

The Cast

SRIYANTHA MENDIS - (Hiddadura Jude Neel Sriyantha Mendis) born on October 25, 1957 is one of the leading film stars in Sri Lanka. His address is 154 Templer's Road, Mt.lavinia.. He holds a Diploma Degree in Mass Communications from the University of Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka. Participated a drama workshop in 1978. Has played the main role in a number of films and television dramas. In honor of his magnificent performance on the stage and screen, he was awarded the Special Performance Award for "Parassa" in 1980 and Best Actor Award for "Numba witharak thala elalui" in 1981 at the Youth Drama Award Ceremony and Best Actor for "Mora" in 1987 and Best Supporting Actor Award for "Eva Balawa" in 1999 at National Drama Festival. He has contributed an extraordinary talent in acting over 200 television dramas and a number of films through his career. He has won the Best Performance Award in 1985 (Palingu Menike), Best Actor Award in 1995 (Dandubasnamanaya), Best Actor Award in 1996 (Bedde Gedera), Best Actor Award in 2001(Dethi Kiyatha), Best Actor Award in 2005(Bogala Saundiris) and Best Actor Award in 2006 (Berunda Pakshiya) at the Presidential Film Festival. He demonstrated his competence in theatre by production of Suba saha Yasa, an acclaimed stage play, the main role creditably played by him.

BANDULA WITHANAGE - (Bandula de Silva Withanage) born on September 11, 1940 is a recognized Producer and Director of television dramas. His residence is located at 14 Ananda Balika Mawatha, Pitakotte, Sri Lanka.. He has been in the theatrical field since 1971 and has gained vast expertise in Production, Direction and Scriptwriting. Has played key role in very many stage plays, dramas and more than 15 films. Has won the SIGNIS Award for television acting. A popular television drama actor who was awarded the Best Literary Award for translation of 'Hamlet' in 1997, Best translation and Director Award for 'Our Town' in 1991, 'Matchmaker' in 1987 and 'Romaya Gini Gani' in 1997. Among his translations and direction of dramas were television drama "Gangawak", Harold Pitter's "The Collection", Jean Arnold's "Becket", Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice", "Twelfth Night" and "Macbeth", Thornton Wilder's "Matchmaker" and "Our Town", Joe Orten's "What the Butler Saw", Marc Camaloti's

“Don’t Dress for Dinner” and “Romaya Gini Gani”. Toured International Visiting Producers visit to USA during March-April 1989, Europe in 2005 and Dubai, Middle East in 2007. He worked as a Program Producer in 1970 at Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and subsequently as Executive Producer at Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and promoted as Director of Programs from 1987 to 1993. In addition he has obtained a training course on Broadcasting in Australia and Television Production in Malaysia. Also worked as Manager, SLTTI, Sri Lanka. He has earned a wide reputation as a Scriptwriter and Director of television dramas namely: “Asalwesiyo”, “Bumuthurunu” and “Atta Bindei”.

JANAKA KUMBUKAGE - (Kumbukage Janaka Ervin Wijepala) born on April 13, 1962 is a leading popular artist in Sri Lanka. His address is 141 Thalawathugoda Rd, Pitakotte. In displaying his talents and skills on the screen and the stage he has proved his competence by successfully playing the key role in many dramas namely: Antigoni, Edipus, Dhawala Bheeshana, Yadam, Makarashaya, Bhemabumi, Padada Asapuwa, Puthra Samagama, Jana Hatura and Romaya Gini Gani. He has acted over 200 television dramas and ten films. In recognition of his masterly performance on the screen and stage he was honored with the Best Actor Award for “Bhemabumi” television drama in 2000 and “Saroja” film in 2000.

KUSUM RENU - (Dubare Liyanage Kusum Renuka Mendis) born on January 30, 1961 is a recognized prominent film star and an actress on television drama. Residing at the address 154, Templer’s Road, Mt.Lavinia, Sri Lanka she has achieved the highest standard of reputation as one of the best actresses on the screen and television. She is qualified with a Diploma Degree in Mass Communications at the University of Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka. She has portrayed her talents in theatre playing deeply impressive characters on the screen and television in no uncertain manner. “Himakunatuwa”, “Pandukabhaya”, “Sailasanaya”, “Mandaram Wehi”, “Mahinda II”, “Padada Asapuwa” and “Romaya Gini Gani” are a few of those dramas she effectively proved her competence. She was presented with the Best Actress Award twice for her

role in “Himakunatuwa” and “Mahinda II” and again the Best Performance Award for her magnificent acting role in “Mandaram Wehi”.

WASANTHA WITTACHCHI - (Wasantha Chandrasena Wittachchi) born on December 21, 1957 is an actor who has captured the audience by his able qualities in theatrical art. His address is 488, Polpithi Mookalana, Kandana, Sri Lanka.. He has played key role in “Ambusemiyo”, “Yakshagamanaya”, “Hitler”, “Ath”, “Mora”, “Otthukaraya”, “Thalamala Pipila”, “Nelum Pokuna”, “Socrates”, “Edipus”, “Rhinoceros” and “Romaya Gini Gani”. He is a qualified make up dresser who exerts his service to other artists prior to shootings. He has covered over 75 television dramas and 20 films in his acting capacity with make up experience as well. Toured USA with the cast of “Padada Asapuwa” staged in 2004. Also visited Europe in 2005 and Dubai, Middle East in 2007 for performance in “Romaya Gini Gani”. It is encouraging that he has participated Asia Youth Workshop in Manilla, Philippines in 1983. He is the Visiting Lecturer at Horana Sripali Campus, Town Hall Theatre Foundation and Youth Council Drama School in Sri Lanka.

VAJIRAKUMARI WITHANAGE - (Vajirakumari de Silva Withanage) born on August 19, 1976 holds a Diploma in Mass Communications at the University of Jayawardanapura, Sri Lanka. She resides at 14, Ananda Balika Mawatha, Pitakotte, Sri Lanka. She is the Television Program Production Assistant at Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation. She has played the key role in several stage plays as Rosalind in “The Matchmaker”, Rebecca in “Our Town”, Jessica & Nerissa in “The Merchant of Venice”, Susana in “Don’t Dress for Dinner” and Barbara in “Romaya Gini Gani”. This actress is qualified in professional video technology and television production. She joined her troupe of artists in touring Dubai, Middle East in 2007.

SUJEEVA PRIYALAL - (Lokuyeddebige Sujeeva Priyalal) born on May 09, 1973 is a highly talented artist residing at 105/1/46 Horagala East, Padukka, Sri Lanka. He has played important role in seven television dramas and two films. Participated drama workshop in 1993. Also he has displayed his skills in the international film Obertho Fasaloti's "Hand Ball" by an excellent performance. Toured Europe in 2005 and Dubai, Middle East in 2007. He has won the Best Supporting Actor Award in 1994 and Special Performance Award for drama in 2001.