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Sri Lanka band to take on the world?

The Global Battle of the Bands contest is an annual event held in London.

Last year, on December 12th, 24 bands from around the world competed for top honours - a first prize of \$100,000, a world tour and three Gibson guitars.

The contest was held at the London Astoria and a band from Thailand also participated.

This year, the Global Battle of the Bands is going to be open to Sri Lanka well - a great opportunity for a local outfit to take on the world.

Shean Dharmaratne of Talent Syndicate has been appointed as the National Director for Sri Lanka for Global Battle of the Bands. And he is working on putting together Sri Lanka's first-ever GBOB to be held in Colombo later in the year.

The winners of this contest will be presented with a specially designed bronze "Best New Band" statuette and an all-expenses-paid trip to the World Final in London in December.

The Global Battle of the Bands is a contest about real bands playing real music - LIVE.

Forget about artificial X-Factor and Pop Idol-style competitions. This

is the real thing and there are just two rules; No cover songs and no pre-recorded music.

Crescendo from Thailand at last year's Battle of the Bands contest



Well, this could turn out to be a major problem for quite a few of our top-notch bands because they have no original material - and some of them do use pre-recorded music!

The winner of the GBOB Thailand 2006 National Final, held in Bangkok, was a band called Crescendo.

Crescendo was established by five young professional musicians with just one ambition in mind: "to be remembered as a part of the Thai music industry".

They love to play LIVE on stage as it's their only way to communicate. "Music is our breath, we can't live without it", they say.

In the meanwhile, Shean Dharmaratne of Talent Syndicate says they plan to sign up musicians bands and artists with a view to grooming, sponsoring, producing and promoting local talent.

Jeered and heckled by crowd

Britney caught MIMING

Britney Spears was left red-faced during a 14-minute concert in Florida when her backing tape skipped, revealing once and for all the pop superstar is lip-syncing.

She was booed off by fans after being caught miming during a supposedly live performance.

The trouble singer was performing at a club when technical glitches saw her backing CD skip repeatedly, exposing her miming, and forcing the singer to look away as technicians raced to get the tape back on track.

It all turned pretty ugly, with the crowd jeering and heckling her.

This should be an eye-opener to those local artists who are trying desperately to emulate Britney by miming to recorded tracks at stage shows.

Before long, they may get the same medicine.

The singer also threw a tantrum on the plane on the way to the gig - because it didn't have leather seats.

Everyone was strapped in and the plane was about to taxi to the runway when Britney got up and said she had to get off.

According to a fellow passenger, she said "I don't want to fly on this plane. It hasn't got leather seats."

So much for in-flight entertainment.

For the record, Britney has been named "Most Foolish American" in a new poll. It must have been a close call though, as Paris Hilton was runner-up, closely followed by Michael Jackson in third spot.

Interesting that all the top three have dabbled in music, eh?



BRITNEY SPEARS: CD skipped repeatedly

MARLON

heading in the right direction



Marlon Goonawardana with singer Guy Sebastian

Marlon Goonawardana is a proud man, and we in Sri Lanka should be proud of him.

Marlon resides in Australia and is the boss of Marlin Records. And Marlin Records was very much in the news the past few weeks.

Daniel Merriweather, an Australian artiste who is signed up with the label, went to No. 2 in the British charts with a song called "Stop Me". It also turned out to be the top selling download in the UK for that particular week.

Marlin Records has been nominated for the ARIA Awards (Australian Recording Industry Awards) for the past three years and has already won one award.

The label has also been nominated for the APRA Awards (Australian Performing Rights Awards) for the third consecutive year. This is a

songwriter's award and the songwriters' concerned are a part of Marlin Publishing.

Two different writers from Marlin Publishing won this prestigious award the last two years, and this year songwriter Harley Webster (aka Phrase) has been nominated for the song "Here Now".

Marlon's mission has always been global and he is certainly heading in the right direction.

