



TOWER HALL THEATRE FOUNDATION

SRI LANKAN REPRESENTATIVE OF ITI

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2022-2024



As the Sri Lankan representative of the ITI, Sri Lanka has been organizing many theatre based activities and World Theatre Day celebrations for many years. Here are some of our activities organized for the period from 2022 to 2024.

YEAR-2022

01. World Theatre Day

World Theatre Day 2022 was celebrated with the participation of many veteran playwrights under the patronage of state Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and rural Arts Promotions Mr Vidura Wickramanayake on the 27th of March 2022 at Maradana Elphinstone Theatre. Veteran Playwright Mr Jayantha Chandrasiri delivered a special speech on “The reality of dramatic space”. Students of Tower School of Drama & Theatre Colored up the occasion with many events on the stage.



Students of Tower School of Drama and Theatre performing on the stage

- 02 Tower Drama Festival Named “Preksha” was held at Elphinstone and Tower Theatres for consecutive seven days. 22 Drama Producers were provided Financial Assistants. This became the most successful Drama Festival in the year.
- 03 Artistes were taken on an Annual Pilgrimage
- 04 Inter School Drama Competition was conducted and 147 schools took part in the competition
- 05 Several Drama Workshops were held in various parts of the country.

YEAR– 2023

01 World Theatre Day

Tower Hall Theatre Foundation has been celebrating The World Theatre Day for many years. Taking another step forward, Tower hall theatre Foundation organized a remarkable celebration for the World Theatre Day 2023 which fell on the 27th March this year. World Theatre Day Message was read in English, Sinhala and Tamil Languages at the occasion.

To the first time in the history, Tower Hall Theatre Foundation was able to stage a special drama specially produced on ethnic co-operation at The Elphinstone Theatre Colombo 10. This came as a result of a joint effort of the students of Tower School of Drama & Theatre. Veteran artistes, Principals, Teachers and more than 600 students from Schools in Colombo were there to Witness the celebration.

Here are some special moments which colored up the day.

Students



Performing on the stage



Students are posing a photograph with the Minister

- 02 Artistes were taken on an Annual Pilgrimage to the **Temple of the Tooth in Kandy.**
- 03 Inter School Drama Competition was conducted and 207 schools took part in the competition
- 04 Drama and Theatre Workshops were conducted targeting school children in the country.

YEAR– 2024

01 World Theatre Day

World Theatre Day 2024 was celebrated in a grand manner on the 27th of March 2024 in the historic Elphinstone Theatre Colombo. This year we were able to stage 4 children's plays (Majic Brush, Dream Lantern, Lilly's Majic world and Kidaaram) specially produced for the World Theatre Day by the young artists who learn Drama and Theatre under our guidance. More than thousand theatre lovers were there to witness the celebration.

Here are some moments on the stage.



In addition to the World Theatre Day celebrations, we organized various welfare programs for the wellbeing of the artists. Some of them are as follows.

- 01 Medical Camp was organized and artists were provided with free medical treatments,
- 02 Annual Pilgrimages,
- 03 A New Year Festival was organized. New year presents distributed among 120 artists
- 04 Eye care program was held and spectacles were given free of charge
- 05 Tower Drama Festival "APEKSHA" was held at Elphinstone and Tower theatres for ten consecutive days.

Since it takes too much of space, we do not expect to add pictures of the.

Best Regards

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