

Galle Art Trail Festival - feast for mind and heart

The World Heritage City of Galle will be hosting its premier Galle Art Trail from October 24th 2008 to November 2nd 2009. There will be over fifty artists and photographer's images for sale and work will include painting on everything from traditional canvas to using the interiors of pots and pans.

Sri Lanka's best photographers, potters and sculptors will be using over twenty locations around Galle Fort and the verandah exhibitions will be a highlight of any walking tour. Along with an exciting range of artist workshops on traditional mask making to cutting edge techniques in photography, art talks, garden tea parties with tea art being shown at the Dutch House on Sunday 26th from 4 to 6pm. There will also be a lively craft market in Court Square and free map available with all the highlights marked up, which can be picked up from Number 1 Court Square.

Five Galle Art Trail highlights

1. **Book Launch** at the Jetwing Lighthouse Hotel -The Cinnamon Room & Verandah 7.30pm - 11.00pm 'AROUND THE FORT IN 80 LIVES' by Juliet Coombe & Daisy Perry Tickets: 5,000 rupees (£25s) will include dinner, a complimentary copy of the book signed by the authors (retailing normally at 3500rupees) and an entry into a prize draw with some stunning giveaways including dinner for two at the Sun House and series of fantastic two night stays in a range of Jetwings luxurious properties including the latest one in two stilt tree houses in Kurlubedda, a ten minute boat ride down



the Kepu Ela. With only 100 seats available please send an email to Julietcoombe@yahoo.com.au or call Juliet direct for ticketing on 0776838659.

2. **CRAFT & FOOD MARKET** 9.30 am - 6.00 pm Court Square Open over the two weekends only. There will be 28 stalls selling everything from pottery to puppets. The will be a public display of ANGAMPORA (as commonly known) who will demonstrate one of the only form of Martial Arts to originate in Sri Lanka -

Angam-Satan-Kalawa, a secret ancient form of Martial Arts. This ancient art form was developed in the 2nd Century BC in Sri Lanka, and it is older than Kung Fu, and takes a minimum of 16 years to master.

3. **FORT HOUSES AND VERANDAHS** View displays of the work of 50 artists throughout the Fort and go to No 1 Court Square to register and obtain a free map of the Galle Art Trail and Galle Film Festival programme. Highlights include; The Fort House, 42 Lighthouse Street, Galle Fort

Dawn Ratcliffe will be hosting Carl Steinberg's images of Galle in an exhibition 'Elementary - Dawn till Dusk' and Anup Vega - recent work will be on display at the Galle Fort Hotel no 28, Church Street Pedlar Street and an exhibition of over 15 photographers will be showing at Pilgrims lounge. You can also enjoy a cutting edge photography exhibition by Asif Jiffry called PhotoKade, which will be exhibited at 12, Parrawa Street at an original Fort house and the Captain's Daughters house by invitation only will be hosting a vibrant exhibition of paintings on 'Colour'.

4. The will be open days at THOMAS GALL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 10.00 am - midday 75 Light House Street 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm With opportunities to look around the school and delight in an exhibition of children's art.

5. **Second Weekend** - More artists, talks and workshops including CHEENA DI (Chinese Fist), which can be traced back to 1,600 years ago. This form of martial arts was introduced into Sri Lanka, and was taught to Pilgrims going to Adam's Peak. Very elite groups still practise this art. Training to teach takes at least 20 years, with 15 years of that time being spent in meditation and yoga. This will be only the 25th demonstration, the last demonstration brought more than 2,000 people as spectators two years ago and can now be seen in the film ABBA.

For more information and to download a map check out www.gallearttrail.com



Designer Obsessions
"Alexander McQueen and Jean Paul Gaultier are two designers I love right now. Their clothes are feminine, sexy and modern. I just went to the Giuseppe Zanotti showroom, and he had the most spectacular shoes. It was like being in a candy store—I was obsessed with every shoe! Right now, I love anything with a high platform."



Beyonce Talks Style Latest Look
"I was going to do the shorter hair [for her new album] that I had when I performed with Tina Turner at the Grammys earlier this year, which I loved. But I've decided to wear my hair straight instead. I've had so many different hairstyles, and I don't want this project to be about my hair. With my makeup, I was doing a lot of liquid liner before. Now I'm into a gold smoky eye and natural-tone lip."



Style Icons
"Charlize Theron is always beautiful and feminine. I love her couture looks and dramatic silhouette. Halle Berry is elegant and sophisticated. I love that in the seventies Cher and Diana Ross looked like superstars and never played it safe. When they were onstage, they gave you drama—and I love drama."



Pre-Superstar Style
"Growing up, I was a tomboy. I refused to carry a purse and wouldn't wear a dress. That was the eighties and it was all about the hip-hop influence—baggy jeans and big shirts. [Her mother, Tina Knowles] hated it! But then I started singing and ended up watching all of the footage of the Supremes and Tina Turner. And I thought to myself, 'They're so beautiful. I want to be like them.'"



Off-Camera Style
"I'm a lot more conservative in my personal life. But even when I'm dressed down, I wear a nice shirt, nice jeans and stilettos. Even when I go on vacation, where no one's going to see me, I enjoy picking out new clothes, bathing suits and accessories. I do it for myself because I enjoy fashion. It makes me feel like me."



Must-Have Accessory
"I'm not dressed unless I have earrings on, like big hoops. I've always worn big earrings. Off the red carpet, I don't really feel comfortable with many rings and bracelets on. I love earrings though."