TOTP POPSHOT CHART

1. Umbrella - Rihanna feat. Jay-Z
2. Makes Me Wonder - Maroon 5
3. Beautiful Liar - Beyonce & Shakira
4. Here (In Your Arms) - Hellogoodbye
5. Cupid's Chokehold - Gym Class Heroes
6. Don't Matter - Akon
7. Signal Fire - Snow Patrol
8. Give It To Me - Timbaland/Furtado/Timberlake
9. Real Girl - Mutya Buena
10. Shine - Booty Luv

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United World Chart

1. Makes Me Wonder - Maroon 5
2. Umbrella - Rihanna feat. Jay-Z
3. Girlfriend - Avril Lavigne
4. Beautiful Liar - Beyonce & Shakira
5. Give It To Me - Timbaland feat. Nelly Furtado & Justin T.
6. Say It Right - Nelly Furtado
7. What I've Done - Linkin Park
8. The Sweet Escape - Gwen Stefani feat. Akon
9. Grace Kelly - Mika
10. What Goes Around... Comes Around - Justin Timberlake
11. Cupid's Chokehold - Gym Class Heroes feat. Patrick Stump
12. Party Like A Rockstar - Shop Boyz
13. Glamorous - Fergie
14. Because Of You - Ne*Yo
15. Don't Matter - Akon
16. Buy U A Drank (Shawty Snappin') - T-Pain feat. Yung Joc
17. Home - Daughtry
18. Big Girls Don't Cry - Fergie
19. Never Again - Kelly Clarkson
20. Candyman - Christina Aguilera



AVIRL LAVIGNE: Doing it with "Girlfriend"



Seen 'n' Heard

HEARD... they were the centre of attraction when they first hit the scene, but their grades have now dropped drastically.

This has come about after folks got to know that these guys aren't doing it right as performers on stage.

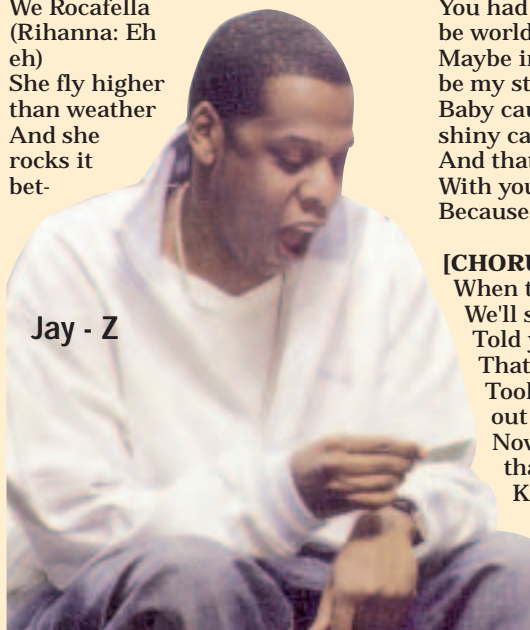
They ask for mikes to be provided on stage and then have them switched off. Obviously, they are involved in the cheating game by lip-syncing to recorded tracks.

Star Track Album

Umbrella

Rihanna feat Jay-Z

Ahuh Ahuh (yeh Rihanna)
Ahuh Ahuh (good girl gone bad)
Ahuh Ahuh (take three... action)
Ahuh Ahuh
No clouds in my storms
Let it rain, I hydroplane into fame
(Rihanna: Eh eh)
Come down with the Dow Jones
When the clouds come we gone
We Rocafella
(Rihanna: Eh eh)
She fly higher than weather
And she rocks it bet-



Jay - Z

ter
You know me
An anticipation for precipitation,
stacks chips for the rainy day
(Rihanna: Eh eh)
Jay, rain man is back with lil Ms.
Sunshine
Rihanna where you at?

You had my heart, and we'll never be world apart
Maybe in magazines, but you'll still be my star
Baby cause in the dark, you can see shiny cars
And that's when you need me there
With you I'll always share
Because

[CHORUS]

When the sun shines
We'll shine together
Told you I'll be here forever
That I'll always be your friend
Took an oath I'm ma stick it out 'till the end
Now that it's raining more than ever
Know that we still have each other
You can stand under my umbrella
You can stand under my umbrella

(Ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(ella ella eh eh eh)
Under my umbrella
(ella ella eh eh eh eh eh)

These fancy things, will never come in between
You're part of my entity, here for infinity
When the war has took its part
When the world has dealt its cards
If the hand is hard, together we'll mend your heart
Because

(Repeat Chorus)

You can run into my arms
It's okay don't be alarmed
(Come into me.)
(There's no distance in between our love)
So gonna let the rain pour
I'll be all you need and more
Because...

(Repeat Chorus)

It's raining (raining)
Ooo baby it's raining
Ooo baby it's raining
Baby come into me
Come into me
Its raining (raining)
Ooo baby it's raining
You can always come into me
Come into me ...

● Sent by: Kylie (Pretty Girl) of Colombo, and Secret Survivor.



Rihanna