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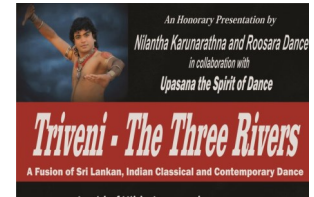
“Triveni” - a rare treat

I came to know about *Triveni* (The Three rivers) dance event through SLCAO emails and through some friends who were performing in the event. The event tickets were moderately priced at \$15 and \$25 and the proceeds were going towards a charitable event. Namely, in aid

of Hilda Jayawardhanaramaya Buddhist Monastery and meditation centre, Ottawa.

I bought a \$15 ticket and sat at the rear of the theater expecting an average show. What I saw was fabulously breath taking. I am sure that everybody who attended this show had a great time

and a time well spent feeling.



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SEAN PANIKKAR By Kasuni de Silva (Grade 9)

Sean Panikkar was born in Bloomsburg, PA which is a small town with a population of about 12,000. His parents on the other hand were born in Sri Lanka, his mom is Tamil & his dad is Sinhalese, which was the main reason why they left Sri Lanka. His parents moved to the United States in 1979. Sean Panikkar was involved in music since he was little, he played the piano, violin, trombone and not only playing music, but he was also a singing member in the choir. He never considered himself musically talented. Something that surprised me was that his parents didn't even know he had a talent for singing.

While he was in middle school, a Julliard – trained soprano named Li Ping Liu moved into the area, that's when his singing career officially began. At the time he thought it was kind of weird for a guy to take singing

lessons, but he still thought it was kind of cool. He didn't want to go alone so he tagged along his dad for the first few lessons they sang back to back. That time he was into Michael Jackson and Billy Joel, but his teacher wanted him to sing opera at the time he thought it was the worst thing ever, like he thought which guy wants to sing high pitched notes like a girl. But that didn't last very long after a few lessons he was very much into singing opera. He was also a student trying to get into engineering school. He did country choir & all state choirs, making it to the states was his goal. He never sang at home so no one in his family knew he could sing.

He was accepted to many top engineering schools but he chose to go Michigan University because he wanted a

big school that had many athletic groups. His teacher asked him to do her a favour & send Michigan a tape of him, so he did & that's how he got chosen to music school at Michigan. After a while he realized that engineering school wasn't for him so he dropped out, his parents weren't too happy with his decision. He decided to keep doing music, because that was his passion & it was something he loved. Now he does many musicals & is also in the *American's Got Talent 2013*. His group is known as the *Forte*.



He makes us Sri Lankans proud to be a Sri Lankan. We have so many talented people that we know like Sean.

Music was his passion, but it might not be yours. **Just follow your dreams & that will lead you to your happiness**

An Honourable Gesture?

By Kumudini Nicholas

Mountains have traditionally been places of mystery. To the ancient Greeks, Mount Olympus was the home of their gods. For the people of Sri Lanka, the mountainous Kandy is a place of worship as it houses the tooth relic of Buddha. This city, which holds the mysteries of an ancient kingdom and well-preserved traditions, can be



reached *via* strategically carved roads, winding around rugged mountains with scenic beauty.

Commonly seen in Kandy are elephants, some monstrous with large curvy tusks, some of modest size and a few tender beasts. An elephant, appreciated for its capacity to work laboriously, and known to have blessed with great memory, may also possess other mysterious traits, which are beyond human comprehensions. I encountered one.

It was dawn of a glorious morning in Kandy. I enjoyed the tranquility and fresh air for a moment while heading towards the sacred temple. After removing footwear, and collecting a basket of aromatic Jasmine flowers for offering, I walked along the sandy path towards the stony entrance of the temple. When I arrived at the *Sandakada Pahana*, a rhythmic clanging of objects was heard.

An adorable baby elephant, accompanied by his trainer, approached. The little beast's rocking movement matched the musical jingle created by hanging chains and two bells. The 'spring' in his step and playful movement of his head were mesmerizing. He pranced to the wavy-wall facing the tooth relic and stood there for a moment. Suddenly, he raised his trunk making a curl, knelt to bow and held the pose for a respectable period. Was the gentle beast expressing his honour to Buddha? I stood in awe and in tears. He made a heroic sound before walking away. The metallic jingling faded with time, but a permanent memory instilled.

It was a remarkable encounter indeed!

A pencil sketch by Shanon—
"One piece OC "



The artist, **Shanon Silva** is currently following an Interactive Multimedia Developer Program at Algonquin College, Ottawa.



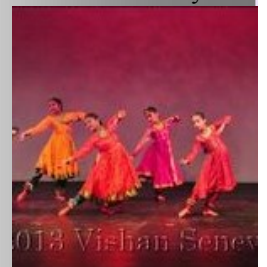
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Trivani presentation is a fusion of Sri



Lankan, Indian Classical and contemporary styles. This presentation was made by the **Roosara dance school** in collaboration with the **Up-sana, the spirit of dance group**.

