

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report – April 2015

3 & 4 April A Creative Writing Workshop – AUTHORED BY

On 03 & 04 of April a creative writing workshop "Authored by" was held at the Indian Cultural Centre and the book launch at Barefoot Gallery. **Authored By** is a cross cultural literary initiative by Aparna Raman, Founder of Timbuktoo Young Authors Publishing and ArtikaBakshi of the Good Book Corner. Children between 7-14 years got an opportunity to be mentored by Aparna Raman of Timbuktoo Publishing: a creative professional, Kathalaya certified storyteller and workshop facilitator from Bangalore. On 3rd April 2 sessions were held at the Centre and on 4th April the book launch was held at the Barefoot Gallery and the evening session was held at the Indian Cultural Centre. The book was launched by His Excellency Shri Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India. Around 20 children in each session took part in the two day workshop.









9 April Film Screening: Abhaas, Directed by Ms. Bijaya Jena

Indian Cultural Centre screened the film titled **Abhaas** directed by BijayaJenaat 11 am on 9 April 2015 at its auditorium.

Abhaas is Bijaya's second feature film (in the Hindi language), which she scripted, directed and produced and played an important role in it. The film was made in 1996. Ms Jena's film 'Abhaas' is a poetic parable and a realist drama on the pastoral paradise that is rural India ,set in a small village in the lush green fields of Orissa it is both a sweeping cross generational tale of an aristocratic family and the peasants who form the two aspects of this fragile social milieu ,but moreover it is a sensitive human drama that discusses some forbidden themes which border onto almost incest ,adultery and lost youth love and aborted lives in a very spontaneous subtle manner where the characters are given full freedom to exploit the best and the worst in the human spiritual aptitude . Around 45 guests attended the screening.



24 April Sinhala Tamil New Year Celebrations organized by the Kathak Class students of the Centre

On 24th April the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a one day event to celebrate Avurudu, the Sinhala Tamil New Year. The event was organized by guru Moksha Samarasooriya and the Kathak class students of the Centre. The one day event included various activities such as making traditional sweet items, playing rabaan, dances, songs and many games and competitions. Around 150 students and teachers took part in the event.















