
Exhibition of paintings by famous Sri Lankan painter S.H. Sarath at the United Nations -Geneva

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The Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka will hold an exhibition of paintings by the renowned Sri Lankan artist, Mr. S.H. Sarath, from 22nd July to 05th August 2008 at the United Nations premises in Geneva.

The exhibition, titled "Life", will be opened on Tuesday 22nd July 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at the Palais des Nations (E Building, 2nd floor) under the high patronage of Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The themes of the paintings exhibited are Peace, Environment and Life.

S.H. Sarath's artistic interest mainly streams in two directions; on the one hand, he searches out the sources of his art and finds them in mythology, religion and ancient folklore; on the other hand, his interest turns towards a contemporary form of expression - abstraction. However, one way or the other, in the form of satire, irony or allegory, his main concern is humanity and nature. Sarath is from a small village in the deep south of Sri Lanka and formally studied art in Colombo, Sri Lanka, followed by further studies at the Silpa-Korn University in Bangkok, Thailand and The University of South Australia School of Art. He then travelled to Europe, which proved a voyage of discovery. The world renowned works of such masters as Picasso, Monet and Degas became an integral part of his personality make-up. Sarath has had over 40 exhibitions across the globe, from Sri Lanka to Thailand, Malaysia, West Germany, Yugoslavia, Brazil, Japan, Bienal, Cuba, Norway, Russia and Australia. His paintings are among the collections of the President of Sri Lanka, UNESCO Office, Ministry of Education, National Gallery, library Services Board of Sri Lanka, Commercial Bank and National Development Bank of Sri Lanka, Westpack and ANZ Bank in Australia, Ecka Art Gallery in Yugoslavia and many private Collections of Sri Lanka and abroad. To get further information on the artist and his paintings, please visit his web page www.shsarath.com