

SOSL celebrates the season with the Family Christmas Concert

The Symphony Orchestra of Sri Lanka will celebrate the season again with its Family Christmas Concert on Sunday 14th December (7 pm), in a wonderfully tuneful and joyful programme conducted by Manilal Weerakoon. The concert will be at a new venue this year - the BMICH with its air-conditioned comfort and all reserved seats.

Highlights of the programme include the 'Gold and Silver Waltz' by Franz Lehar, the 'Star Wars Suite' of John Williams and 'Sleigh Ride' by Leroy Anderson. There will be seasonal favourites for Choir, Orchestra and Audience including 'White Christmas', 'Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer' and 'O Come All Ye Faithful'.



Manilal Weerakoon

And Rohan de Lanerolle, baritone, will be the soloist in 'If I Loved You' from Carousel by Richard Rodgers, and Andrew Lloyd-Webber's 'Love Changes Everything', climaxing with Rohan's powerful performance of 'The Holy City' by Stephen Adams.



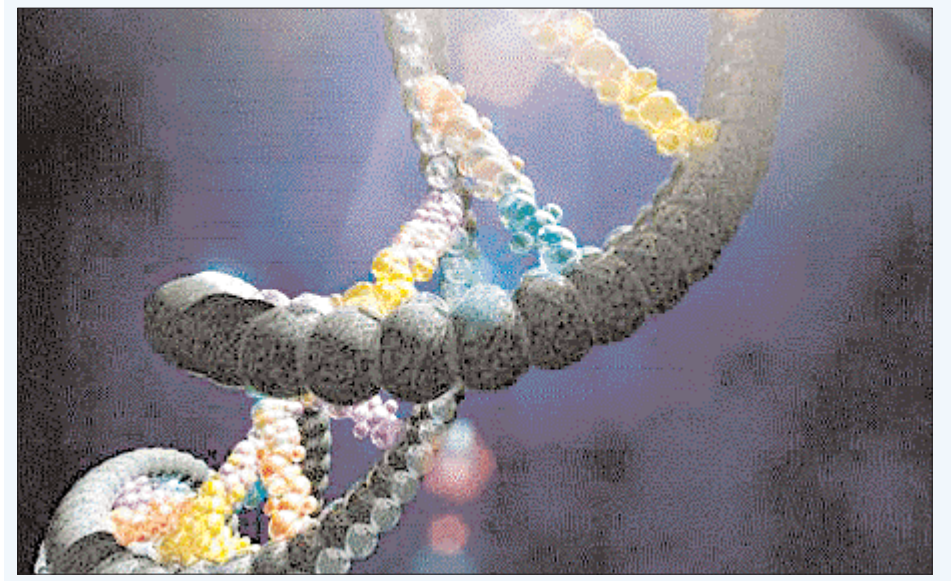
Rohan de Lanerolle

John Williams' Suite features the main melodies of the 'Star Wars' films. The opening anthem, instantly recognisable, is one of the greatest movie themes of all time. The Austrian composer Franz Lehar was a prolific writer of dance music

with a natural and profuse flow of melody. The Gold and Silver Waltz is one of his best-loved works.

The American composer Leroy Anderson specialized in light music with infectious melody, popular dance rhythms and novel orchestral effects such as with the percussion instruments in 'Sleigh Ride'. Having previously performed the orchestral version, SOSL will present the choral rendition this year.

Rohan de Lanerolle will also be the soloist in 'Angels We Have Heard on High' and 'Ding, Dong, Merrily on High', performing with the Menaka Singers, Past Choristers of St. Benedict's College, Colombo and Friends who will form the Concert Choir.



DNA records of more than 850,000 people are on the database

DNA database innocents win landmark European court ruling

The police in England, Wales and Northern Ireland face having to wipe the profiles of nearly one million innocent people from the DNA database after a landmark European ruling.

Two men from Sheffield, south Yorkshire, who were previously cleared of criminal charges, have won a major victory after the European Court of Human Rights ruled keeping their DNA on the British police database breached their human rights.

The decision now has far reaching consequences for the police, the Home Office and the British Government, although officials initially refused to say whether all the samples of innocent people on the system will now have to be wiped.

The UK database is the biggest of its kind in the world per head of population, with around 4.5 million profiles held, and is seen by the police as a vital crime fighting tool, helping to solve hundreds of high profile murders and rapes.

But more than 850,000 people on the database - including 40,000 children - do not have a criminal record.

Deleting the records could mean that thousands of rapists, murderers and other criminals are not caught.

