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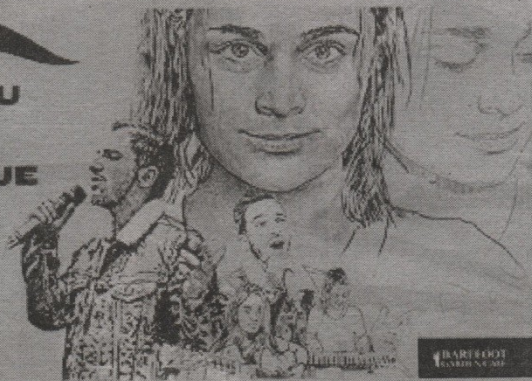
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MUSIC DAY 2016

# La musique plus forte que... / Music stronger than ...

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## MUSIC DAY CONCERT

Barefoot Garden Café

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 3 pm to 10 pm

Special guest - French band *Gala Swing Quartet*

And also: The Colombo Brass Ensemble, The Slipping Chairs, Funk Avenue, Ravibandhu Vidyapathi & Group, Eshantha de Andrade, The Soul, Naadro, French School, MuscMatters, and more...



**I**nited by the French Ministry of Culture in 1982, Music Day has become a most-attended event worldwide. Every year in June, celebrating the beginning of summer, music lover and professional musicians invade the streets in Europe and come together to perform freely. Last year, 120 countries and 700 cities all around the world have organized concerts and gathered about 10 million music fans.

International Music Day 2016 will be celebrated on the 25th June 2016 in the superb courtyard of Barefoot Garden Café. On this occasion, a number of bands and artists will entertain all audience performing songs and enthralling rhythms, ranging from traditional Kandyan Rhythm to jazz and pop music.

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Please come and join us to celebrate this opportunity to party and taste the diversity of music styles together!

The Embassy of France gives its special thanks to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs of Sri Lanka, the Galle Face Hotel, official hotel partner, Barefoot Café and all other partners for contributing to the great success of International Music Day 2016 event in the 5th FRENCH SPRING FESTIVAL IN SRI LANKA.

For further information about INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY around the world: <http://fetedelamusique.culturecommunication.gouv.fr/>

Barefoot Garden Café  
Saturday 25th June, from 3 pm to 10 pm.

ENTRANCE FREE





## A "FRENCH AFFAIR" BY THE GALA SWING QUARTET

The French Spring festival, organized annually by the Embassy of France in collaboration with Alliance Francaise and other event partners, is full of music and entertainment, visual arts, fashion, cultural and other activities. From June to July, the French Spring Festival represents the rich, colourful French culture and splendour. As a part of the French Spring Festival, and also to mark the world music day which is celebrated by musicians and fans worldwide, the Embassy of France gave the Sri Lankan audience a classic treat, by bringing forth the renowned French Gypsy Jazz band "Gala Swing quartet" to perform this time. The Gala Swing Quartet comprises of four young French musicians from Aix-en-Provence in the South of France, who are accustomed to playing on the streets as well as concert halls, entertaining their fans with a blend of original compositions and arrangements of jazz hits by Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt, including a mix of funk and groove. The band includes Alexis Demarais, (guitar) Alexandre Florentiny (acoustic bass), Gaspard Doussiere (Violin) and Tom Valdman (guitar). They held a lively performance at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo recently, with a packed audience, and also performed at the Fete Mu De Si La Que at the Bare Foot Garden Café Courtyard. It also included acts such as The Slipping Chairs, Ravibandu Vidyapathi and group, Funk Avenue and Naadro. The "Impulse" had a chat with Alexandre and Gaspard, during a break in-between their rehearsals before their concert at the Galle Face Hotel.

### EXCERPTS:

#### Q : WHEN DID YOU FORM THE BAND , AND HOW ?

We started it five years ago. Originally it was Alexis Demarais, me, and two guitar players. Gaspard on violin and Tom also joined us thereafter. That was a long time I believe!

#### Q : WHERE HAVE YOU PLAYED SO FAR , APART FROM FRANCE ?

We played twice in Hungary. It was a good experience.

#### Q : ARE THERE ANY OTHER GENRES WHICH YOU FOLLOW, SUCH AS FOLK MUSIC ?

We play traditional music, Funk, and used to play French, Italian music along and also Irish melodies too.

#### Q : IS THERE ANY SPECIFIC KIND OF MUSIC IN THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE IN FRANCE ?

Most people listen to rock, pop and electronic music. In traditional music, there is specific music in some parts of Southern France. It's popular and a lot of people know and are playing it. There are some big concerts for traditional music out there.

