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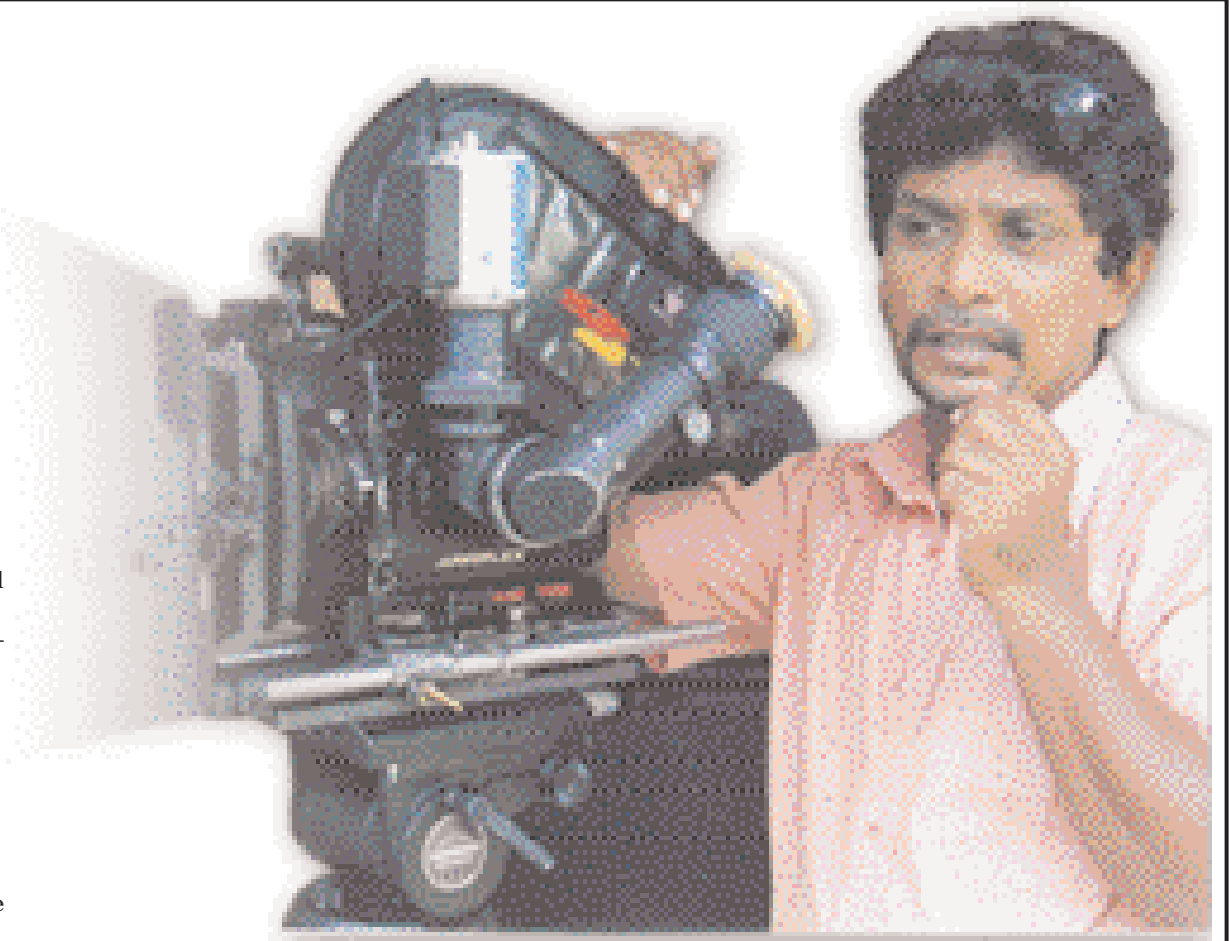
Award-winning teledrama director Dayaratne Ratagedara's maiden film, 'Nil Diya Yahana' (The Deep Blue Sleep), has successfully completed its fourth week in the CEL Circuit.