Scotland already destroys DNA samples taken during criminal investigations from people who are not charged or who are later acquitted of alleged offences.

Judges in Strasbourg said keeping the DNA of innocent people on a criminal register amounted to discrimination and a breach of the "right to respect for private life" safeguarded by the Human Rights Convention.

One of the victors is Michael Marper, 45, who was arrested in March 2001 and charged with harassing his partner, but the case was dropped three months later after the two were reconciled. He had no previous convictions.

The other is a 19-year-old named in court only as "S" who was arrested and charged with attempted robbery in January 2001 when he was 12, but he

was cleared five months later. The men, both from Sheffield, asked that their fingerprints, DNA samples and profiles be destroyed.

South Yorkshire Police refused, saying the details would be retained "to aid criminal investigation".

The men's claims were later thrown out by the House of Lords, which ruled that keeping the information was not illegal under the Criminal Justice and Police Act, and did not breach human rights.

But earlier this year, when the cases came before the Human Rights Court, lawyers for the two men argued that keeping the DNA of innocent citizens left them under a cloud of suspicion.

It violated their "right to respect for private life" and "prohibition of discrimination" safeguarded by the Human Rights Convention, to which the UK is a signatory.

The pair's solicitor Peter Mahy, has already described the case as "probably be one of the most important human rights cases of all time" because it will decide if the current system of retaining DNA from "innocent people in the UK is lawful".

The profiles of the two men are now expected to be taken off the database but the Home Office said the current policies of taking and retaining the DNA of innocent people will remain until it delivers its formal response to the European court in March.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said: "DNA and fingerprinting is vital to the fight against crime, providing the police with more than 3,500 matches a month, and I am disappointed by the European Court of Human Rights' decision.

"The Government mounted a robust defence before the Court and I strongly believe DNA and fingerprints play an invaluable role in fighting crime and bringing people to justice.

"The existing law will remain in place while we carefully consider the judgement."

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Winter Paradise at Excel World

by Charumini de Silva

The annual snow show with the theme for this year 'Winter Paradise' at excel world commenced on the 30th November and will go on till 4th January 2009. A launch was held in the snow dome itself to brief the media recently.

For the 6th consecutive year Excel World brings a month of snow, fun and non-stop entertainment to keep the spirits high for this festive season.

"Winter Paradise 2008 is an event for the entire family to enjoy the festive season for all communities who enjoy the spirit of Christmas and New Year. This year entertainments will be filled with live music, competitions, while experiencing snow falls", Director/CEO of Excel World; Ravi Wijenathan said.

"The customers could dance and play with the



Pic by Dharmasena Welipitiya

snow while experiencing the unique ambience and lighting in the snow dome. The management has brought in some new multi colour action ride and misty wind, which will add another fresh experience",

he added. The snow entertainment at Excel World attracted around 90,000 people to the park last year and this year the management expects to attract more and has decided to

maintain the same entrance prices for this year. The walk way leading to the winter paradise has come alive with many famous cartoon and Christmas characters lead- ing to the snow dome.

TV GUIDE

ETV			
06.00	Prime Time Morning	06.00	Telemarketing
06.30	Chanel News Asia	07.00	VH1
06.45	Telemarketing	07.45	Debrief
07.00	Chanel News Asia	07.55	Lanka Business Online
07.30	Telemarketing	08.01	That 70's Show
08.00	Telemarketing	08.30	3rd Rock
P.M.			
08.55	Lanka Business Online	09.01	The Bold & The Beautiful
12.00	YA TV	09.45	Debrief
12.30	Telemarketing	09.55	Lanka Business Online
01.00	VH1	10.01	Lanka Business Report
02.00	Idol Gossip	10.30	Pimp My Ride
02.30	Chanel News Asia	10.55	Lanka Business Online
03.00	Telemarketing	11.01	VH1 Specials
03.30	Chanel News Asia	12.00	End of Transmission
04.00	Telemarketing		
05.00	As Told by Ginger		