#### Q : WHAT KIND OF A MUSIC CROWD DO YOU GET IN FRANCE ?

France has a great crowd there who love music, and are amazing!

#### Q : ARE THERE ANY NOTED JAZZ MUSICIANS WHOM YOU FOLLOW ?

Yeah. Latin Jazz musicians, Music of the late 40's. A lot of American Jazz musicians came to Europe. And also Paris and Denmark. Parisians have a lot of Jazz clubs and a lot of people have begun to listen to Jazz. And there are traditional Jazz loving fans for many years, around 50- 60 years or so. A lot of them like Jazz music.

#### Q : HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE JAZZ IN GENERAL ?

That is a big question! We really like it. It's a string of improvisation. And as Jazz musicians, it's really easy to keep the audience entertained. When we play to these people we can't speak. It's amazing. It's a silent language. It's not like playing common songs. It's not the common vocabulary. If you play in some other band, you can play with anyone, or your own band.

#### Q : WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SRI LANKA ?

Superb! It's beautiful, everybody's amazing.

#### Q : DO YOU HOPE TO BE BACK IN SRI LANKA AGAIN NEXT YEAR ?

Yeah of course! We really hope that we'll be able to be back next year!

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# THE FRENCH SPRING FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND

Daily Mirror:  
25/6/2016

what's happening today?

BY Panchali Illankoon

In the months of June and July, the Embassy of France and the network of Alliance Française annually presents the French Spring Festival which holds a multitude of events celebrating arts and culture of both France and Sri Lanka ranging from visual arts, cinema, musical rhythms and many more.

This year's festival will give special attention to promote sustainable practices, focusing on heritage and sustainable development with a series of



conferences and discussions on the risks and potential of the increasing number of tourists and the development

of ecofriendly practices to raise awareness about the importance of moving towards sustainable development.

**25**  
JUNE

(3 - 10 PM)  
**BAREFOOT  
GARDEN CAFÉ**  
**MUSIC DAY : FÊTE  
DE LA MUSIQUE**  
**\*FREE ENTRANCE**

Music Day is a landmark event initiated by the French Ministry of Culture since 1982. Each year, musicians come together to perform on this day. In 2015, musicians have organised concerts that gathered about 10 million fans across 120 countries and 700 cities. International Music Day 2016 will be celebrated

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This year, the Music Day will feature the likes of the Colombo Brass Ensemble, the Slipping Chairs,

Eshanthade Andrado, Funk Avenue, Naadro among many others.

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**26**  
JUNE

**NELUM ART CENTRE  
STUDIO**  
**BALLET DANCE**  
**BY SENEKA  
ABEYRATHNE**  
**\*FREE ON  
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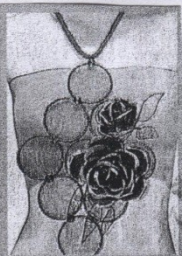
Dance teacher/choreographer Seneka Abeyratne has a reputed background in classical ballet and contemporary dance. He will be conducting a workshop of dance to advanced students who wish to learn technique oriented moves.

**i** For more information, please call 0112639400

## FRENCH SPRING FESTIVAL

A exhibition of exquisite French Lace was a highlight of The French Spring Festival. The Chief Guest was Michel Truetaere, Cultural Counsellor of The French Embassy. The lace was of the most delicate

craftsmanship. The LIFT Mod'Art designers will continue to showcase their talent with creations produced here from French lace. The event organiser and MC was Kumar de Silva.



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29/06/2016



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## Celebrate World Music Day In Sri Lanka



The World Music Day has its origins in France. American musician, Joel Cohen (no relations with Leonard Cohen) of the Boston Camerata fame, proposed an all-night music celebration to mark the beginning of the summer solstice in 1976 while he was on a scholarship to study music in Paris. The first Fête de la Musique took place in Paris in 1982 as French music and dance director Maurice Fleuret pursued Cohen's ideas.

Ever since 1982, June 21 has been celebrated across many countries as World Music Day. Typically, the World Music Day features amateur and professional musicians performing on the streets, in squares, in public places. The slogan *Faites de la musique* (Make music), a homophone of *Fête de la Musique*, is used to promote this goal.

Larger bands typically throw a free gig and invite cross-genre musicians to share the stage with them. The official Fête de la Musique organisation in Paris give sanction to events on two basic conditions - one that all concerts must be free to the public and two, all performers donate their time for free.

