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## Haltestellen

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The Ruhr city painter Ariyadasa Kandege

Ariyadasa Kandege - already from far you can hear clearly that this name is not really typical for the Ruhr area. Ariyadasa Kandege comes from Sri Lanka and has lived for over 30 years in Essen Nobody knows the Ruhr area better than him, because for professional reasons this area, he studied in detail. He sees himself as the Ruhr city painter. Essen, Dortmund, Gelsenkirchen, Duisburg, Bochum and Mülheim he has been immortalized. He is currently working on Bottrop, then Recklinghausen, then Witten, Haltern, Hamm and all the cities around ... If Ariyadasa Kandege not paint, then he likes to cook for guests. That's why Christian Dassel and his team came as naturally called. The "Haltestellen" came today slowly in motion but later it develops properly like fire.



A40 Direction Essen



Isn't it wonderful: The A40 Essen invites to linger even today. Allow the soul to dangle and imaging this Ruhr region in the most beautiful colors. The streets are free, the houses are colorful, on the horizon a skyscraper - and really fantasy and reality is precisely in Essen, not far apart. Franz Arens has nothing to do with it but Ariyadasa Kandege already sooner.

Colorful Ruhrstadt motives

With Ariyadasa Kandege life is colorful. The walls are decorated with colorful pictures, which show not only Ruhrstadt motives, but also scenes of his native Sri Lanka Nevertheless he doesn't have homesickness. The Ruhr area is finally his second home. "Every city in itself is wonderful, I am Ruhrstadt painter and speak with the colorful paints to the hearts of the people. Colors are the symphony of life. This is my profession."



Moving life



Black and white was his world before. Ariyadasa Kandege tells us the picture story of his life. In Sri Lanka he did not want to remain. He left his fiancée and earned money as a seaman. He bought a flight ticket and traveled to the Ruhr area. First, he was excited by the snow, and later by Sylvia and all of her buddies. His three children are now grown and out of the house. His wife, unfortunately, too, but Ariyadasa Kandege is still not alone. In his new life, there is besides rather much colors still a fairly pale Buddha statue. It is 600 years old and a gift from his father.



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## Spiritual Background

As a spiritual man Ariyadasa Kandege is convinced: "Who does not design his life in a spiritual way, can not have success. I am an artist and I draw the marked points and sights of the Ruhr area



together. And it's not as it really is, but combined in a way that the human eyes have a beautiful impression". At the same time he pays lovingly attention on every little detail. "I do realise my goals."

## Hot hospitality



Mr Kandege incidentally, was formerly head waiter in a first class restaurant in Essen. In the photo, which he shows from this era, he served drinks. For the "Haltestellen"- team he serves an exotic meal from his homeland. To invite Guests

for dinner is simply a habit in Sri Lanka - just like a typical food from Sri Lanka must have little red chili pods. What Ariyadasa Kandege means as a little bit hot, is burning for a Central European palate like a hell-fire. Everyone should have known it: Food à la Kandege is always somehow intensify hot.

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-  Ariyadasa Kandege [www.kandege.com](http://www.kandege.com)  
Homepage of the Ruhr city painter with résumé and art works.

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