





# Rū kada Nā tya

## Traditional String Puppet Brama of Sri Lanka

## **Expressions of Consent**

from

Practitioners, Concerned Institutions and Individuals,

Endorsing the Proposal to Inscribe

Traditional String Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka

in the

# UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

in accordance with its

Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible
Cultural Heritage, 2003



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Ministry of Education

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### To whom it may consern Traditioanl Pupperty Drama of Sri Lanka

- 1. As the Chairman National Library and Documentation Services Board, I here by agree with the proposal to inscribe the Traditional String Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. I endorse my support to implement the measures to safeguard this important element of the country's heritage.
- 2. I understand that the Ministry of Education is preparing a nomination for Sri Lanka's Traditional String Puppet Drama to be included in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This is a very important decision of the Government to safeguard this cultural element. As the Chairman of the National Library and Documentation Service Borad I support this proposal, and thence give my consent to submit the proposal to the UNESCO.
- 3. The National Library and Documentation Service Borad has been involved in various activities in promoting and safeguarding Traditional String Puppet Drama for the past 5 years, and have been able to make some achievments in this regard. I agree that the present proposal to inscribe this element in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity is a very important decision to its safeguarding. Therefore, I fully endorse the proposal and give my consent to its submission to the UNESCO.
- Inscription of the Traditional String Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity will increase the visibility of the element and public understanding of the intangible cultural heritage of the country. I agree with the proposal, and give my consent to proposal.

Thanking you

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27.03.2017

To whom it may concern

### Rūkada Nātya - Traditional String Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka

The Ministry of Education in Sri Lanka wishes to submit a proposal on "Rūkada Nātya - Traditional String Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka" to be inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

- 2. The nomination was prepared with the consent of all stakeholders with a wide range of stakeholder participation.
- 3. The actual need for increasing the visibility and urgent need for protection and promotion of this important element of intangible cultural heritage of Sri Lanka came from the practitioners. We believe inscription of the element in the Representative List would contribute to increased recognition of this art and its practitioners and enhance its status within the country.
- 4. I fully endorse the nomination of "Rūkada Nātya Traditional String Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka" to be inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Thanking you

Dhammika Wijayasinghe

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### **Letter of Consent**

### To whom it may concern,

As the Vice Chancellor of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, premier national Higher education institution dedicated to promote visual and performing arts in Sri Lanka, I hereby give my consent for the Ministry of Education to submit the nomination for inscribing Traditional Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka in the representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO.

Prof. Ariyarathna Kaluaarachchi

Vice Chancellor



### අධ<mark>පාපන අමාතපාංශය</mark> கல்வி அமைச்சு MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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### **Letter of Consent**

To whom it may concern,

As the President of the Arts Council of Sri Lanka, I hereby give my consent for the Ministry of Education to submit the nomination for inscribing Traditional Puppet Drama of Sri Lanka in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the UNESCO.

Arts Council constitutes of six panels for arts in Sri Lanka, namely; Drama, Music, Literature, Dance, Visual Arts, and Intangible Cultural Heritage. Panel for Intangible Cultural Heritage was established in 2016 especially to promote preserve and encourage the promotion and safeguarding of arts and crafts indigenous to Sri Lanka.

I believe that, the inscription of the element will help us to take necessary measures as a national institute, which was established to improve, promote, and develop arts of Sri Lanka as well as to advise, and co-operate with, Government departments, local authorities and other bodies on any matter concerned directly or indirectly with the objectives of the arts Council of Sri Lanka.

Chandraguptha Thenuwara

established by the pariment act no 18 in 1952

President, Arts Council of Sri Lanka

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#### Local Puppetry Art (ROOkada Kalawa)

Artists who are carrying on Ambalangoda Kookada Kalawa are descendents of my generation, the pioneers of this Art.

