

Tickets selling fast for 'Fierce Angel'

TICKETS are selling like hot cakes for the fiercest event of this weekend.

Skybar, in association with 1469 Events, presents Fierce Angel – the new club experience from Mark Doyle, the creator of Hed Kandi. This 12-hour extravaganza will be held on the rooftop of Hotel Diva, Juffair, this Friday from 2pm until 2am.

Headlining the event is DJ Mike Van Loon, with percussionist Assaf



■ From left, DJ Mike, Ms Emma, DJ Derek and Mr Assaf will headline Fierce Angel

Seewi, saxophonist Emma F and resident DJ Derek John. Fierce Angel has received

critical acclaim worldwide with a mission to provide the finest music and the most memorable

nights out, having released 25 spectacular compilations and performed all over the UK and at some of the wildest locations around the world.

DJ Mike Van Loon, from Amsterdam, is established on the Dutch house music scene. He can take credit for booking the first international Hed Kandi gig and then became a Hed Kandi resident, playing globally from Miami to New Zealand. His musical style spans funky uplifting US garage to West Coast deep house, through to electro and progressive underground sounds.

Percussionist Assaf from London is known for his unique blend of showmanship and a repertoire of innovative grooves.

His most recognisable talent is juggling three drumsticks while holding down a steady beat on the drums, known as The Fat Groove.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy the sunset and there is free entrance for couples and women before 6pm.

Entrance costs BD15 for men and BD5 for women after 6pm. As tickets are selling fast, guests are urged to reserve their place early to avoid disappointment by calling 39718101.



■ The Manama

Henry Bennett flying to Bahrain

THE baritone soloist at last year's Manama Singers' performance of Creation, Henry Bennett flies into Bahrain later this month.

He will perform at a recital with The Manama String Quartet on April 18 at St Christopher's Cathedral in Manama at 6pm.

Mr Bennett will sing the famous poem *Dover Beach* by Matthew Arnold, set to music by the American composer Samuel Barber, and the song *Love as the Wind Blows* by the English composer George Butterworth.

The audience will also be treated to a Mozart Flute quartet with flautist Paul Bagshaw.

Paul was formerly with the D'Oyly Carte Orchestra and Scottish National Orchestra, before he went to the State Theatre, Pretoria where he was principal flautist for 17 years.

He moved on to Oman where he was flute tutor and a soloist for the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra. He now teaches at St Christopher's School.

The Manama String Quartet will play the Andante movement of a string quartet by Franz Schubert and the famous Air by Johann Sebastian Bach.

Laughter in air at British Club

LAUGH your way into the weekend as The Chuckle Club returns with a new line-up of three British comedians.

Organised by Punchline Media, the shows will feature Junior Simpson, Silky and Paul Sinha tonight at the British Club and tomorrow at the InterContinental Regency Bahrain.

Both shows start at 8pm.

With his infectious energy and huge stage presence, Junior is a circuit favourite whose TV credits include *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, *They Think It's All Over* and *Top Gear*.

He's done warm-ups for QI, Frank Skinner and Jonathan Ross.

Silky has appeared on *BBC1's Stand-Up Show* and is a regular on the summer festival circuit, with Glastonbury, Bestival and The Big Chill under his belt.

Born in the UK to Bengali parents, Paul qualified as a doctor in the 1990s at the same time as he took his first comedy steps.

He is the general knowledge expert on ITV quiz show *The Chase*, with appearances on *The News Quiz* and

The Now Show thrown in.

Tickets for the shows are priced at BD15 and are available online at www.amiando.com/chuckleclubapril, from Virgin Megastores or the British Club reception.

Corporate or group rates are also available and door sales are subject to capacity.

Seats are limited and people are urged to buy early to avoid disappointment.

E-mail sales@punchlineme.com or call 36663509 for more information.

A true tale of love and revolution...

A TRUE story of an ordinary man, who wins the Queen's heart and starts a revolution, will be screened at the Bahrain Cinema Club in Juffair at 7pm tonight.

The historical drama *A Royal Affair* is set in 1767, when the British princess Caroline is betrothed to the mad king Christian VII of Denmark, but her life with the erratic monarch in the oppressive country becomes an isolating misery.

However, Christian gains the companionship with the German Dr Johann Struensee, an idealistic man of the Enlightenment.

As the only one who can influence the king, Struensee is able to begin enlightened reforms of Denmark through Christian even as Caroline falls for the doctor.

However, their secret affair proves a tragic mistake that their conservative enemies use to their advantage in a conflict that threatens to claim more than just the lovers as their victims.

The film, directed by Nikolaj Arcel, won the Silver Bear Awards for Best Actor and Best Script and was nominated for the Golden Bear Award. It was also

nominated for the Oscar Award and the Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

The film's cast includes Alicia Vikander, Mads Mikkelsen and Mikkel Boe Følsgaard. Call Huda Tabbara on 39682323 for details.



■ A scene from the film

CHILDREN of different ages will be showcasing their skills at a talent competition this weekend. Umang 2013 – consisting of art, cultural and literary events – will take place at the Indian Club in Gudaibiya. The curtain rises for the event tomorrow with a grand opening ceremony at 7.30pm. The festival will run for 45 days and the grand finale is on May 16. Children will be divided in three age groups – seven to 10, 11 to 13 and 14 to 16. Events in the fine arts category will include competitions for western dance, folk and cinematic dance, fancy dress, instrumental music, clay modelling, music, Hindi film songs, drawing and painting. Literary events comprise essay writing in English, hand-writing contest, poetry recitation (Hindi and English), speech, storytelling, poetry writing (English) and general knowledge. Children will also vie for the titles of Kala Shri (overall boy champion), Kala Ratna (overall girl champion) and group cham-

ionship. Call Umang chief co-ordinator Savitha Rajesh on 39615441 or Indian Club entertainment secretary Junith C M on 66359777 for more information.

Comedy night

ANYONE with a flair for comedy can now enjoy their five minutes of fame with a brand new concept. Open Mic Comedy Night will be hosted by comedian Imran Al Aradi on April 17 at Déjà Vu Restaurant and Lounge, in Adliya, from 7.30pm. The first one was held on February 27 and was a great success. Participants get five to seven minutes on stage to showcase their comedy talents. It's a great opportunity for any-



■ IMr Al Aradi

one who wants to give stand-up comedy a try and everyone is welcome to participate. Entry to the event is free. Call Déjà Vu on 173657770.

ILA festival lined up

A FESTIVAL for the entire family has been lined up at the Indian Club, in Gudaibiya, on April 19 from 4pm to 10pm. The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) is organising Mela 2013, which will feature fun, food, games and entertainment in a carnival atmosphere. The theme of the event will be a visual journey to India and it will showcase home-cooked food from various states of India, ethnic jewellery, dresses and accessories, henna designs, tattoo paintings and games stalls. "There will be fun and games for all ages, accompanied by non-stop entertainment on the stage, with a live DJ. We are expecting a crowd of more than 2,000 people," said ILA vice-president Suchita Mandhana. The highlight of the event will be an

Indian folk dance contest to anyone who forms a group. The event costs 500 fils for free for children aged under 10. It will be a platform for individual social clubs to present their state to the people of Bahrain and other organisations to promote their products," said "Commercial organisation to support the event and from this event will go to fund." E-mail ilabahrain@gmail.com call 39757329 or 39139333 to arrange sponsorship or participate in the dance contest.

Bon Jovi tribute

BON Jovi fans are in for a treat as the world's greatest stage band in Bahrain. Bon Jovi lookalike and soul band will perform at the New Jersey rock