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## STARTrack with Ivan Alvis



The Singer,  
Not The  
Song



A chance to exercise your

# VOCAL CHORDS

Talent contests are a rare commodity in the scene these days. New faces are hardly given the opportunity to showcase their talents.

The odd contest does crop up, but they are seldom put together in a professional manner. And that's probably the reason why we hardly see any quality new faces in the local scene — let's say, those who are genuinely talented.

Karaoke competitions, in the past, have brought to the forefront a few good singers.

Some folks may not take karaoke competitions that seriously, but if

such contests are properly organised and executed skilfully, it's a good launching pad for those keen on making singing a career.

And what caught my attention is "The Singer, Not The Song" Karaoke Competition which is being put together by the Galadari Hotel in collaboration with ABC Credit Card Company Limited.

The competition is scheduled to commence on Friday, April 20th, and will be held at the Galadari Hotel's Nightingale Karaoke Lounge, with the finals fixed for July 8th. Obviously, the big night is going to be a grand show, with the

Grand Ballroom being the venue.

The contests will be open to those over 15 years of age, and solo singers and duets are eligible to take part.

Contestants, I'm told, will be judged on originality, pitching and showmanship, and those earning the highest number of points in the preliminary rounds will qualify for the quarter-finals.

The semi-finals will be worked off on two days and finally the top 10 will be picked for the grand finale.

I wonder if it's not too late for the organisers to bring in diction and

pronunciation into the score sheet?

There are singers who don't bring out the words when they sing, and it's extremely hard to fathom what they are singing. Mode of expression and style is also very important when picking the best.

Well, if you would like to exercise your vocal chords by giving this contest a try, you should call over at the Nightingale Karaoke Lounge of the Galadari Hotel to obtain your application form.

And you better hurry 'cos the closing date is April 6th.

Attractive prizes are on offer for the winner and runners-up.



RAJIV:  
Doing it for  
Mahela and  
the boys

## Cricket World Cup

# FEVER

Big names in the local music scene have rallied round to support our cricketers who are battling it out with the world's best at the ICC Cricket World Cup in the West Indies.

Of course these guys are our heroes and that's exactly what the title of the song is.

It's all in Sinhala and the project is the creation of Rajiv Sebastian (of Rajiv & The Clan fame). He wrote the lyrics and the music, and did the arrangements as well.

The "Our Heroes" music video features several top-notch artistes, including Desmond, Dalreen, Luke Henricus, Annesley, Indrani,

Corrine, Sunil and Piyal Manoharan, Nirosha Virajini, Sohan, Nalin (of Marians fame), Chandani, Teesha and Rajiv himself.

They are seen singing the praises of our cricketers, and the video is interspersed with snippets highlighting some of our performances on the playing field.

According to Rajiv, all the artistes whom he contacted were eager to be a part of this scene, and none quoted their usual fee.

The music video will be seen on TV whenever our cricketers move into action, while the audio will be heard on radio on a regular basis.

### Seen 'n' Heard

**HEARD... they are certainly no angels when it comes to deceiving the public. But they do it in an artful way.**

**They generally ask for a couple of mikes to be placed upfront on stage, but... the mikes are switched off!**

**A CD is then played and these guys lip-sync (mime). This is another disgraceful way of cheating the music loving public.**

### TOTP PopShot Chart

- 1 Walk This Way - Subababes Vs Girls Aloud.
- 2 The Sweet Escape - Gwen Stefani feat. Akon.
- 3 (I'm Gonna Be) 500 Miles - Proclaimers/B. Potter/A. Pipkin.
- 4 Shine - Take That.
- 5 How To Save A Life - Fray.
- 6 Ruby - Kaiser Chiefs.
- 7 Grace Kelly - Mika.
- 8 What Goes Around... Comes Around - Justin Timberlake.
- 9 The Creeps - Camile Jones/Fedde Le Grande.
- 10 Acceptable In The 80s - Calvin Harris.

