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Friday the 15th !!! (A.R.Rahman show)

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*"Citizenship
consists in the
service of the
country"
- Jawaharlal
Nehru*

Spandana Tummuri, Texas Tech Alumni, currently working with KBR industries, Dallas, has kindly obliged to share her exhilarating experience of watching musical maestro, A.R.Rahman and also few other famous Indian singers performing live in Dallas. So here she goes on to tell us about the show.

Spandana says....The show started right on time (well 8.30p.m instead of 8.00p.m, but way better than Indian punctuality). I was not able to decide if I should review the program per singer or per song but decided to go with the song and add my observations as I proceed. Songs are in the order I remember and not in the order they were sung. Here you go.

Show started with Blaze's short introduction and welcome note (they seem to have learnt from their past mistakes). Well here it goes....

1) First song was "jaage hai der tak..." sung by Chitra and the man himself. It was perfect, although, the orchestra did not perform the song all the way to the end. Rahman, dressed in all white suit, was looking angelic. There he was performing, right in front of my eyes, I was just dumb struck and couldn't believe that "he" was singing and "I" was watching him sing.

2) The next song was "khalbali...", Rahman had this no-nonsense approach to singing which made him even more lovable. The team churned out one song after another, with no delay of whatsoever. It was weird initially coz there was no introduction about any song but the concept kinda made sense to me. When you are Rahman, and when you have such an amazing set of singers performing with you, nobody needs introduction and no song needs introduction. Also, the fact that most of my time was spent listening to songs and not listening to introductions of singers, dancers, sponsors appealed to me. When your craft is good, it speaks for itself! Anyway, back to the show, khalbali was good.

3) "Ramta Jogi..." sang by sukhwinder singh and an unknown lady singer was the next one. There is only one word for Sukhwindar singh, "spectacular". He is an amazing singer and it was a treat watching him sing. The command he had over his voice was just superb. There aren't enough words!

4) "Sahana..." by Chitra and vijay yesudas was the next one in the lead. I was worried that both of them would ruin the song ,but they did pretty well (They actually didn't sing the song in the movie). Vijay Yesudas was good, although he has got a long way to go and Chitra was also good.

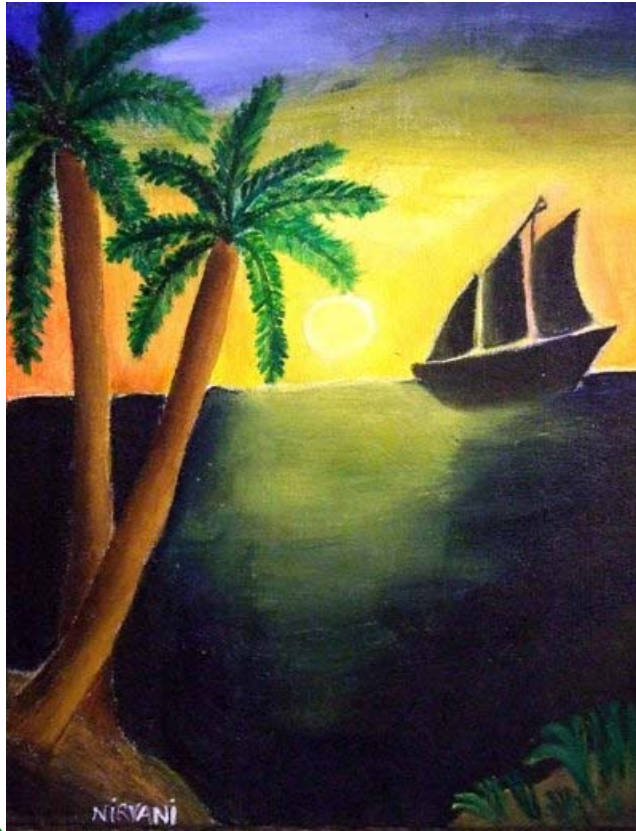
5) The next one was "Vaaji Vaaji..." from Shivaji. Hariharan and Madhushree sang the song. I always had my reservations about Madhushree's voice. She is classically sound but her voice is something I don't really like. Hariharan was good and he did some funny dance moves which everyone enjoyed.
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Art work