ITN			
04.30	Station Opening	03.30	Telescene Marketing
04.35	Pirith Deshanaya	04.00	Peyen Peya Puwath
04.42	Jayamangala Gatha	04.05	Samanala Uyana
04.46	Davase Sithuvili	04.30	Dedunu Hendewa
05.00	Thakshilawa	05.00	Peyen Peya Puwath
06.00	ITN Puwath	05.03	Dedunu Hendewa - Contd.
06.15	Davase Pathihara	05.30	Lama Puwath
06.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna	05.45	Theruwana Namadimu
07.00	Hathveni Peya - Live	05.50	Jaya Piritha
08.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	06.00	News - Tamil
08.05	Children's Movie	06.30	Documentary
09.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	06.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna
09.05	Children's Movie (contd.)	07.00	News - Sinhala
10.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	07.30	Muthu Kirilli
10.05	Nimithra	08.00	Paba
11.00	Discussion	08.30	Ithin Eeta Passei
11.30	Quantum Teleshopping	09.00	Nil Ahasa Oba - Tele Drama
Noon			
12.00	Noon News Bulletin	09.30	News - Sinhala
P.M.			
12.30	Tele Drama (Sinhala)	09.50	Biz News
01.00	Tele Drama	10.00	Doramadalawa
01.30	Hedakara Hendewa	10.30	News - English
02.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	10.40	Doramadalawa - Contd.
02.03	Hedakara Hendewa (Contd.)	M.N.	
03.00	Peyen Peya Puwath	12.00	News - Sinhala
		A.M.	
		01.30	Pirith Deshanaya
		03.00	Close

on the 2nd Day of Christmas EXCLUSIVELY ON ART TV Friday 9.00 P.M.

CHANNEL EYE			
A.M.	06.29	Station Opening	
06.30	Talk for the Day	07.00	Classical Songs
06.49	Supiri Vasana Sampatha	07.04	Shanida Vasanava
07.15	Nalendugallu Intru	07.30	Children's Programme
08.00	Children's Programme	08.00	Symphony
08.30	Children's Programme	08.30	Suvasetha Lottery
09.00	Nagachual Neram	09.15	Srama Vasana Lottery
09.30	M - 9.30 (Tamil)	09.30	News & Weather Report
11.00	Kalakka Povadu Yaru	10.00	The X Files
P.M.	10.45	End of Transmission	

SIRASA TV			
A.M.	04.00	Pirith & Jayamangala	
04.30	Mahamaluwa	05.00	Sooby Doo
05.00	Bana	05.30	Soora Pappa
05.30	Cartoon	06.00	Magic Box
06.00	English Lesson	06.30	Kageda Gee Nada
06.30	Inspector Gadget	07.00	News 1st
07.00	Sonic	07.30	Silu Gedara
07.30	Inspector Gadget	08.00	Mahagedara
08.00	Praveena	08.30	Kinduranga
08.30	Kids Movie - Duma	09.00	Kawya
09.00	Game Show	09.30	News 1st
11.00	Diganthaya	10.00	Final Cut
12.00	Lunch Time News	10.30	Visammuthya
P.M.	11.15	Sirasa Super Star Chart Show	
A.M.			
01.00	Nonawaruni Mahatwaruni	12.00	Diganthaya
01.30	Sinhala Movie	01.00	MTV News
04.00	Cartoon		

MTV			
A.M.	05.55	Station Opening	
06.00	Voice of America	06.30	News First
07.00	Good Morning	06.00	Y Cafe
08.00	Sri Lanka	06.30	TV South Asia
10.30	VOA	07.00	Tiny Toons Adventure
10.30	Fox News	07.30	Tom & Jerry Kids
P.M.	08.00	Crickit Classics Channel	
12.30	News	09.00	1 News
12.45	VOA	09.30	Dr. House
01.15	Fly Tales and Unlalkative Bunny Fillers	10.30	Top Story
		10.32	Fox News

DERANA			
A.M.	04.00	Dragon Tales	
04.30	Derana Cartoon	05.00	Bid to Win
05.30	Derana Juke Box	06.00	U Turn
07.00	Sithina Balluwa	07.30	Ada Derana
08.00	Saraa	08.30	Doo Kumariyo
09.00	Athivishesha Bid To Win	09.30	Mechanix
10.00	Back to Back Songs	11.00	Back to Back Songs
P.M.	12.15	Ada Derana	
12.30	Sathulu Wila	11.00	Back to Back Songs
01.30	Mix Songs		

3rd Rock on ETV at 8.30p.m.

EXCLUSIVELY ON ART TV Saturday 9.00 P.M. Little Piece of Heaven Repeat on Following Saturday 2.00 P.M.