Although this project probably started as a volunteer effort to put up a show for a charitable event, the effort and the resulting quality was amazingly superior. From the very first act up until the curtain call, each and every dance was very delicately put together with matching background music and dance rituals. The lighting and multi-colored costumes added more color to the performances.



Seated at the back of the theatre, I could



observe that everybody enjoyed and appreciated each and every item of the show. It was definitely breath taking to

see beautiful dance routines by some of the youngsters. If they can perform at such high level at these tender ages of 8-9 years, one would wonder how much more they could achieve as they mature. Our best wishes for their future success!



Our hats off to **Nilantha Karunaratne**, his friends and students for giving us such a wonderful show.

(more photos from the show in page 4)

Laugh awhile without inhaling helium

humour from the World Wide Web

A Spanish captain was walking on his ship when a soldier rushes to him and exclaims, "An enemy ship is approaching!" The captain replies calmly, "Go get my red shirt." The soldier gets it for the captain. The enemy ship arrives and heavy rounds of fire are exchanged. Finally, the Spaniards win. The soldier asks, "Congrats sir, but why the red shirt?" The captain replies, "If I got injured, my blood shouldn't be seen, as I didn't want my men to lose hope." Just then, another soldier runs up and says, "Sir, we just spotted another twenty enemy ships!" The captain calmly replies, "Go bring my yellow pants."

Chemistry Jokes:

Bears - What kind of bear dissolves in water? A polar bear!!!

CuTe - Are you made of *copper* and *tellurium*? Cause you're **CuTe**!

birthday joke - I tried to find a good scientific birthday joke but all the good ones *Argon*

Pick up lines - Do you have 16 protons? 'Cause you're sodium fine.

bad joke - The other day I told what I thought was a great chemistry joke... but there was **no reaction!**

Oxygen and Magnesium - Oxygen and Magnesium went on a date. Everybody was like **OMG!**

Dead Chemist - If a chemist gets hurt, see if he is alive and try to *helium*..

If not, try to *curium*..

If you're sure he's dead, should *barium*.

Biology Pick Up Lines:

- Girl! whenever I'm near you, I undergo *anaerobic respiration* because you take my breath away.
- I wish I was *adenine*, then, I could get paired with U.
- Your *chromosomes* have combined beautifully.
- Girl, you are so hot you *denature* my *proteins*.
- Baby, every time I see you, my *cardiovascular system* gets all worked up.

The author, Aloysius Martin Nicholas is proud to be a Sri-Lankan Canadian residing in Ottawa. He is a regulatory scientist at Health Canada. He believes even with an aging body, life is cyclical and does not have to become progressively harder nor less joyful with time. With his work he tries to adhere to what Lao Tzu said - "I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures."

Why do we need an Antivirus software for computers? By Roshan Fernando, MSc Senior Engineer, Fortinet Technologies Canada Inc.

Every day, your computer system and the data they contain are at risk for theft, corruption, or misuse. These risks can come from, for example, malicious crackers outside your home, organization, internal personnel looking to profit from the data. The confidentiality, integrity, and availability of your data need to be protected. Attackers can infect your computer with malicious software, or malware, in many different ways.

Why do hackers hack?

There are number of reasons behind it such as for things, fun, information gain, status and sometimes for nothing. Their main job is sitting behind the computer and use powerful tools to gain unauthorized access to different computer systems for 24 hours per day. That is their full time engagement. They use very complex computer algorithms to crack codes and decrypt data for their personal gain. On the other hand, Antivirus software developers job is to identify all the malicious codes and write programs to run against to it. Not a fun job!! By the time they identify the vulnerabilities, it may have been too late. However, having installed secure and powerful antivirus software, we can minimize the damage. If you have cooperate computer, most likely you are less vulnerable to computer attacks because your computer has commercial version of Antivirus protection software plus corporate firewall with Intrusion prevention system (IPS) that monitors network and/or system activities for malicious activity. If you have a home computer, you will need powerful Antivirus protection software.

Do I have to pay for Antivirus software?

Good heavens NO!!! You do not have to pay to get the very best antivirus software available. You can simply go to our company website www.fortinet.com and download **Forticleint** free version. Alternatively, you can install, AVG, Avira Antivirus (<http://avira.com>) and Avast! Antivirus (<http://avast.com>) for free.

Do you need to update your Antivirus software?

Certainly, as I mentioned above, hackers work days and nights to gain access to your system without any discrimination and constantly change their strategies (we call it *port scanning*) to find any loop hole to gain access. On the other hand, AV developers are working hard to block those attempts. If you have Antivirus software running, it is vital to get most up to date definition from the Antivirus vendors, so my recommendation is to update the definition at least once a week. You can simply click on the running Antivirus software and get the updates or set it up for automatic updates.

In the next issue Roshan will discuss "How to make sure that your home computer is secure". Send your *relevant questions* to SLCAO.

More photos from *Triveni*



Photographs: Vishan Senevirathne

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