### United World Chart

- 1 The Sweet Escape - Gwen Stefani feat. Akon
- 2 What Goes Around... Comes Around - Justin Timberlake
- 3 Say It Right - Nelly Furtado
- 4 Grace Kelly - Mika
- 5 Glamorous - Fergie
- 6 Don't Matter - Akon
- 7 This Is Why I'm Hot - Mims
- 8 All Good Things (Come To An End) - Nelly Furtado
- 9 This Ain't A Scene, It's An Arms Race - Fall Out Boy
- 10 Girlfriend - Avril Lavigne
- 11 Irreplaceable - Beyonce
- 12 I Wanna Love You - Akon feat. Snoop Dogg
- 13 She's Madonna - Robbie Williams
- 14 Flavor Of Life - Hikaru Utada
- 15 How To Save A Life - The Fray
- 16 It's Not Over - Daughtry
- 17 If Everyone Cared - Nickelback
- 18 Cupid's Chokehold - Gym Class Heroes feat. Patrick Stump
- 19 Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol
- 20 Smack That - Akon feat. Eminem



FORLORN HOPE: Now operating as a trio

## Active year for Forlorn Hope

When they made their debut in the scene here, they were a six-piece outfit. But now that scene has changed for Forlorn Hope and they are down to just three members — Buddhika (lyrics/vocals), TPKR (drums) and Mackay (guitar/bass).

The band is heavily influenced by old school black metal and draws inspiration from acts such as Bathory, Gorgoroth, Mayhem, Burzum, Emperor and Enthroned.

Forlorn Hope's lyrical content varies — from issues such as political and religious oppression to sadism and atheism.

"Wilted" was the group's debut release. It was a six-track EP and came out in December 2004. With a solid black metal fan base in Kandy, the limited 500 copies went like hot cakes.

Forlorn Hope also had one of their tracks selected for the KAM heavymetal compilation album in the year 2005, in the

U.S.A.

They were later offered the opportunity to do a split EP with an Indonesian black metal act known as Kilowon, via the internet.

The group's single, "Congregate", released on February 4th this year, checked in at No. 32 on the soundclick.com official Black Metal/Death Metal online chart. Eventually, it peaked at No. 20.

The guys are now working on their follow-up EP, "Lurid Remains" and it's likely to be a split with Kandyan black metal act, Arbiter.

Forlorn Hope has been able to ink a deal with the U.M.C (Underground Metal Circle) and are currently playing alongside bands such as Whirlwind, Siblings of Hatred, Spleen Saint, Old Castle's Massacre and Despair.

The band is also planning to release a music video and their long awaited album "Diabolism" before the year is out.

# Candyman

Star Track Album

(Tarzan and Jane were swingin' on a vine)  
Candyman, candyman

(Sippin' from a bottle of vodka double wine)  
Sweet, sugar, candyman

Hey, uh  
I met him out for dinner on a Friday night  
He really got me working up an appetite  
He had tattoos up and down his arm  
There's nothing more dangerous than a boy with charm  
He's a one stop shop, makes the panties drop  
He's a sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman  
A sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman

Ooh, yeah, yeah  
He took me to the Spider Club at Hollywood & Vine  
We drank champagne and we danced all night  
We shook the paparazzi for a big surprise (a big surprise)  
The gossip tonight will be tomorrow's headline  
He's a one stop shop, makes my cherry pop  
He's a sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman (ooh yeah)  
A sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman

(Scatting)

Hey, yeah  
Oh, yeah yeah yeah yeah ohhhhhhh

Whoa, yeah  
Well, by now I'm getting all bothered and hot  
When he kissed my mouth he really hit the spot  
He had lips like sugar cane, oh  
Good things come for boys who wait

(Tarzan and Jane were swingin' a vine)  
Candyman, candyman

(Sippin' from a bottle of vodka double wine)  
Candyman, candyman

(Sweet, sugar, candyman)  
He's a one stop, gotcha hot, making all the panties drop  
(Sweet, sugar, candyman)  
He's a one stop, got me hot, makin' my "uh" pop

(Sweet, sugar, candyman)  
He's a one stop, get it while it's hot, baby  
don't stop  
(Sweet, sugar)

He got those lips like sugar cane  
Good things come for boys who wait  
He's a one stop shop with a real big "uh"  
He's a sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman  
(Say what) a sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman.  
(Say) a sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman, woo  
A sweet talkin' sugar coated candyman

Oooh, whoa  
Candyman, candyman  
Candyman, candyman  
Candyman, candyman...

Candyman, candyman  
Candyman, candyman  
Candyman, candyman

Tarzan and Jane were swingin' on a vine  
(Tarzan and Jane were swingin' on a vine)  
Sippin' from a bottle of vodka double wine  
(Sippin' from a bottle of vodka double wine)  
Jane lost her grip and a down she fell

(Jane lost her grip and down she fell)  
Squared herself away as she let out a yell  
(Squared herself away as she let out a yell)

• Sent by: Kylie (Pretty Girl) of Colombo.



Christina Aguilera