

## **Creative Activities for Children Programme (CAC-Prog)**

### **Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation (LCYTF):**

In 1981 Somalatha Subasinghe founded the Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation (LCYTF) and Playhouse-Kotte, the theatre production and training arm of LCYTF, to promote theatre production and performances specifically for children and youth, training of actors, and research on theatre studies. Since 1981 the organisation has produced a repertoire of mainly musical theatre for children and youth and award-winning mainstream art theatre productions and performed them in the island as well as abroad. In January 2007, this institution was incorporated in the parliament under the Act No. 3 of 2007. At present LCYTF is the topmost institution for children and youth theatre productions in Sri Lanka.

### **Introduction:**

The prime objective of the programme is to develop child's mental and physical aspects and to enhance artistic taste, cheerfulness and playful sense of the child through aesthetic experiences. The programme also gives the child the opportunity to learn a sense of caring, world awareness, experience in human relationships and socio-cultural values, a sense of basic art forms and more importantly confidence and dignity.

### **To Whom:**

Children between the ages four and half to Twelve can take part in the programme. These activities are perceived as supplementary to the formal education the child obtains in schools.

### **Learning Outcome:**

This programme gives the child the opportunity to learn the basic of

- (i) enjoying and appreciating music
- (ii) free movements
- (iii) dancing and structured movements
- (iv) Acting and language
- (v) singing and
- (vi) Art, handicrafts and puppetry.

### **Resource Persons:**

The programme is conducted by Prof. Chandana Aluthge. In addition, artistes who have obtained special training to work with children too are assisting the programme delivery.

### **Duration and Time:**

The programme has three terms a year. The duration of one term is twelve weeks. The first term is from January to March, the second term is from May to July and the third term is from September to November in each year. **The second term of 2024 is commencing on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024.** Registration of children for the programme is done on first come-first served basis.

Programme is held on Saturdays from 8.30 am to 11.00 am.

Each term stands on its own. Therefore, participating children can continue for several terms as much as they like. The programme is divided into terms largely to facilitate children to join the programme conveniently.

Participating children are kindly requested to bring their food and drinks. Children should be provided with suitable clothing to take part in Creative Activities Sessions.

**Fee:**

The fee for the programme is Rs. 5500/= per child per term. In addition, there is onetime registration fee of Rs.500/=. When two children from the same family are enrolled, the second child gets a 10 percent discount on programme fee.

**Venue:**

Sessions are held at Battaramulla Lions Club Activity Centre situated in Jayanthipura.

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