Prince Charles and the köyai mission who visited Sri Lanka during british era was amazed having watched a Puppet show held at Bagatale Walawwa, headed by Ganwari Podi Sirina of Kandewatta Ambalangada. They awarded a Gold Medal and Rs.500/- to the Group. The Art was documented only from that date. I am in possession of a Letter written by Late Prot. 1185a Kariyawasam to the "Silumina" News paper about the performance.

why rather and Grand rather had won Gold and Silver Medals at the Arts restival held at Victoria Park (present Viharadevi park)in 1949 in commemration of Independence in Sri Lanka. I was only 07 years old when I joined the Art which was carrying on by my father and grand father. In the midst of several difficulties, we are involved in this Puppetry Art with the expectation of safeguarding the Art.

I was holding membership in so many subcommittees, i held a honorary post as the president of Sub committee of Puppetry Ats which existed before the present Government came into power. Those committees are not existing today.

Though the World Puppetry Art day was celebrated by the Cultural Department on 21.03.2017, It was I who introduced the Puppetry Art not only to the Cultural Department but to the entire Sri Lanka. That was in 2005.But today there is no special invitation for me in such occasions.

While expressing my happiness about the program launched by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with Library Services Board to uplift the Puppetry Art. We, as true Artists and traditional Artists extend our cooperation towards safeguarding the culture from racketeers and identifying true Artists .We are grateful if the UNESCO is drafting a special program towards this task .I request you to look into the avenues of giving a place to Puppetry Arts in the International Wesak Day Festival to be held in Sri Lanka.

" If the Puppetry Art extinct it is only for me, but if preserved it will be for the entire Sri Lanka"

Sgd/G.Premin

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අම්බලන්ගොඩ කන්දෙගොඩ විසූ ගංවාරි පොඩි සිරිනා කලා කරුවා විසින් බුතානෘ පාලන සමයේ ශී ලංකාවට පැමිණි බුතානෘ රජ පවුලේ වේල්ස් කුමරු පුමුබ රාජකීය දූත පිරිසට කොළඹ බගතලේ වලව්වේදී පැවැත් වූ රූකඩ සංදර්ශනය දැක පුසාදයට පත් වේල්ස් කුමරු විසින් පොඩි සිරිනා කලාකරුවා පුමුබ රූකඩ කණ්ඩායමට රන් පදක්කමක් හා රුපියල් 500 ක මුදල් තෘග පිරිනමා ඇත. රූකඩ කලාව පිළිබඳව ලිබිත සටහන් පවතින්නේ එතැන් සිටය. අභාවපාප්ත මහාචාර්ය තිස්ස කාර්යවසම් මහතා විසින් මේ පිළිබඳව සිළුමණ පුවත්පතට සපයන ලද විස්තර ලිපියක් මා සතුව තිබේ.

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කලා මණ්ඩලය යටතේ පැවැති අනුමණ්ඩල කිහිපයකම සාමාජිකත්වයේ සිටි මම වත්මන් රජය බලයට පවතින තෙක් පැවති රූකඩ නාටු අනුමණ්ඩලයේ සභාපතිවරයා ලෙසද ගරු සේවාවක් කළෙමි. මේ වන විට ඒ අනුමණ්ඩල කිසිවක් නොමැත.

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### Inclusion of Puppetry Artists in the world Heritage List

Puppetry Art has a prominent place among the other traditional arts in Sri Lanka. As a Cultural Officer in the Divisional Secretariat area of Ambalangoda in the District of Galle it is with great pride I am expressing my views about the Puppetry Art. The Artists of Gamwari generation who are known as Founders of Rookada Kalawa depend on this Art for their livelihoods. To-day they are faced with so many challenges as the art has become more competitive. The reason behind this situation is number of shows being very limited. When the Artists make ufacturer puppets for sale, the manufacturer or the Artist, get only a small profit margin ,it is the intermediate who get the biggest profit.

In this situation the puppetry Art is being declined and it is the responsibility of the state to intervene and preserve the culture for the next which generation. The initiative taken by the National Heritage unit of the Ministry of Education to get the assistance from the UNESCOwhich is an International Organization towards this task is timely and highly appreciated.

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I, Ganwari Wilson hailing from Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka have been engaged in the Pruppetry Arts over a period of 55years as a Traditional Artist. I am competent in every aspect of the art,, i.ecarving, shaping,painting, costume making,manipulating,singing reading dialogues etc.1 have received many awards incuding Kalabooshana.

