

**COLOMBO ART BIENNALE, HEMPEL GALLERIES
& THE BRUNEI GALLERY**

PRESENT:

**‘Serendipity Revealed’
An Exhibition of Contemporary Sri Lankan Art:
9th Oct – 20th Dec 2014 – Brunei Gallery, London.**

**Opening Party
Thursday 9th October 6.30 – 9pm**

Hempel Galleries with the Colombo Art Biennale and The Brunei Gallery are delighted to present an exhibition of work by contemporary Sri Lankan artists in London.

While the art scenes in many parts of Asia are beginning to or have already gained recognition internationally, Sri Lanka has, in a sense, been alienated by its 30 year war, which finally came to an end in May 2009. In the aftermath of the war, “Serendipity Revealed” will showcase and give glimpses of the untold story as unveiled by Sri Lanka’s foremost and emerging contemporary artists.



Protest Series by Anoli Perera, Education Map by Pala Pothupitiya, Liz Fernando

A thematic show with representation by different artists presenting works in different mediums giving a view of the recent and contemporary history of Sri Lanka.

Five years of peace, from the end of the armed conflict in May 2009, has given the country and its artists in particular the opportunity to settle and develop their artistic practice. Since 2009, Sri Lanka has also hosted three editions of the Colombo Art Biennale which has opened horizons to practising artists

Public Exhibition

“Serendipity Revealed” is being presented by the Colombo Art Biennale (CAB) in collaboration with Hempel Galleries. Curated by founding director, Annoushka Hempel who has carefully selected artists and their works to showcase and give glimpses of these untold stories as unveiled by some of Sri Lanka’s foremost contemporary artists.



Roadscape by Pradeep Thalawatta

Participating artists will include established artists in Sri Lanka such as: **Kingsley Gunatillake, Anoli Perera** and Sovereign Art Prize winner 2011 **Pala Pothupitiya**. Works by Internationally renowned artist **Cora de Lang** from her time in Sri Lanka, alongside emerging artists such as Jananda Laksiri, Pradeep Thalawatte and Koralegedara Pushpakumara. In addition works by diasporic artists such as Reginald Aloysius, Liz Fernando and Nina Mangalanayagam will be shown.

The exhibition will contain a minimum of 60 works including sculpture, installation, video, paintings and Photography and will be open to the public for two and half months.

Public Talk

Curator of the exhibition will give a talk that will give an important insight into the historical background and context for the exhibition. Six artists exhibiting at the show will also give presentations of their works at the gallery. **Anoli Perera, Pala Pothupitiye, Reginald Aloysius, Liz Fernando and Nina Mangalanayagam.**

Film Screenings

Screening of video work by multimedia artists, including film director **Vimukthi Jayasundara** - the first Sri Lankan to win the prestigious Camera d'Or Prize in Cannes, will also be present at the opening of the show.

The Brunei Gallery, London - Russell Square, London WC1

The Brunei Gallery, close to the British Museum, is part of London's 'Museum Mile', is an important venue that hosts a programme of changing contemporary and historical exhibitions from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The international widely recognized institution is supporting this show through sponsorship.
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