

Ahlam dazzles crowd at Al Dana Amphitheatre

Eid celebrations held in spectacular fashion in Bahrain's newest and most exciting live entertainment destination



Uniquely elegant performances entertain the crowd at Al Dana Amphitheatre

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Al Dana Amphitheatre, Bahrain's newest and most exciting live entertainment destination, celebrated Eid in spectacular fashion with a dazzling concert by renowned singer Ahlam on 3 May.

With pre-show entertainment that included a live oud session and a traditional dance show (Ardah), the event had a festive, celebratory atmosphere, and drew an audience that spanned

different generations.

The headline act, Ahlam, delivered a majestic performance that justified her place as the 'queen' of Arabic entertainment. Loved for her music as well as her TV appearances, she did not disappoint her fans, giving them an epic show that lasted more than three hours.

Arriving on stage in a floor-length, sparkly gown, Ahlam, kicked off the show with a heartfelt welcome message and proceeded to singing her special set, showcasing her distinctive, melodic voice,

in a unique fusion of traditional and modern Arab music.

Supported by a backing group of dancers and an impressive orchestra lead by Maestro Ameer Abdulmajeed, Ahlam produced a uniquely elegant performance, with some of her most popular hits and timeless classics.

Her performance at Al Dana Amphitheatre was preceded by a lively show of traditional dancing, plus a live oud session that appealed to visitors young and old in celebratory mood. This blend of tradition, up-to-the-minute sound

and lighting effects and happy Eid vibes made it a family-friendly night to remember.

Before leaving the venue, Ahlam expressed her gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for supporting the Kingdom's efforts in initiating the artistic venue.

Full of pride to be standing before her fans during this special night, Ahlam expressed her joy towards the crowd and conveyed

her gratitude towards the organising team, thanking them for their outstanding efforts which led to the success of the night.

The show was the penultimate event in Al Dana Amphitheatre's fascinating season of events before the summer, which began last November and concludes on Friday, 13 May with a concert by legendary Saudi singer Mohammed Abdo.

Located in Sakhir, Al Dana Amphitheatre is set to become a regional industry leader through the creation of internationally recognised experiences further

promoting the Kingdom as an essential entertainment destination and contributing to its economic growth. The venue can host a variety of indoor and outdoor events for global event promoters, corporate events and private celebrations.

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First BKS Indo-Bahrain Dance and Music Festival officially inaugurated

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Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, Director-General, Culture and Arts at Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, last night officially inaugurated the First Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) India-Bahrain Dance, Music Festival.

Present on the occasion were Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, Chairman of Bahrain Indian Society and leading businessman Abdulrahman Juma, BKS President P V Radhakrishna Pillai, General Secretary Varghese Karakkal, Festival Director Soorya Krishnamoorthy and BKS Official Prashanth Govindapuram.

Speaking on the occasion, Shaikha Hala said she was really glad to be part of the Indian cultural extravaganza. "I wish the organizers very best in this endeavour and let this event be a great success."

Mr Srivastava said showcasing Indian cultural treasures in a country, which possesses great cultural heritage is a matter of great happiness. "This is also a bond of great friendship between India and Bahrain."

Mr Pillai said the event offers boundless pride and satisfaction to every BKS member, for they worked hard, day and night, to make this great dream a reality.



Shaikha Hala inaugurates the festival in the presence of Mr Srivastava, Mr Juma, Mr Pillai, Mr Karakkal, BKS officials and dignitaries

"This festival is a tribute to great leaders of two nations - India and Bahrain - for taking the bilateral relations to new heights.

"This is also the proud 75th year of existence for Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam," he highlighted.

The festival is all set to showcase the performances of legendary Indian artists.

On May 7, a Carnatic music concert will be conducted by Abhishek Raghuram and his team of accompanying musicians.

Music exponent with the voice of a nightingale, Nithyasree Mahadevan and her team will perform a concert on May 8th.

A dance drama production from Bahrain, Buddha - The

Divine, by Vidyasree, with music composition by Palakkad Sreeram, and lyrics by L Sampathkumar, will grace the stage on May 9th.

South India's most favoured singer - music director M Jayachandran, accompanied by Sankaran Namboodiri, Sreevalsan J Menon, Lalu Sukumar and team, will bring a night of melody on May 10.

Artists from the Kingdom of Bahrain will perform on May 11. A Kathak performance by Khalil Alashar will be followed by a concert by the band Majaz Bahrain.

On May 12 is a classical instrumental night headed by Mysore Nagaraj, Dr Mysore Manjunath

on the violin, accompanied by Thiruvareer Bhakthavalsalan, Alappuzha R Karunamoorthy, and Giridhar Udupa.

On May 13 is a concert by the man with the enchanting fingers, Rajhesh Vaidya, and his team Bhuvanesh, Kumaran, Mohan and Sai Hari.

May 14 will showcase a once in a lifetime night of music by the Sarod Maestros Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash.

The BKS Indo-Bahrain Dance and Music Festival is conducted in association with the Embassy of India, Bahrain, Authority for Culture and Antiquities, and Ministry of Social Development, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Bahrain and Italy review ways to boost cooperation



Participants in the online discussion

Rome

Bahrain and Italy reviewed bilateral relations of cooperation and close friendship and ways of boosting them by following up the implementation of the signed agreements and memoranda of understanding.

This came as Bahrain's Ambassador to Rome Dr Nasser Mohammed Al Belushi met remotely with Italian Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Manlio Di Stefano.

The meeting was also attended by the Regional Director of the Economic Development Board in the Italian Republic Davide Allegra.

They also discussed exploring the opportunities and possibilities for cooperation and exchange of experiences in the economic, trade, tourism and investment fields, and work to develop them for the benefit of both countries and peoples, along with an exchange of views over regional and international issues of common concern.

CBB raises key interest rate

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The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) yesterday raised its key policy interest rate on the one-week deposit facility, from 1.25% to 1.75%.

The CBB also raised the overnight deposit rate from 1.00% to 1.50%, the four-week deposit rate from 1.75% to 2.50% and the lending rates from 2.50% to 3.00%.