At the work shop held on 10.03.2017 at the Divisional Secretariat, Galle I was made aware about the importance of preserving Puppetry Arts as an Intangible Heritage and the initiative taken by the National Heritage unit of the Ministry to include it in the World Intangible Heritage Unit. I agree with the procedure. Presently, I am engaged in this Art with "Saranga Rookada" and "Gamini Rookada" Groups.

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# Discussion on Puppetry Artists held on 16.03.2016 at the District Secretariat, Kaluthara

- The discussion was successful with the participation of Mr. Gamwari Milan who was a pupil of Master Premin Gamwari, a Puppetry Artist.
- The importance of improving the Art through the schools was specially discussed.
- A new proposal was brought by the Rookada Group that it is more appropriate to introduce the Art to the school community through new creations

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Puppetry Art which was initially started in Ambalangoda, Balapitiya, in Galle District has now spread in and out of Galle District. Puppetry Artists have contributed immensely to fulfill a National obligation.

This art is being upheld in this manner without being commercialized due to the dedication of the Artists. As this Traditional Art has has to be upheld, I appreciate the initiative taken by the UNESCO Internationa 1 to declare it as a National Heritage.

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Vipula Gamwari Sri Aruna Rookada Group, Bogahawatta, Ambalangoda.

I, Vipula Gamwari a Traditional Puppetry Artist serving as the Director of the Arun Rookada Society. I am competent in carving and shaping Puppets, Painting, Costume making, dressing, manipulating puppets, singing and reading dialogues. I am also experienced in preparing the stage for performance of the Puppets and building huts for the audience. I extend fullest cooperation for preservation of our cultural Heritage for the next generation

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I, L.P. Violet, a non traditional Puppetry Artist. Although I am not a Traditional Artist I am involved in this Art from the age of 12 years. At the start I joined the "Ruhunu Rookada" Group in Ambalangoda and participated their shows. Since then I have been going everywhere with the other groups in Ambalangoda as well.

In 1990, with "Sri Anura Rookada Group" I went to India and Thailand I assist the groups .in singing, Reading of Dialogues and also manipulating the Puppets. Now I am 60 years old. I am very happy to hear that our Puppetry Art is being taken to the UNESCO International.

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# Regarding inclusion of Puppetry Art into the Puppetry Artists' International Heritage List

I am working as a Cultural Officer in the District Secretariat of Galle. Puppetry art which is a cultural Art in our country is a cultural Heritage .It is of paramount importance to safeguard it. We, as cultural Officers are extremely happy about the fame and publicity which would bring to our Cultural Art through the inclusion of Art of puppetry into the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO International Organization.

We kindly appeal the UNESCO to include our Art into the Intangible Heritage list.

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I, P.G.Kosala Prium Kumar,a a resident of Gampaha, presently serving as an art Teacher, at WP/KEL Siripidunan junior School.I was involved in Puppetry art from my Child hood under the guidance of my father, Siri kumarasinghe and now I am conducting shows too. I was made aware at the Work shop conducted by the National Heritage Unit of the Ministry Education that our Puppetry Art being included in the International Heritage List by the UNESCO. I give my consent and extend support towards this effort.

Yours truly,

P.G.Kosala Prium Kumara

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1 C.S.Wijesinghe serving as the Asst cultural Officer at the Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara in the District ,of Colombo wish to popularize the Puppetry Art among the public . While appreciating the initiative taken by the National Heritage unit of the Ministry of Education, to include the Art in the World Intangible Heritage list through UNESCO ,I suggest that the schoolchildren be made aware of this Art. I wish to mention that your contribution towards preserving the Artforthe next generation without allowing it to extinct is highly commendable. I wish that the program will be a success.

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I, Ganwari Indika Gamini, a resident of Wathugedara, Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka. I am a young Artist engaged in Puppetry Art. Under my fathers guidance I have been in the Art over a period of 20 years. I am competent in manipulating puppets, reading dialogues, dressing of puppets and creation of stage for shows.

The National Heritage Unit of the Ministry of Education made us aware at the work shop about the fame which will bring to our country by including our Art in the world intangible Heritagei list by the UNESCO. Iam very Heritageimuch pleased about the initiative.

