

## Press Release

### Sri Lankan Cultural Show at Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand



Every Monday, experience the unique charm and flair of traditional Sri Lankan entertainment as Nuga Gama, ‘the village in the city’, at Cinnamon Grand hosts a cultural evening. The Shilpa Ranga Cultural Dance Troupe will showcase the rich heritage of Sri Lanka’s performing arts as they depict Sri Lankan village folktales, myths and traditions through the art of dancing. Entrance will be free.

The troupe will perform six culturally informative and entertaining dances that depict various aspects of everyday village life focusing on traditions, folktales, myths and beliefs. They will perform at the kamatha, a locale used primarily as a threshing floor and also as a stage for Sokari, a drama usually held after the harvest.

The Shilpa Ranga Cultural Dance Troupe is led by M. C. Werapitiya and consists of nine members; one drummer, one low country dancer, one traditional dancer, six village dancers and one vocalist. They have performed in over 40 countries including Germany, Thailand, Singapore and USA and have garnered both international and local acclaim for their skills.

“When Nuga Gama was first conceptualized, promotions of this nature were at the forefront of our plans,” said General Manager Rohan Karr. “We are extremely pleased to further honor Sri Lanka’s rich heritage and traditions by giving guests the opportunity this experience,” he said.

The Shilpa Ranga Cultural Dance Troupe has a rich history of performing in Sri Lanka and has always been led by generations of the Amunugama Werapitiya family who have watched the art evolve through their years of service to the Dalada perahara; duties which they continue to perform to this very day.