The film is perhaps the most beautiful love story to grace the Sinhala screen. The narrative traces the tragedy of a teenage romance against the backdrop of political intrigue, violence and corruption in contemporary Sri Lanka. In transcending death; like in ancient legend, the star-crossed lovers move into the region of fable. It encodes within itself poetic truth and social observation.

Having shifted to the cinema from the theatre, Ratagedara moved up steadily to become head of Eye Channel of the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC). He also emerged as a fully-fledged television director, creating some memorable and award-winning tele-series, like 'Bogala Savundiris', 'Dekethi Muwahatha' and 'Mahamera Pamula'. His single episode teledrama series, 'Sitha Niwana Katha,' shown every Poya day, won several top awards.

His vast experience in the various departments of filmmaking has made him a well rounded craftsman with a fine visual sensibility. All these factors are amply evident in 'Nil Diya Yahana.'

The film is beautifully stars the most lovable screen pair in Sinhala film today, the beautiful Chaturika Peries and impressive newcomer, Saranga Disasekera. A unique combination of some major stars, led by veteran Tony Ranasinghe, Sanath Gunatilaka and Chandanie Seneviratne, add much dramatic weight to a story, which uses teenage love, to discuss



Dayaratne Ratagedara

Ratagedara enters silver screen with 'Nil Diya Yahana'

Donald Karunaratne handles the camera. Imal Shanaka Peiris is the make up artiste. Music direction is by Rohana Weerasinghe and Uresha Ravihari, Iman Perera, Akalanka Serasinghe, Chathura Udeepa Serasinghe and Suranji Shamali sing the lyrics written by Professor Sunil Ariyaratne and Lucien Bulathsinghala. The Art Director of the film is Lal Harindranath.

Ajith Ramanayake has edited the film under the direction of veteran Ravindra Guruge. 'Nil Diya Yahana' is a production of Sujeewa Priyashantha Hettiarachchi and Malee Hettiarachchi.

broader issues.

Roshan Pilapitiya, Minister Dilan Perera, Menike Attanayaka, Damayanthi Fonseka, Daya Alwis, Wilson Karunaratna, Thusitha Halloluwa, Thushan Amarasinghe, Chandrasena Walimuni, Yesilka Wicramaratna, Sahan Wijesinghe, Chandrasoma Binduhewa, Norman Pathawadana, Manjula

Moragaha, Tissa Bandaranayake, Sanjeewa Thirimadura, Ajith Kumara Attanayaka, Premasiri Dahanayake, Dayarathna Thammita are the other members of the cast.

Ratagedara directed 'Nil Diya Yahana' with a superb script written by Dileepa Jayakody. First assistant director of the film is Daminda D. Madawala, while



Malee



Sujeewa



Dileepa



Donald

Designed by Vipul Athukorala



Scenes from 'Nil Diya Yahana'

TV GUIDE

ETV	
A.M.	01.30 Fox News
05.55	Station Opening
06.00	Voice of America
06.30	News First
07.00	Good Morning Sri Lanka
08.00	Fox News
10.30	VOA
11.30	Fox News
P.M.	
12.30	News
12.45	VOA
01.15	Fly Tales and Untalkative Bunny Fillers

ITN	
A.M.	03.03 Teleseen Marketing
04.30	Station Opening
04.35	Pirith Deshanaya
04.42	Jayamangala Gatha
04.46	Davase Sithuvilli
05.00	Thakshilawa
06.00	ITN Puwath
06.15	Davase Paththara
06.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna
07.00	Hathveni Peya - Live
08.00	Peeyen Peya Puwath
08.05	Pahan Dora Magazine
08.30	Sal Mal Yaya
09.00	Peeyen Peya Puwath
09.05	Battli
10.00	Peeyen Peya Puwath
10.05	Nimithra
11.00	Discussion
11.30	Quantum Tele Shopping
Noon	
12.00	Noon News Bulletin
P.M.	
12.30	Tele Drama (Sinhala)
01.00	Tele Drama
01.30	Hedakara Hendewa
02.00	Peeyen Peya Puwath
02.03	Hedakara Hendewa (Contd.)
03.00	Peeyen Peya Puwath