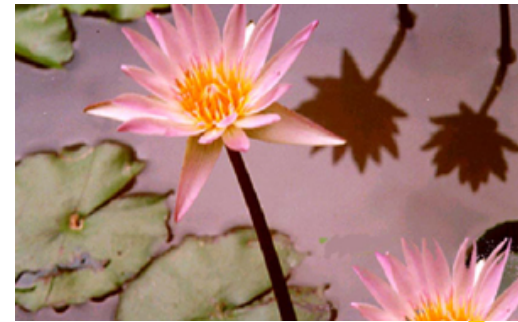


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Oil Painting on canvas by Nirvani



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Texas Tech University.

You get up and walk again...

*But for every one new to this world
Some things can never be concealed
Sooner or later they see light
Blessed are those gifted souls
Who take it in a stride
Offguard you are caught with unanswerable question
Slowly u realize that nauseating feeling engulfing
one is nothing but pain
pain of being caught unaware of situations
pain of realizing that all u've been looking
is nothing but a mirage
-- My alter ego*



Srirangam Adepalli ,
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Friday the 15th !!! Cont...

6) Madhushree sang "kabhi neem neem..." song from Yuva. She struggled a bit with the high notes and it was OK. I am prejudiced here so take this with a pinch of salt. I like the song though, so I enjoyed it.

7) Hariharan and Sadhana Sargam sang "Chanda re..". I simply love Sadhana Sargam! . There is some kind of cheerful, complacent expression on her face and I enjoyed it a lot. It was a treat watching her sing, Oh! she has a brilliant voice too. They also sang a tamizh song that I don't remember.

9) Naresh Iyer, Vijay Yesudas, Blaze and one another singer sang "Paatshala.." from RDB. Naresh Iyer imitated the dance moves of the actors from the movie, which was cute and funny to watch.

10) Next song was "Roobaroo.." sung by Naresh Iyer and Rahman . I was utterly disappointed! Roobaroo was Naresh Iyer's signature song but he sang it horribly. Rahman and Naresh lacked coordination and it was all bungled.

11) Shivamani's deal for five minutes on the drums was pretty OK. Yes he is a good artist but I think too much hype is killing him.

12) A traditional looking singer named Aslam Khan (I may not have gotten the name correct because I was distracted when they introduced the singers) really caught my eye. He has a very strong voice similar to Sukhwinder, Kailash Kher, and Daler Mehndi. Aslam did jugalbandhi with shivamani and a good looking non-Indian guy (but who sang classical Indian music) which was incredible.

13) Aslam Khan sang "kesariya balma..." and was again fabulous and now he is officially into my music club.

14) Chitra sang "Kehna hi Hya..." from Bombay and I do not know if something was wrong with the mike or her voice, but she completely ruined the song. She sang it in part hindi and part tamizh. She did sing the tamizh part well though ! I guess she had some trouble remembering hindi lyrics.

Here ends the saga of Rahman live concert, part 1. The rest of the story is continued in the next edition. Until then *Shabba-Khair !*

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"You fail to recognize that it matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be."

- Albus Dumbledore, Harry potter series

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Magic of Harry potter is here!!!

“This article is strictly for *Harry potter* maniacs ”

The most awaited magical month is here for the harry potter crazy fans and the initial wait is almost over as the fifth movie i.e “The order of the phoenix” was released on July the 11th. For the readers who are ignorant about Harry potter , he is young wizard who has to fight he-who-must-not-be-named (Lord Voldemort), whom the magical world considers to be the most powerful and deadliest wizard of all times. Seven books complete the story (the 7th one is yet to be released). Well I am not digging into the details here , no offense but I consider you to be a dimwitted person with absolutely no sense of imagination if you have not read any of the books. So coming to the fifth movie, directed by David Yates (Don't worry even I don't know him) and enacted by excellent star cast Danielle Radcliff as Harry Potter, Emma Watson as Hermoine Granger and Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley is rated as the best movie of harry potter series by one half of the critics and ‘ya whatever’ by the other half , I go with the first half. The book in short is about Lord Voldemort being back again and the minister of magic, Cornelius fudge (a serious wacko) cannot accept the fact that he is back .