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I,Gunadasa from Gampaha have been engaged in Puppetry art for about 02 years. Since my Master left the country for employment abroad, I had to give up and the glamour of the Puppetry Art in our area was gradually diminishing. Therefore I would like to cooperate towards the improvement of the Art

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V.G. Nilanthi Cultural Office District secretariat Galle. 10.03.2017

I, V.GNilanthi being a Cultural Officer of the District Secretariat is interested in watching puppet Shows (Rookada natum sandharshana) I like to watch Buddhist Dramas such as Ehelepola, Angulimala, and wessanthara. School Children and even adults like to watch and enjoy such dramas. I highly appreciate the initiative of the National Heritage unit of the Ministry of Education to enter our Art as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in the list of International Heritage. through the UNESCO International Organization while preserving the of techniques of Puppetry art for the next generation.

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I, Singa Arachchige Nandadasa of Puhulwella, Kirinda in the District ciof Matara in Sri Lanka wish to state that I have been engaged over a period of 50 years in the Puppetry Arts Industry. I am competent in carving and shaving puppets ,painting, dressing and reciting songs and reading dialogues.

I am also experienced in making stages and Huts for manipulation of Puppets . I have a knowledge of carving masks and Gok and paper Arts. I have a special skill in String Puppets (Nool Rukada). I extend my fullest support towards the initiative of UNESCO International Organization to enter our Art as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in the list of International Heritage representatives.

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I am Kusewwage Amaradasa residing at Athuraliya in Sri Lanka. I am an Artist engaged In Puppetry Arts which is recognized as a Cultural art in Sri Lanka. With guidance of my father. I have been engaged in making Puppets, painting of puppets, costume making and dressing them for over a period of 15 years. I am capable of dubbing, singing while making the puppets to dance. I am experienced in making huts (Maduwa) and the stage for puppet dancing. I was made aware at the work shop held on 10.03.2017 by the National Heritage unit of the Ministry of Education about the fame which will bring to our country through the initiative of UNESCO International Organization to enter our Art as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in the list of International Heritage list.

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I, Ganwari Nimal, an Artist from Ambangoda have been engaged in Puppetry Arts over a period of 40 years. I am competent in features associated with Industry such as carving of Puppets, manipulating them, constructing of Stages shows and huts for onlookers

I, extend my fullest cooperation towards the endeavor to preserve this cultural Heritage for future.

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It is timely that the Ministry of Education has taken an initiate to conduct a program of this nature when Puppetry Arts which is a tangible heritage going to extinction. It is much appropriate if this Art could be entered into School Curriculum. The Artists who are engaged in this are carrying it out in the midst of difficulties. In the circumstances I wish that the Ministry will get a courage and resources to launch a special program in this connection.

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I, A.L Lal.Priyantha, a puppetry Artist and a Magician of Sri Lanka reside at No 345/1,: Maligatenna, Veyangoda. Since 1996, I have been engaged in showingacts such as slaughtering, five sins, Jathaka storietc es, Thovil through wooden puppets with strings. I do dialogue reading too. I suggest that the Puppetry Art Heritage be preserved for the future generation and it is timely that our Art is enlisted in the document to be prepared by the UNESCO.

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#### .Puppetry Arts of Sri Lanka

Although I have not studied the Puppetry Arts in depth, I have only the memories achieved from my child hood.

I have watched String puppet shows in Temples of my village depicting Jathaka stories such as "Kalagolaya" "Vidura" etc. At that time I had a dissatisfaction over these shows.

In the years 96,97,98 I gained experience by watching Puppet Festivals organized by the Cultural Department and the Ministry through Internet .I was able to watch many factions such as puppets, string puppets, Shadow puppets etc.

The genuiness, the efforts made by the Artists and the dramatic effects are amazing. The skills of artists are worthwhile watching, the dialogues are read by themselves and the puppets are made to movethrough the movement of hands and limbs of Artists. It is a pleasure to hear that the Art and the Artists are to be recognized as world Heritage.

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### **English Translation**

P.A.Sandya Sepali District Cultural Officer District Secretariat, Gampaha 16.03.2017

# **Intangible Cultural Program**

This refers to the Work shop and the awareness program held on 16.03.2017 at the District Secretariat, Gampaha By the Ministry of Education in relation to Puppetry Artists.