CHANNEL EYE

A.M.	02.55 Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka Match Contd.
04.30	Talk for the Day
06.50	Classical Songs
07.05	Suvasetha Lottery
07.15	Srama Vasanava
07.30	Nalendugall Intru
08.00	Thirai Swarnagal
08.20	Sri Lanka tour of Bangladesh
P.M. 12.05	Launch Break
12.35	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka Match Contd.
01.30	Afternoon News
01.45	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka Match Contd.
02.45	Tea Break

SIRASA TV

A.M.	04.30 English Lesson
04.00	Pirith & Jayamangala Gatha
04.30	Mahamalawa
05.00	Bana
05.30	Cartoon
06.00	English Lesson
06.30	News First
07.00	Inspector Gadget
07.30	Sonic
08.00	Jeevithaya Eda Denna
10.30	Game Show
11.00	Diganthaya
12.00	Lunch Time News
P.M.	
12.15	Lunch Time TV
01.00	Nonawaruni Mahataruni
01.30	Movie
04.00	Cartoon

MTV	
A.M.	01.30 Fox News
05.55	Station Opening
06.00	Voice of America
06.30	News First
07.00	Good Morning Sri Lanka
08.00	Fox News
10.30	VOA
11.30	Fox News
P.M.	
12.30	News
12.45	VOA
01.15	Fly Tales and Untalkative Bunny Fillers

DERANA

A.M.	04.00 Dragon Tales
05.55	Station Opening
06.00	Cartoon
07.00	Derana Aruna
08.00	Suba Dawasak
08.30	Eka Dawasak Ude
10.00	Teledrama
11.00	Sith Gimana Hala
P.M.	
12.00	Ada Derana
12.15	Sinhala Songs
12.30	Salthu Wila
01.30	Mix Songs



RUPAVAHINI

A.M.	02.30 A Documentary
05.48	Station Opening
05.50	Homage to the Triple Gem & Karaniya Meeta Sutta
06.00	News
06.06	Sivudesa
06.30	Pathihara Sirasthala
07.00	News
07.05	Aadaraneeya Yuvavanya
08.00	News
08.05	Nuga Sevana
09.00	News
09.05	Nuga Sevana - Contd.
10.00	News
10.05	Nuga Sevana - Contd.
11.00	News
11.05	Aluth Sri Lankawak
Noon	
12.00	Bala Binduma
P.M.	
12.30	News
01.00	Hiru Viyana
02.00	News
02.05	Tele Drama

ART TV	
A.M.	05.00 Adventure of Professor Th.
06.30	CNN Today
08.30	Talk Asia
09.00	My City My Life
09.30	Quantum Tele Shopping
09.57	State of Business (3 min)
10.00	Telesen Marketing
10.30	CNN Today
10.57	State of Business (3 min)
11.00	Telesen Marketing
11.30	CNN Today
11.57	State of Business (3 min)
Noon	
12.00	Telesen Marketing
12.30	CNN Today
12.57	State of Business (3 min)
01.00	World Sport
01.30	CNN Today
01.57	State of Business (3 min)
02.00	World Business Today
02.30	World News
03.00	World Report
03.30	Larry King Live
04.30	3 Friends & Jerry
04.57	State of Business (3 min)

05.30	World News Asia
05.57	State of Business (3 min)
06.00	Telesen Marketing
06.30	World News Asia
06.57	State of Business (3 min)
07.00	Top 10 Hits
07.45	World News
08.15	The State of Business
08.30	Business Class
08.57	State of Business (3 min)
09.00	Fashion House
09.57	State of Business (3 min)
10.00	Larry King Live
11.00	The State of Business
11.30	Your World Today
M.N.	
12.00	iReport: Caught on Camera

SHAKTHI TV

A.M.	01.00 Madiya Seithigal
06.00	Breakfast News
06.15	Filler
06.30	Good Morning Sri Lanka
08.30	Caller Galatta
09.00	Priyamana Thozhi
09.05	Vsantham
10.30	Sivashakthi
11.00	Anandam
11.30	Kasturi
Noon	
12.00	Penmanikkaga
P.M.	
12.30	Penngal Neram