Free music on the streets in over 110 countries and 430 cities around the world and this

year they're taking it to the coolest rooftop bar in Colombo ON14, to celebrate World Music Day.

Join them @ ON14 Rooftop Bar & Lounge on the 21st June Tuesday from 5pm till late, where DJs from back in the day to the up and coming jam up some tunes, spreading nothing but good vibes through their music on World Music Day 2016.

"Come enjoy and meet some like-minded people on a cool Tuesday evening... We will be crossing many genres of music and you could be certain to hear some interesting sounds. We've got DJ's spinning tunes from then 70's retro classics, Funk jazz, Dance tunes from the 90's, Old school R'n'B, Nu Jazz, lounge, Deep house and Nu Disco which is sure going to sound super interesting."

Music Makers - 12 On-Board and Counting..

The line-up  
TimTim, Yazz, Van Luup, Ricky, Alexxo, Nigel, Dimuth K, Dex T, Sajeewa, Stefan, Nick, Sid, Daniel, Ashane, Adithya, Minol Dee, and Dhanushka.

\*Limited Special Table Deals out soon\* \*Happy Hour 5pm-7pm\*

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## 'French lace -

Exhibition at MOD'ART International & Lanka Institute of Fashion Technology  
Saturday 18 June to Friday 24 June

Mod'ART International Sri Lanka in collaboration with Lanka Institute of Fashion Technology (LIFT) present an innovative exhibition titled 'French lace - the story unfolds' which will take visitors on a journey of the multiple uses of French lace, both in couture and design.

A part of the annual 'French Spring Festival 2016' presented by the Embassy of France and the network of the Alliance Française in Sri Lanka, this novel exhibition is open to the public from Saturday 18 June

to Friday 24 June (Mon-Fri 10 am to 4 pm and Sat from 9 a.m. to 4 pm) at Mod'ART International, Horton Place, Colombo 7.

Lace is timeless, delicate and sensual. The complex and individual lace patterns and their delicate craftsmanship have always defined designers. Lace is also defined as a fine piece of fabric despite its implied fragility, special power in the sartorial world.

Incorporating lace into a design requires more than just a skilled sewing; it must be templated beyond simple fashion design industry, and CFW seasons are some of the most awaited events hosted in Colombo, showcasing the collections of renowned Sri Lankan and international

This year the students of Mod'ART Sri Lanka and the Institute of Fashion Tech

benefits and privileges to facilitate the luxury lifestyle of Cardmembers.

"Nations Trust bank American Express supports Sri Lankan organizations venturing into global markets. We

also support individuals and professionals with global aspirations to follow their dreams. This event complements our mission of helping Sri Lankan organizations

and individuals achieve their goals and aspirations," said Priyantha Talwatte, Deputy General Manager Consumer Banking of Nations Trust Bank, of the

partnership at an announcement press conference held on 7 June at the Hilton Colombo.

The visionary behind Swim Week Colombo, Colombo Fashion Week is celebrated as the mainstay of Sri Lanka's fashion design industry, and CFW seasons are some of the most awaited events hosted in Colombo, showcasing the collections of renowned Sri Lankan and international

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FRANCE strongly backs the Sri Lankan Government's approach in the areas of reconciliation, good governance and human rights, French Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives Jean-Marie Schuh has said.

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## Norwegian support for Sri Lanka

NORWAY has agreed to support Sri Lanka to conduct a marine survey and a fish stocks assessment, said the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.

According to the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development

Mahinda Amaraweera, the Sri Lankan President has instructed to discharge all the development schemes on a scientific basis by drawing conclusions depending on the scientific research conducted in each respective area.

Accordingly, the Minister has informed the National

Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) to conduct a depth research on fish stocks assessment and also a marine survey covering the entire of the country.

This would be the first such an extensive research conducted in Sri Lanka

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## Galle Goes Swing With Gala Swing Quartet!

Celebrate this International World Music Day at Jetwing Lighthouse Club, Galle

As the saying goes "Music is the universal language of mankind"; what better way to celebrate World Music Day 2016 than to dwell in the luxuries at Jetwing Lighthouse Club, Galle and groove to the music of the French Gala Swing Quartet.

