

Karachiites thronged to welcome Bryan Adams in a truly other worldly experience. The event, the venue, crowd and performers were all on the same page, with one mission: to come together and deliver an outstanding performance, the likes of which Pakistan has never seen before.

Thanks to Shehzad Roy and his persistent efforts on more than one front, not only has he brought the first successful

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international music act to Pakistan, but has also managed to raise a whopping 20 million rupees to uplift and educate countless street children across the nation, in one amazing, unforgettable evening.

In Roy's introduction to the event, he said, that if he sang *Summer of 69*, then Bryan couldn't return without learning, *Saali tu maani nahin*, Roy's current hit that has made waves across the music industry. With many hugs and calls for international brotherhood on stage, crowds cheered themselves silly in sheer excitement.

It was truly a night to remember with a massive crowd of 15,000 people singing *Summer of 69*, *Everything I Do* and *Please Forgive Me* at the top of their lungs. One thing is for sure, if concerts con-

tinue at this pace, we're all going to have to get a little fitter, or more seating arrangements need to be made. In comparison, foreign concerts allow for people to stretch out at the back and have designated aisles within the crowd area itself to ensure speedy assistance in case of emergencies to anyone in the audience who may need it.

Never before has Karachi seen crowds so well behaved and in tune with their surroundings. The thousands that gained access to the Arabian Sea Country Club were pleasantly surprised by the expanse of space that met them. Yet, despite all the space allotted the actual concert, the crowd utilised not even a quarter, because there were no aisles and pavilions marked off, despite much talk of VVIP seating and more.

The energy Bryan and his team sported on stage was awesome and the jubilant crowd did not let them rest for even a minute. With his smashing line-up of hit singles that have gained worldwide acclaim, Bryan won the hearts of the audience in true rock-star style by calling up a young member of the crowd and letting her sing her heart out to one of her favourite

Bryan Adams songs.

All in all, I think we gave our *gora bhais* a great taste of Pakistani hospitality, Karachi style, with a crazy crowd begging for more as a spectacular display of fireworks closed the show. This mega-concert has proved that events of this nature can be well organised and hopefully this will set the trend for many more. Kudos to Roy and the organisers for putting together a brilliant evening. ■

— Tasmiah Sheikh

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