-up artistes in the Maldives vying for the Best Hair & Make-up award.

The judges included two from Sri Lanka - Sharmini (of Silk Wrap fame) and Michael Wijesuriya.

Pro Models Runway 2008 also featured several popular Maldivian singers and bands.

Pro Models is a modelling agency that came into the scene four years ago, primarily to enhance and promote modelling services in the Republic of Maldives.

Going by the results of Pro Models Runway 2008, they have certainly been very successful.

Plenty of scantily clad

**HOT SPOT**

Is it really the dress code of those Russian cheerleaders that irked the authorities concerned?

Were they really irritated by what they saw on the television screen?

And were they unbending in their opinion that those dancing girls were going to shatter our culture?

If the answer is an emphatic YES, then I'm afraid, these guys hardly watch the local channels.

If those Russian cheerleaders did wake up our guys from their slumber, then it's time, they kept their eyes wide open for the kind of entertainment that is dished out on our TV screens.

While the Russian girls were clad in micro minis and gyrated to some hot sounds, whenever a wicket fell or a boundary scored, their energetic act was spotlighted on the screen for just a few seconds.

If those responsible for banning these girls would only spend a few hours of their precious time, watching some of the local channels, they would be able to feast their eyes on video clips featuring scantily clad local damsels in sensual and provocative movements.

Even dancing competitions have contestants performing in very revealing costumes. Why won't these so-called

guardians of our culture check this out?

How come such action is permissible? And what about the foreign video clips? All these are seen on a regular basis.

Do these double-standard folks realise that those who watch such programmes are the very young? So aren't they being corrupted by what they see?

Those poor Russian cheerleaders would certainly have 'happy' memories of Sri Lanka!



**Music for a good cause**

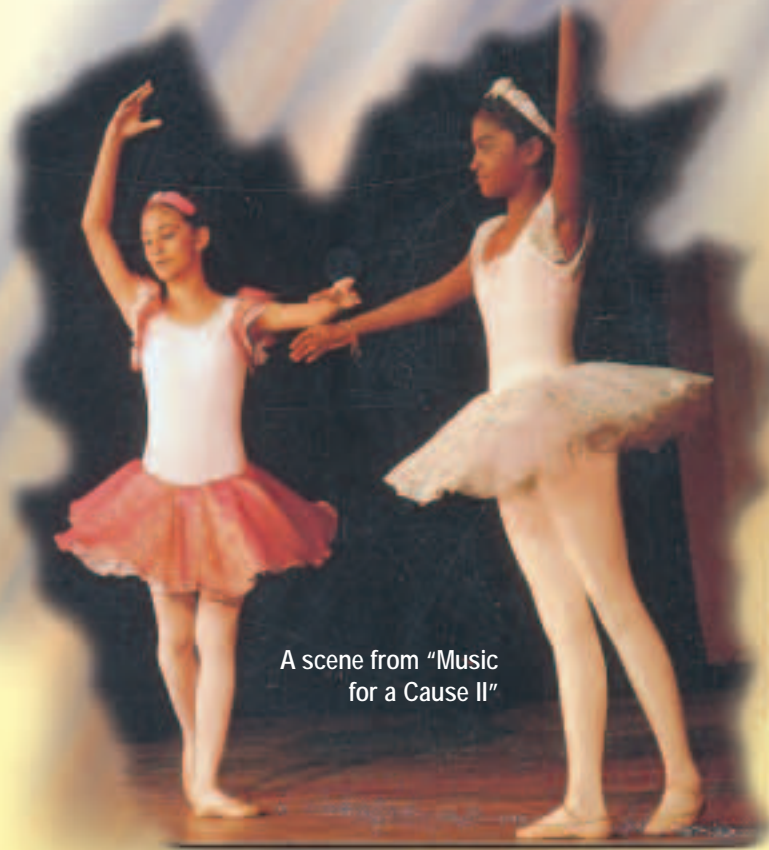
A musical evening, entitled "Music for a Cause III, will be held this Saturday, September 20th, at the Russian Cultural Centre. It's being presented by the Business and Professional Women Sri Lanka.

The performers involved are Ananda Dabare, Johann Peiris, Sureka Amarasinghe, Toni Fernandez, Clifford Richards, Brenda Siriwardena and friends, Okama Brook, Karl Katz and Arusha, Tahanee Aluwihare and Ravibandu Vidyapathi.

Tickets are priced at Rs. 1000/- and could be obtained from Indrani (4402471/2552702) or Metta (2694612).

Business and Professional Women Sri Lanka was founded in 1993 and has been very active, providing assistance to the needy. They have done two musical events in the past - both fund-raisers.

Proceeds from "Music for a Cause III" will be utilised to provide water for agricultural purposes to the Peace Village in Illkpitaya, Polonnaruwa.



A scene from "Music for a Cause II"



**The Glam Scene**

**Menaka Sandamali**

Pic by: Chandrasiri Weerasinghe

More savoury happenings

**Taste**

My taste-buds start working at a ferocious pace whenever I'm informed of hotel promotions. And the reason? These star-class venues conjure up a whole load of month-watering dishes.

They are so tempting that even those on a strict diet do tend to indulge in something different, whenever these promotions crop up.

The Ceylon Continental Hotel Colombo has come up with quite a few exciting goodies for the months of September, October and November.

The Punjabi Food Fiesta is on till Saturday, the

20th. The special dinner buffet is at the Tandoor; from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

In October, there's the Seafood Fiesta - from 6th to the 10th - at the Cafe Emerald. From 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the special dinner buffet will have a spread of the choicest array of delicious crabs, prawns, cuttlefish and fish.

The hotel's Cafe County will have a Burger Promotion, from October 26th to the 31st, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mmm... you could check out double beef burgers, crispy chicken, tempura fish, vegetable cutlet, grilled pork and seafood patty burgers.

And in November, there are two more pro-

motions - noodles and muffins.

Cafe Emerald will be the outlet for the Noodle Promotion - from November 6th to 10th, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

You could have a go at a variety of muffins at the Muffin Promotion - Cafe County, November 26th to 30th, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Yes, the choice is yours - double chocolate muffin, chocolate chip, apple, blueberry, coffee cream and cherry muffins.

All you need to do now is to head to the warmest heart in Sri Lanka - the Ceylon Continental Hotel Colombo - on the dates of your choice.