Jetwing Lighthouse Club, Galle in collaboration with Alliance Française, Colombo is honoured to host a musical evening performed by the Gala Swing Quartet, a French jazz band on June 21st, 2016 from 7.30pm onwards in commemoration of International Music Day. The evening will see to a blend of beats and feast with cocktails served followed by a special four course dinner prepared by Chef Nihal, the maestro in French cuisine himself.

Tickets for the melodic event will be priced at Rs. 12,500 inclusive of a spread of cocktails and a delectable four course dinner with free flow of a range of wines to suit the mood. To give the music enthusiasts a better feel of the festive day Jetwing Lighthouse and Jetwing Lighthouse Club are delighted to offer 25% discount on room rate for overnight stays.

At Jetwing Lighthouse Club experience personalized luxurious hospitality with a butler at your service 24/7, and be spoilt for choice by indulging in the many exclusive facilities the new Jetwing property has to offer. Distinct from Jetwing Lighthouse, Jetwing Lighthouse Club guests will be welcomed with a complimentary massage and a choice of wine for the welcome drink.

Right next door is the famous Jetwing Lighthouse well-known for its historic flare exposing its guests to the rich colonial past that Galle accounts for. Designed by the famous Sri Lanka architect Geoffrey Bawa, the property is home to an array of amenities to cater to every traveller need ranging from signature dining experiences to a relaxation therapy at the pool



overlooking the beach or even unwind at the hotel veranda having a splendid view of the breathtaking sunset. Jetwing Lighthouse Club and Jetwing Lighthouse become the perfect venues to accommodate a festive evening coupled with gastronomic delights and musical performances.

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Family owned and in the tourism industry for the past 43 years, Jetwing Hotels has surpassed expectation at every aspect. Building on their foundation of being passionate, as well as the experience of true, traditional Sri Lankan hospitality, constantly pioneering discoveries captures the essence of the brand. Such a strong statement and direction have enabled Jetwing Hotels to imagine, create and manage marvels and masterpieces, where distinctive design and elegant comfort complement each other and the environment. Considered a priority, sustainable and responsible practice is implemented through the award winning Jetwing Eternal Earth Programme; with energy efficiency, community upliftment, and education of earth saving measures to schoolchildren being a few tenets of the Programme.



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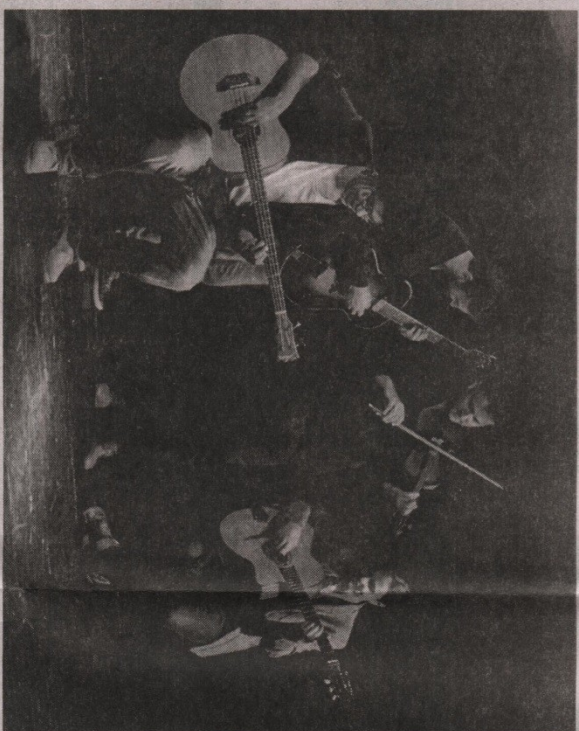
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## Gala Swing Quartet to perform at Galle Face Hotel as part of French Spring Festival



The Galle Face Hotel today announced that renowned gypsy jazz band Gala Swing Quartet who are on tour to Sri Lanka as part of the annual French Spring Festival will perform at the Galle Face Hotel on June 24th, 2016 at 7pm.

The gala Swing Quartet comprises four young French musicians from Aix-en-Provence in the South of France; Alexis Desmarais (guitar), Alexandre Florentiny (acoustic bass), Gaspard Doussière (violin) and Tom Valdmann (guitar). Accustomed to playing in the streets as well as in concert halls, the band entertains their fans with a blend of original compositions and arrangements of jazz hits standards by Stéphane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt, but also with a touch of funk and a touch of groove.

The hotel also announced that on the day, the buffet at the Verandah restaurant at the Galle Face Hotel will be priced at a special concessionary rate of Rs. 2,500/- net in celebration of this performance.





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