Harry and Dumbledore try to fight back by forming an order which calls itself as “The order of the phoenix”. It is a serious book and the movie has done justice to it. The movie is darker than all the movies before, thanks to J.K.rowling for her witty dialogues if not I would have slept in the movie! The direction is thorough and immaculate, although editing is not up to the mark as the story could get confusing sometimes. Harry’s feelings are perfectly captured and delivered, his relationship with Sirius Black (Harry’s godfather) played by Gary Oldman could be felt onscreen. Then there is this much awaited first kiss of Harry with Cho Chang (Katie Leung) his first crush, trust me there is nothing special about it! It is not a scene which you will remember after leaving the theatre, the hype was too much. Luna Lovegood played by Evanna Lynch has performed well and also looks loony as described in the book. The role of Dolores Umbridge, played by Imelda Staunton, ministry appointed professor for the “Defense against the dark arts” position to interfere with Hogwarts affairs, was as irritating as ever and you will definitely feel like kicking her in the wrong place whenever she is onscreen. Nymphadora Tonks (Natali tena) made her presence felt in the two minutes given to her with funny magical tricks and the same with Bellatrix Lestrange (Helena Bonham Carter), you will feel sorry for Harry when Sirius is killed by her. The graphics was good, well actually the fourth movie i.e. “The goblet of fire” has the best graphics so far. Potter fans who have read the books will be disappointed in the story line because a lot of it is changed. Hermione (She looks smart) and Ron (has I-support-you-harry look every time you see him) were sidelined in the movie and Harry ran the show, Nevertheless they did quite well in the role given to them. Radcliffe has outgrown as an actor in this movie, he conveyed every feeling that Harry goes through in the book.

Well no quidditch was shown as usual and the weasley twins were wasted in the movie, although the fireworks scene was good! Hagrid also just popped in once or twice. I was expecting to see St.Mungo’s hospital for magical maladies in the movie but it wasn’t shown, well I know they can’t show everything in the movie but still. Thankfully the movie is the shortest of all the five (2hrs 18min)! Well all in all a good summer sequel so far and thoroughly paisa vassol for the all the non potter fans and as per the potter maniacs, I hope that you get all the magic you need from this movie and keep your fingers crossed for the 7th book !!!!!

I have to sign off as space is a constraint. Will meet you after the book release!!!!

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Muggle born and a potter manic.

Note: Muggles are non magic people .

“Fear of a name increases fear of a thing itself”

*- Albus
Dumbledore,
Harry potter
series.*



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“Satyameva Jayathe“ - Truth always wins

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Editor's Note.. I personally thank each and everyone who contributed to the July edition of Bharati.

Recipe for the month! (Indian Mithai)

Have you ever had a nice Indian meal and then crave the sweetness of delicious mithai? Well, now you can make your own mithai in only a few minutes just using a microwave!

Medium Container of Ricotta Cheese

3/4 cup to 1 cup of sugar

1/2 cup Powdered Milk

4 pods of Cardamom coarsely crushed or ground

Pinch of Saffron

1/4 cup finely cut almonds or pistachios or saunf

1. Mix all the ingredients together
2. Put the mixture into a greased shallow glass dish and spread evenly
3. Microwave for 5 minutes
4. Mix the mixture again and spread evenly. Microwave for 5 minutes again
5. Remove from the microwave and slightly mix the edges so that they don't get crispy.
6. Microwave until the mixture is almost dry
7. Cool and cut into cube



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