

Eclectic mix for music fans

MUSIC fans can expect an eclectic cultural mix when they attend a concert by the Le Club Bachraf musicians at 8pm tomorrow night at the La Fontaine Centre of Contemporary Art, Manama.

Le Club Bachraf is a collaboration of Japanese musicians including original members June Chikuma on the nai, oud player Yoshiko Matsuda and Chisato Yagi on the derbouka who have studied in Tunisia.

They have participated in many festivals in the Arab world, Europe and Japan. Le Club Bachraf will be joined by Bahraini oud player Hassan Hujairi, who has played with them in Tokyo.

Tickets are BD20 for only the concert and BD30 for an additional dinner.

More than 60 paintings will also be unveiled at 6pm tomorrow as part of the Dreamtime Aboriginal Art Exhibition.

The exhibition will continue until November 20, but the opening night is exclusively for sponsors and ticket holders for the Le Club Bachraf concert, said organisers.



■ The Le Club Bachraf performers

Dreamtime, for the Aborigines, is the beginning of knowledge from which came the laws of existence.

It is also the beginning of time, when the supernatural ancestor beings were 'born out of their own territory.'

La Fontaine will once again showcase amazing artworks from Australia's central desert region, following a popular first showing in March last year. The vibrant and colourful paintings are the work of Warlukurlangu artists of

Yuendumu, a cooperative of Aboriginal artists living in a remote desert community at the very centre of the Australian continent.

They have been producing marvellous paintings for almost 25 years and the work has been seen in American cities, across Europe, and more recently in India and Singapore.

Warlukurlangu Artists are recognised as some of the founders of the worldwide Australian Aboriginal desert art movement, often called 'dot painting.'

The centre is open daily from 10am to 3pm and from 6.30pm to 10pm, except for Mondays. Contact the centre on 17230123 for more information.

■ Talent quest

CHILDREN of the Karnataka Social Club will demonstrate their musical talents when they take part in the club's Annual Singing and Dance competition tomorrow night. Participants will be grouped into the four to eight years, nine to 12 years and the 13 to 18 years categories while adults will be grouped into a single category in the singing competition. Entry is free to members and their sponsored guests only. Registration will begin at 8.30pm and the competitions will start immediately after. Contact the club on 17254257 for more information.

■ Twin tribute

FANS of pop star Robbie Williams and rock legend Freddie Mercury will be treated to performances of top tribute acts at the British Club, Adliya, next month. Tribute acts Matthew Holbrook and Tony Grant will take the stage at the club on November 5. The event will also feature performances by a local band and a DJ and tickets will cost BD15 for members and BD20 for guests. The show will start at 7.30pm. Contact the club on 17728245 for details.

■ Cinema debut

THE Bahrain Cinema Club is holding a screening of 2004 film *In the Battlefields* at 8pm tonight at the Juffair club. The film is the debut effort by director Danielle Arbid and the cast features Marianne Feghali, Rawia Elchab, Laudi Arbid, Aouni Kawas, Carmen Lebbos, Takla Chamoun, Roland Tomb and Roger Assaf. Set in 1983 the movie depicts the impact of war in Beirut and family conflict through the young eyes of 12-year-old Lina. It offers insight into the struggles the youngster faces as she deals with her dysfunctional family members.

■ Onam feast

MEMBERS of the Thrissur Engineering College Alumni Bahrain Chapter (TECA) will mark the harvest festival of Kerala, Onam, with a celebration this weekend. Guests will enjoy a colourful cultural show including traditional celebration activities including Kaikotti Kali, Pulikali, an Onam pantomime and the Onasadhya (Onam feast). Entry is free to members and their families only. Contact 39401436 for details.

Photo focus on Cuban culture

CUBAN culture will be the focus of a photography exhibition that will open tomorrow night at the L'Hotel boutique hotel, Seef.

The exhibition will open at 7pm and will showcase the latest work of Bahrain-based artist and experimental photographer Christian Ghammachi.

"It will feature photographs depicting the urban landscape, artistry and people of Cuba, with each picture demonstrating the artist's

ability to depict the every day lives of a truly mesmerising nation," said organisers.

The event will mark the start of an eight-week series where Mr Ghammachi will discuss his collection to interested guests.

The discussions will take place from 7pm to 9pm at the hotel's Salon B area.

The Cuba exhibition will be the first in a series of art and photography collections to go on display at L'Hotel.

Entry is open to all.

US BILLBOARD TOP 10 ALBUMS

Pop:

1. Michael Buble - *Crazy Love*
2. Kiss - *Sonic Boom*
3. Toby Keith - *American Ride*
4. Barbra Streisand - *Love is the Answer*
5. Jay Z - *The Blueprint 3*
6. Luke Bryan - *Doin My Thing*
7. Mariah Carey - *Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel*
8. Miley Cyrus - *The Time of Our Lives*
9. Backstreet Boys - *This is Us*
10. Breaking Benjamin - *Dear Agony*

Electronic:

1. Lady Gaga - *The Fame*
2. Owl City - *Ocean Eyes*
3. Tiesto - *Kaleidoscope*
4. Various Artists - *Now That's What I Call Club*

5. Air - *Love 2*

6. LMFAO - *Party Rock*
7. Blake Lewis - *Heartbreak on Vinyl*
8. 3OH!3 - *Want*
9. Imogen Heap - *Ellipse*
10. David Guetta - *One Love*

Hip Hop:

1. Jay Z - *The Blueprint 3*
2. Bebe and Cece Winans - *Still*
3. Mariah Carey - *Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel*
4. Whitney Houston - *I Look To You*
5. Drake - *So Far Gone*
6. Trey Songz - *Ready*
7. Maxwell - *Blacksummer's Night*
8. Lil Boosie - *Superbad*
9. Fat Joe - *Jealous Ones Still Envy*

10. Ghostface Killah - *Ghostdini: Wizard of Poetry*

Rock:

1. Kiss - *Sonic Boom*
2. Breaking Benjamin - *Dear Agony*
3. Paramore - *Brand New Eyes*
4. Alice in Chains - *Black Gives Way to Blue*
5. Relient K - *Forget And Not Slow Down*
6. Pearl Jam - *Backspacer*
7. Kings of Leon - *Only By The Night*
8. Rosanne Cash - *The List*
9. Brandi Carlile - *Give Up the Ghost*
10. Three Days Grace - *Life Starts Now*

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