SHAKTHI TV				
A.M.	06.00	Breakfast News		
06.15	Filler	06.30	Good Morning	
06.30	Sri Lanka	04.30	GUJO	
08.30	Caller Galatta	05.00	Kutty's Choice	
09.00	Priyamana Thozhi	5.30	Shakthi Chat	
10.00	Vsantham	06.00	ISAI Songs	
10.30	Pukuntha Veedu	06.30	Kolanga	
11.00	Anandam	07.00	Kakasam	
11.30	Kasturi	07.30	Simran Thirai	
Noon	Penmanikkaga	08.00	News 1st	
12.00	Pennaligal Neram	08.30	Sethi	
P.M.	12.30	Marappathillai	09.00	English News
01.00	Madiya	10.30	Lakshmi	
	Sithigal	11.30	Putham Puthusu	

SWARNAHINI			
A.M.	06.00	Ehi Passiko	
06.30	Mul Pituwa	03.00	Samanaluntha Wedi
07.00	Loka Sithiyama	04.00	Thiyanna
07.30	Cartoons	05.00	Ganga Addara Kele
08.00	Pochonthas	05.30	Mini Toons
09.00	Hello Sri Lanka	06.00	Musix
10.30	Channel D	07.00	Tigo Matching Katha
11.00	Mahajana Sewaya Pinisal	07.30	Hansi
Noon	Live @ 12	08.00	Live @ 8
12.00	Rasa Liya	08.30	Abhimaan
01.00	Hada Rendri Peya	09.00	Hima Kandulu
02.00	Manmula Voo Mama	09.30	Hindi Movie
		10.00	Hindi Movie
		M.N.	
		12.00	Close of Transmission

ART TV			
A.M.	06.30	CNN Today	
06.45	Talk Asia	05.30	World News Asia
07.00	My City My Life	05.57	State of Business (3 min)
07.30	Quantum Tele Shopping	06.00	Telescene Marketing
07.57	State of Business (3 min)	06.30	World News Asia
08.00	Telescene Marketing	06.57	State of Business (3 min)
08.30	CNN Today	07.00	Top 10 Hits
08.57	State of Business (3 min)	07.45	World News
09.00	Desperate Housewives	08.15	The State of Business
09.30	State of Business (3 min)	08.30	Business Class
09.57	State of Business (3 min)	08.57	State of Business (3 min)
10.00	Telescene Marketing	09.00	Desperate Housewives
10.30	CNN Today	09.57	State of Business (3 min)
11.00	Telescene Marketing	10.00	Larry King Live
11.30	State of Business (3 min)	11.00	The State of Business
11.57	State of Business (3 min)	11.30	Your World Today
Noon	Telescene Marketing	M.N.	
12.00	CNN Today	12.00	Report: Caught on Camera
12.30	State of Business (3 min)	A.M.	
01.00	World Sport	12.30	Business International
01.30	CNN Today	01.30	World News Europe
01.57	State of Business (3 min)	02.30	Back Story
02.00	World Business	03.00	World Sport
02.30	World News	03.30	World News Europe
03.00	World Report	04.30	The Situation Room
03.30	Larry King Live	05.00	CNN Today
04.30	3 Friends & Jerry		
04.57	State of Business (3 min)		
05.00	Adventure of Professor		

RUPAVAHINI			
A.M.	05.43	Station Opening	
05.45	Homage to the Triple Gem & Karaniya Metta Sutta	03.00	News
05.55	Dina Asiriya	03.05	A Documentary
06.00	Shudesa	03.30	Tele Drama
06.06	Pathihara Sirashala	04.00	News
06.30	Pathihara Sirashala	04.05	Ataka Nataka
07.00	News	04.30	Sarisa
07.05	Aadaraneeya Yavuvanya	05.00	News
08.00	Nuga Sevana	05.05	Tharu Davasa
08.05	Nuga Sevana - Contd.	06.00	News
09.00	Nuga Sevana - Contd.	06.05	Vishva Nenasara
10.00	Nuga Sevana - Contd.	06.30	A Documentary
10.05	Nuga Sevana - Contd.	06.58	Suzuran
11.00	Aluth Sri Lankawak	07.27	Isuru Bhavana
11.05	Aluth Sri Lankawak	08.00	News
Noon	Bala Binduma	08.30	Pasubima
12.00	News	08.35	Jeevanandara
12.30	News	09.05	Janamathaya
01.00	Hiru Viyana	09.58	Vanni Meheyuma
01.00	Tele Drama	10.00	Govi Seltha
02.00	Tele Drama	10.05	Jayoda
02.05	Tele Drama	10.10	News - Sinhala
02.30	A Documentary	10.27	Sri Lankan Entrepreneur of the Year 2007 Awards
		M.N.	
		11.30	Deshabhinani Gi
		12.00	End of Transmission