

## music

## The Legend Lives

Legendary pop group Boney M to perform in Bangladesh

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**G**REAT news awaits for the Boney M fans. This legendary pop group is about to perform for the first time in Bangladesh on January 4, 2001 at 3:00p.m. at Army Stadium premises.

According to the organisers,

Belgium, he created Boney M to support the song, bringing in four West Indian vocalists who had been working as session singers in Germany - Marcia Barrett, Liz Mitchell, Maizie Williams and Bobby Farrell.

If we look back and see how the whole Boney M story started, we see in December 1974 Frank Farian spent six weeks in

by Liz Mitchell. Line-Up now: Marcia Barrett, Liz Mitchell, Maizie Williams and Bobby Farrell.

When "Baby Do You Wanna Bump" was released in 1975, it seemed nobody thought the tracks of this formation's success would run into the 90's. Without a doubt it was the voice of Liz Mitchell that carried most of the songs.

Liz was born on Jamaica and came to Germany in the end of the 60's. Here she played in 1969 in the Berlin Version of "Hair". In the beginning of the 70's she joined the Les Humphries Singers from the start (1970-73), and with Malcolm Magaron, another member of that group, she did Malcolm Locks. From her friend Marcia Barrett, who lived in Hamburg, came the suggestion to join together a group that was founded by Frank Farian - Boney M.

The producer Frank Farian later said that all members of the group would be replaceable without hurting the Group - but not

Europa-Sound Studio in Offenbach Bieber. Recording: "Baby Do You Wanna Bump" under pseudonym "Boney M" (Boney: Hero of an Australian TV-Series). At first only Discotheque-Success, weekly sales about 500 Records. By the end of 1975 Dutch TV and discos wanted live-appearances of Boney M. Farian and the Artist-Agent Katja Wolf find four coloured girls and one man. Aboriginal Boney M: Maizie William, Sheila Bonniek, a girl named Nathalie and the African Mike. This Aboriginal line-up did only Dance- and press appearances. Later Claudja Barry joined the group, but she was replaced

after a long lapse of time the rejuvenated Boney M has started performing recently. And this is one of the main reasons behind bringing the band to Bangladesh. They are also planning to stage another Bangladeshi band along with them. The tickets will be available after December 16 at various places at Tk. 500 each.

Although they never had much success in America, the Euro-Disco group Boney M was a European phenomenon during the 70's. After German record producer Frank Farian recorded the single "Baby Do You Wanna Bump" in 1974/75, which was very successful in Holland and

Boney M's first appearance in Germany was a performance of the song "Daddy Cool" in the then important and famous TV-Show "Musikladen" in 1976. After that TV-show appearance the sales of the single were about 100.000 singles each week!

From then on the album (Take The Heat Off Me) did well, too. In July 1976 with "Daddy Cool" came the first Number 1 for

UK. The same year in Germany the follow-up to Daddy Cool was a remake of Bobby Hebb's "Sunny", which hit Number One in December 1976, in the UK it hit Number one in March 1977.

The Original Group Lineup was Marcia Barret, Liz Mitchell, Maizie Williams and Bobby Farrell. In 1982 Bobby Farrell was replaced by Reggie Tsiboe. But Bobby rejoined the group in

missed the U.K. number one spot, and "Belfast" hit the Top Ten in October. In 1978, Boney M was at the height of its popularity with "Rivers of Babylon"/"Brown Girl in the Ring", which became the second-biggest selling single in U.K. chart

history. "Rivers of Babylon" also was Boney M's only U.S. Top 40 hit. Boney M's album "Nightflight To Venus" also

topped the U.K. charts. In September 1978, "Rasputin" became another U.K. Top Ten hit, followed by the sea-son chart-topper "Mary's Boy Child"/"Oh

"My Lord", which became the fifth-biggest selling single in U.K. history. In March 1979, "Painter Man" hit the U.K. Top Ten, followed in

April by "Hooray! Hooray! It's a

Holi-Holiday". In September, the album "Oceans Of Fantasy" hit number one.

Making a balance-sheet after

10 Years, Frank Farian counted

18 Platinum- and 15 Gold-LPs, more

than 200 Gold- and Platini-

Singles and about 150 Million sold units all over the world. Whose voices could be heard besides that of Liz will be remaining Farian's little secret. By the end of the 80's Farian put out a new edition of Boney M onto the Market.

So far the history of legendary group shows many ups and downs and also a lot of change in members of the band. Their music is pure and unforgettable. The new Boney M is about to perform in Bangladesh for the first time and lets hope they provide the pop and disco loving community of the country with a memorable performance.

## Recommendations



## Exhibition

A photography exhibition on the war victims of 1971 titled War Veterans of Bangladesh is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, at road # 27, Dhanmondi. This show, held as part of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, will run till December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. everyday.

## Painting Exhibition

Painting exhibition by Nurul Amin now being held at the Divine Art Gallery at 11:00a.m.

Eminent art critic Sayeed Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while artist Professor Abdus Salak was present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. till December 18.

## Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum has put up a month long exhibition titled "Gourabnoi Atmadan Chiro-Jagoruk".

The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.



## Drawing and Sketch Show

A selection of drawing and sketches done in charcoal, pastel, watercolour and acrylic by gifted artist Kuhu will be put on display at the residence of Mrs. Chowdhury at Road 9, House 4, Gulshan-1. The two-day show begins on December 16 and will continue until December 17 from 2 to 8 pm.

## TV GUIDE

## PICK OF THE DAY



## Milk Money on HBO

at 10:00p.m.

A young twelve-year old Frank Wheeler of puberty, decides to go to big city to find out what women are about. He and his friends are rescued by a beautiful and streetwise woman after being robbed. Frank immediately sees past her tough veneer and wants her to marry his widowed father (Ed Harris) and become his stepmother. Starring: Melanie Griffith, Ed Harris.

Arghya 12:30 Bharat Bhraman 1:00 Andoloni 1:30 Feature Film 4:00 Cine News 4:30 Griha Sajja 10:30 Football 11:00 Din Protidin 12:00

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6:30 Jeet Hamari 9:00 Yamamoto

Yoko 10:30 Kaun

Rokeya Mujhe 1:00 Burn Up

Excess/Who Dares Wins 11:00 Survivor

Tulsi Tere Angan Ki 12:00 Profiler III/Las Brisas Pt 1:00 World

Extreme Games 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Space Warship

Yamamoto Yoko 4:00 Dual/Shadow Skills

5:00 Burn Up

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7:00 The Net/eye-see-you.com 8:00 Movie

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6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet 1 9:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30 ESPU 11:00 Outer

Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:00 Medical Detectives I 1:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It! 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Bonehead Detectives of the Paleoworld 7:00 Mega Movie Magic II 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate Guide 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Seatek II 10:30 India Hour: Gulsitam 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Future Tense 3:00

Goodness Gracious Me on Star World at 11:00p.m.

News 2:30 Jancis Robinson's Wine Course ex Life 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World News 4:00 Business Report 4:45 BBC News 4:30 Correspondent 5:00 World News 1:00 CNNdotcom 1:30

World News 9:30 Style South Asia 10:00 World News 10:30 Biz Asia 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A South Asia 12:00 World News 1:00 CNNdotcom 1:30

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