The puppetry Artists in this area are very much interested in Programs and knowledge sharing. An audience to watch the shows is also coming up.

The initiative taken by the UNESCO to enlist our Puppet art as a World Heritage without allowing the Art to extinct is highly appreciated

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# **English Translation**

In our area only a few people are engaged in this traditional Art of Puppetry. In the midst of several difficulties the Artists continue it with the guidance from Traditional artists in Ambalangoda. The Art not being given a place in the Media or in the school Education the art is not publicized .The heavy expenditure involved with the shows is a problem for them. The Artists are discouraged due to people not being much interested in watching these shows with the change of socio-cultural pattern in present day the society. Therefore the Artists preserve their creations in their homes. The Puppetry Artists in our area apply Puppetry Arts practically in the teaching of Art, Drama, and History. This method of teaching helps the students to memorize the lessons. It is much practical to introduce this Art into school curriculum so that the Art will bepopularized.

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# **English Translation**

W. Hema De Silva 115, Kanda Kurunduwatta, Dediyawala, Waskaduwa 17.03.2017

I, Hema De Silva, a Puppetry Artist in Kalutara North have been in the industry for the past30 years. I contribute towards the Art by dressing, ,manipulating the puppets, reciting songs reading dialogues etc.

I am pleased about the initiative to include this Art in the Intermational Heritage list with a view to safeguard it.I wish that it will be success in every aspect

Yours truly,

Sgd/Hema De Silva

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#### **English Translation**

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I W.Dhammika Silva,a Puppetry Artist from Kaluthara North in Sri Lanka have over 4oYears of experience in dressing,manipulation of Puppets,singing and reading dialogues at Puppet shows.lam a competent Artist in the Puppetry Industry.At the work shop held on 16 .03.2017,I was made aware of the importance of our being included in the list of Intangible Heritage organized by the UNESCO. I extend my fullest cooperation towards it.

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#### **English Translation**

I, P.D.Samanthi Subhashini working as a Cultural Development Assistant in the Divisional Secretariat, Kalutara in the District of Kalutara, first of all wish to state that it is a pleasure to hear about the initiative taken by the Ministry to publicize the Art among the people while identifying our traditional Artists, It is a timely action to preserve the Art while giving support to create a new generation Of Puppetry Artists. The main obstacle to maintain the Art is lack of resources. The program and the work shop conducted by the Ministry of Education will be a strength to the Artists. These programs will no doubt help to promote this art not only in Sri Lanka but also in foreign countries. I am grateful to the National Heritage unit of the Ministry of Education for gathering information from us through workshops. I wish that the endeavou will be a success.

Sgd/P.D.Samanthi Subhashini

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I, G.Supun Chathuranga Gamini residing at No: 24 A, Pokuna Road, wathugedara, Ambalangoda, Sri Lanka a student of the Science Faculty, University of Peradeniyaily hail from th family of the Founder of Puppetry Arts namely, Master Gamwari Podisirina. Master Gamwari podisirina is my father's Grandfather. My forefathers including my father are competent puppetry Artists. Having inherited the art from my forefathers I have been involved in this field since the age of five years. I have contributed to the Industry by way of creation of Puppets, costume making, reciting songs, composing songs, script writing, Dialogue writing etc. I intend contributing towards the Art in future. On completion of my University Education, I have an idea of becoming a full time Puppetry Artist. Puppetry show is an important event in the rural Culture where such shows are given a prominent place in the Buddhist Temples. Since the Puppetry Art is a Cultural Heritage of ours it is our duty to preserve it.

I extend my fullest support towards the initiative of UNESCO International Organization to enter our Art as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in the list of International Heritage representatives

Name Gamini Supun Chathuranga

Date: 10.03.2017

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L.P.Charlotte "Sanjeewa", Kandegoda, Ambalangoda.

I, the undersigned L.P.Chalotte followed Puppetry Arts under Puppetry Master L.P.Gomis from the age of 12 years. I join all the groups for reciting songs, reading dialogues, dressing puppets with make-ups . I am happy about the the initiative of UNESCO International Organization to enter our Art as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in the list of International Heritages.

