

**DERRICK J & DALLAS ACHILLES
DO IT AGAIN
"DOWN UNDER"**

Billed as the Most Extravagant Event for 2017 Sunday the 22nd of October the walls of the Hungarian Community Centre on Boronia Street, Wantirna, Victoria, Melbourne, Australia reverberated with music and song bringing together a galaxy of super musicians for the launch of Book 2 of "A Heritage of Song" compiled by Ishan Bahar showcasing the musical journeys of another 125 musicians with Sri Lankan roots.

It was a full house and the delectable Smorgasbord spread fed the hungry crowd at the Hungarian to the soothing strains of music dished out by The Jazz Notes comprising Ann Craig (flute), Kevin Blaze (guitar), Frank Morgan (bass) and Simon Atkinson (drums) with a selection of some great Jazz and perennial favourites of yesteryear from "Swinging Shepherd Blues" to "Satin Doll" joined by Pippa Wilson with her crisp, jazz voice with "I've Got You Under My Skin", "Jambalaya" and "Halleluja" starting the line up of musicians for the afternoon.

Derrick Junkeer invited the guests and performers to what was an absolutely classy event. Taking over from Derrick was the dapper Ryle Moldrich the MC for the event introducing each musician in his own unique fashion.

Conrad & Andrew de Silva the talented Father| son duo set the bar high with close harmony, after which Dr Buddy Reid came on with his wailing clarinet with a Benny Goodman hit followed by an original written by his late wife Peace, exercising his vocal talents. Then came the lanky Suzette Herft with her great voice and guitar artistry.

A fabulous group of musicians – Jeremy LaBrooy, Jeremy Kreltshheim, Travis Senn, David Senn and Tilarni Senn belted out their selection of songs with perfection which included Weather Report's "Teen Town", "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars and "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder .

Next came the man who needed no introduction, Ishan, who without any previous plan introduced cute, little Millyrose, whom he met outside the auditorium bawling her head off after taking a fall on the wooden floor. Ishan who is a great grandfather had the little girl tugging at his heart strings with her tears. Ishan soothed the little girl seated on her mother Candy's lap and invited her to sing the children's favourite "The Wheels on the Bus" which she did with the aplomb of a professional. She even had the audience on their feet joining her in the song. Millyrose is the daughter of bassist Jeremy LaBrooy and the grand daughter of Geoffrey LaBrooy the drummer a college mate of Ishan's from Royal College days.

Then another surprise...Ishan captivated all as usual with his rendition of "Blue Suede Shoes" and introduced his grand daughter's husband, Joseph Rodrigo who joined him on the second verse of the song. Joseph was the front-line singer of the Acapella group, VOICE PRINT, before he migrated to OZ earlier this year. Before the roar of the applause could fade Ishan came on with just a verse of the Trini Lopez classic, "O Lonesome Me" having the audience exercising their vocal chords once again.

Derrick then introduced Bernadette Dique an Anglo Indian with beautiful renditions of "Crazy" and "I am a woman in love". Immediately followed by yet another Anglo Indian singer, Donald Segar. They were special guests of Derrick who came on board in support of the launch. Lisa Ann - lady with a rich voice then walked down the "catwalk" to sing her songs.

Oh yes! Then the smooth voice of Rob Foenander with "A little bit of soap" and "My special Island Sri Lanka" written by Rob himself. Followed by the flamboyant Dallas Achilles a great musician and master of the trumpet without whom the second book would not have come into existence. His generosity helped in the printing in Sri Lanka and shipping the books to OZ. The last group of musos were Chris Mant, Sonali Sooriyagoda/Lindsay and Lozaine Paul with great songs with Dallas joining Sonali on the 1973 Helen Reddy favourite, Delta Dawn.

Derrick conducted the Raffle Draw giving away many prizes including a return airline ticket to Sri Lanka with the compliments of Keith Cruse of Berwick Motor Group and the Door Prize from Jet Travel & Cruises. And the curtain fell on this great show with all musicians on stage with Ishan as lead vocalist with a closely harmonized version of "May the good Lord bless and keep you".

Sincere thanks to Derrick Junkeer & Dallas Achilles for their organization & support of the launching of Book 2 - A Heritage of Song as Compiled by Ishan Bahar.

Special thanks to all the Performers at the Event which was a 100% success at The Hungarian Community Centre in Wantirna and this goes to the Caterer & Staff who did a great job in their hospitality.

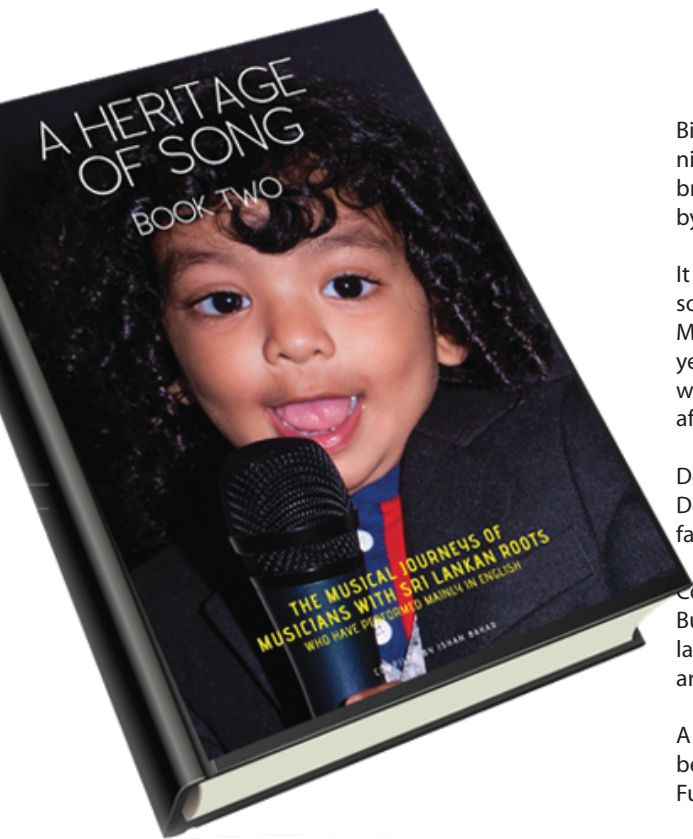
Thank you to the "Master of Ceremonies" - Mr. Ryle Moldrich for his professionalism on the day.

And finally, "Thank you" to Corinne King who spontaneously stepped in and photographed the Concert and provided a guideline narrative of the Event on the Day".

THE END OF THE MOST EXTRAVAGANT EVENT OF 2017.



Ishan Bahar, the author of the book with a scintillating performance



Ryle



Derrick



Dallas



Pippa Wilson & The Jazz Notes



The making of a star. Millyrose with "Wheels of the bus"



Ishan with Joseph Rodrigo, his grand son joining the "Old man" on stage



Dr Buddy Reid



Conrad de Silva & Andrew



Suzette Herft, the Country Diva



Rob Foenander



Bernadette Dique



Donald Segar



Lozaine Paul & Sonali Lindsay



David Senn, Jeremy Kreltshheim, Travis Senn, Jeremy LaBrooy



Lisa Ann



In our midst was the lovely, elegant, gracious & attractive Shirlene de Silva Miss Ceylon 1965. A cousin of Dallas Achilles - who flew in on Saturday to attend the "extravaganza event"!!



A section of the audience at lunch to the music of JAZZ NOTES



Ishan leads the singing at the finale.