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No one can break this world record, The same Queen-Elizabeth of England, with 11 presidents of USA ..!!

Queen Elizabeth with Barack Obama



Queen Elizabeth with George W. Bush



Queen Elizabeth with Bill Clinton



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Queen Elizabeth with Jimmy Carter



Queen Elizabeth with Gerald Ford



Queen Elizabeth with Richard Nixon



Queen Elizabeth with John F. Kennedy



Queen Elizabeth with Dwight D. Eisenhower



Queen Elizabeth with Harry S. Truman



Gamperaliya (Sri Lanka)



Skin (UK)

by **Dasun Edirisinghe**

Affairs and National Heritage and National Film

The European Film Festival in Sri Lanka started on November 07 and will end on November 15. The selected films from the European member countries will be screened each day at 5.00pm and 7.00pm at the British Council, Goethe-Institut and Alliance Française. A selection of short films directed by young Sri Lankan film makers will be presented before the screening of each feature film.

It is a joint cultural event organized by the Alliance Française de Colombo and the Embassy of France, the Consulate of Belgium, the Embassy of Switzerland, the Embassy of Italy, the Embassy of Norway, the Embassy of Sweden, the Embassy of The Netherlands, the Consulate of Spain, Consulate of the Slovak Republic the British Council, the Goethe-Institut in association with Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH), The Ministry of Cultural

Corporation (NFC). It was a great occasion of the opening ceremony of the festival at the BMICH and Lester James Peiris' masterpiece *Gamperaliya* (1963) screened. The Embassy of France in Sri Lanka says that they proud to have obtained for

this occasion one of the only two existing copies in the world. This event is a great opportunity for film lovers in Sri Lanka to

experience a collection of various, contemporary and classic European films. Each film is screened with English subtitles. This is also a cultural exchange that aims to promote a friendly relationship and to increase the mutual understanding between the European Nations and Sri Lanka.

European Film Festival Sri Lanka 2009



Agata and the storm (Agata la tempesta) (Italy)

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Captain Achab (Capitaine Achab) (France)

Two Sri Lankan writers from Vijitha Yapa Publications have made it to the longlist of the Impac Dublin award 2010, the richest literary prize in the world with a prize of 1 million Euros. The winner will be announced next year.

The Prince

The story of one man who sacrificed all to discover all for the everlasting good of all.

Set in ancient India; the book relates the story of a young man, an Indian Prince of the realm, who finds the monotony of life meaningless. In the prime of youth, ensconced in the lap of luxury and dwelling in endless pleasures, he renounces all to go in search of a mystic treasure. He embarks upon an unknown path, on an unknown journey, in an unknown quest to find an unknown treasure.

This is the story of his amazing search for the ultimate treasure: The Stoic Stone, the story of how he discovered it and how the omens showed him the way.

Author Manu Gunasena, 47, is a law graduate of the London School of Economics, University of London and is a Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, England and Wales. He was also the Editor of the national English Sunday newspaper *the WEEKEND* and the daily English newspaper *the SUN* and the Editorial Director of Independent Newspapers Ltd until its closure in 1990. He is the grandson of M. D. Gunasena.

The Garland of Fate

The story is based on an incident from the *Kanevera Jataka* and char-

acters and incidents have been added to evoke a complex society that appreciated beauty, poetry and philosophy, while also knowing poverty, banditry and superstition. Many characters and incidents have been added so as to take in a broad sweep of ancient Indian society from Benares to Taxila.

Economic circumstances cause the two daughters of a small-time farmer to be assigned two very different roles: the elder being given in marriage to an ambitious, social

adventure, love, betrayal and mistrust, while at another level, it examines social attitudes towards the two contrasting faces of woman, portrayed by the courtesan on the one hand, and the wife and eventual widow of the man whose death she causes. There is added poignancy because the two women are sisters, whose respective roles in life were chosen for them by their parents. Other issues that feature in the book include the role of astrology and superstition in shaping people's

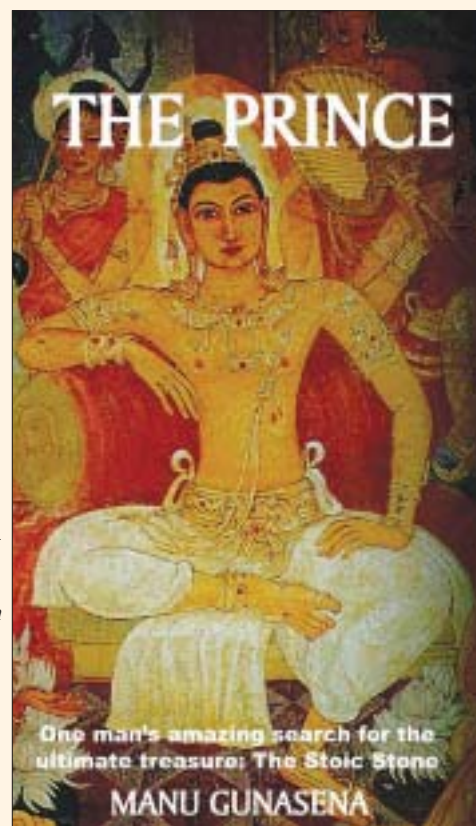
and the one-act play *All in a Day's Work* which won the prize for the English Association of Sri Lanka Creative Writing Competition for 1997. Her first play *War Story* set in the Kotte period showed an inclination for historical research which is more fully displayed in *The Garland of Fate*.

About 155 writers are long listed and among those competing for the prize are Aravind Adiga, Amitav Ghosh, Salman Rushdie, Toni Morrison and Ian Buruma.

Lankans in Impac Dublin Prize Longlist

climbing merchant, while the younger girl is sold as an apprentice to a wealthy city courtesan, whose role she eventually inherits. Meanwhile a young man from a good family falls in with a gang of bandits, is captured, and paraded through the streets of the city prior to execution. The younger of the two sisters decides to save him..... and thereby sets in motion a chain of events that dramatically impacts on the lives of all the characters.

lives, and the way society treats those who deviate from the roles expected of them. Author, Ruana Rajapakse is a lawyer by profession and the author of two professional books, *An Introduction to Law in Sri Lanka* and *A Guide to Current Constitutional Issues in Sri Lanka*. Her previous forays into creative writing were focused on the stage and included a "Colombo" version of R.B. Sheridan's *School for Scandal*.



One man's amazing search for the ultimate treasure: The Stoic Stone. MANU GUNASENA