I am 68 years old.

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#### Application of Nalin Gamwari

Name: NALIN GAMWARI

Contact No:s: 0779401894, 0914933585

Address: Sri Anura Rookada Society, Bogahawatta, Ambalangoda

Date of Birth: 21-12-1950

Name of the Father: Kalaguru Lavineris Gamwari, a person with a wide knowledge of carving of Puppets, manipulating, Costume making, singing playing instruments. He is the only Artist who established a Puppet society with his own creations. He secured the 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Puppet competitions sponsored by the Arts Council

I was engaged in the Puppetry arts from the age of 16 years.

Because of the knowledge inherited from my Father I possess all necessary capabilities of the Art.

In this connection I have travelled to Japan, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Australia, Spain, Thailand, and Singapore.

New creations- "Sea Prince Musical Drama" staged under the sea.

Secured 1<sup>st</sup> place at the State Rookada Competitions
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Names of Participants:

1. Vipula Gamari

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2.P.Naveendra 5. Kaveen Tharanga Gamwari

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I, G.W.Chandrapani De silva residing at Dickwella in Sri Lanka, an Artist engage in Puppetry Arts which is a Cultural Art in our Country. I have over 40 (Forty) years of experience in, making Puppets, painting, costume making and dressing them. I am capable of making the stage and Huts for manipulation of puppets, dubbing and conducting training on this traditional Art. Puppetry Art is one of the Cultural Heritages in our country. I was made aware at the work shop held on 10.03.2017 by the National Heritage unit of the Ministry of Education about the fame which will bring to our country through the initiative of UNESCO International Organization to enter our Art as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in the list of International Heritages. It is it our only hope to preserve the art and transmit knowledge and skills to the next generation.

Name: G.W.Chandrapani De Silva

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# **English Translation**

Puppetry Art Could be cited as one of the Heritages of Sri Lankan Culture. During our childhood we have seen Puppet shows depicting Buddhist Jathaka Stories, and various stages of Lord Buddha's life We have seen puppet shows which enlightened various Folk lore. We enjoyed watching these by gathering all at one place.

I am ever grateful to any Institute which take an initiative to protect our traditional Cultural heritages.

We still like to watch and enjoy Puppet shows. I give my consent to the interest taken by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the UNESCO to include this culture in the International Heritage List.

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Thisara Kala Kawaya, Hunupola, Attanagalla.

I, the above named participated the Program held at the District Secretariat Gampaha on 16.03.2017 I am extremely happy that UNESCO has identified our Puppetry Arts as a world Heritage and enlist it. I wish to state that I, as a Sri Lankan and a person much interested in keeping up the Puppetry Art and I will extend my fullest corporation towards this initiative. I wish that our Art will bemore and more developed in future

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Regarding the Work-shop held at District Secretariat Gampaha on 16.03.2017 on the Intangible Cultural Heritage sponsored by the Ministry of Education. Puppetry Art (Rookada Kalawa)can be identified as the most popular art in Sri Lanka which has a continuous documented History dated back to 2500. It is the objective of the Artists involved in this Art to carry it for the next generation through ancient Jathaka Stories. Folklore and tributes I am of the view that our Puppetry Art supersedes all the other puppetry Arts in the world.

Therefore, this National Heritage of ours should be enlisted in UNESCO world Heritage. I wish that our Cultural Heritage be safeguarded through this initiative.

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I, M. W.A.J.Nalinda Wijesuriya, a resident of Minuwangoda within Divisional Secretarial Limits in the District of Gampaha. It is timely and important course of action to safeguard our traditional Puppetry Arts and recognizing it as an untangible Cultural Heritage under the UNESCO. It is regretted theat none of the Heritages of Sri Lanka has been included in the World Heritage list up to now. I wish that this program will be of ohelp to safeguard a Heritage of ours.

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# **English translation**

It is a pleasure to hear that such a dialogue is being built up regarding the Puppetry arts.

As we did in the past, there is no opportunity for the present day children to enjoy Puppetry Arts. The children are becoming more and more boisterous by getting addicted to watch T.V. constantly.

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