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Sharada Kerkar

Susmit Sen's Konkani song resonates at Concert for Goa

Celebrated composer-guitarist and founder of the iconic band Indian Ocean, Susmit Sen, anchored the Susmit Sen Chronicles at 'Concert for Goa' to mark the 10th anniversary of Museum of Goa (MoG), Pilerne. The evening was attended by music aficionados who heard Konkani songs that were inspired by Goa

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The buzzing centre of art, Museum of Goa, Pilerne recently celebrated ten years of making art accessible in Goa through various art forms that showcase Goa's rich history and culture. Concert for Goa was a sold out musical event, anchored by Susmit Sen, co-founder of the Indian cult band 'Indian Ocean' with Susmit Sen Chronicles and was attended by art and music lovers including artists, musicians, filmmakers and writers at Museum of Goa.

Sharada Kerkar, operational head at Museum of Goa and co-founder of the Children's Art Studio, said, "MOG's 10-year celebrations couldn't have had a better start than this. We are thrilled to have had Susmit Sen Chronicles perform at MOG as part of the Concert for Goa. The collaboration blossomed into a unique concert experience, where music and visual art converge to create magic. To see that vision come to life with such a wonderful, responsive audience was deeply fulfilling". Susmit Sen Chronicles kicked off MOG's Concert for Goa initiative and is the first in the line of events planned through the 10th anniversary year. The stage came alive with the talents of Susmit Sen on guitar, alongside Sudheer



Gayathri Natarajan

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Carlos Gonsalves

four tracks, including two Konkani songs, 'Saiba Tandela' (Master Boatman) and 'Kuvur' (The Prince). The two other songs are the title track 'Azaadi' in Sanskrit and 'Mazaar', a Tamil composition. The album, produced by the renowned ex-BBC sound recordist Miti Adhikari, was launched at the concert in the presence of Dr Subodh Kerkar, founder of Museum of Goa.

As an ode to Goa's rich musical history, Susmit Sen Chronicles performed the Konkani song, 'Saiba Tandela', from the track list of their album 'Azaadi' with the backdrop of the 'Carpet of Joy', a colourful, larger-than-life installation crafted by Dr Subodh Kerkar, out of one lakh recycled plastic bottles.



Susmit Sen



Tatyana Dichenko

Susmit Sen said, "Even before taking the stage, I knew it was going to be a fantastic experience. The setting, the people and the organisers, it is rare to find a combination of all of that on the top level. It was nothing but an absolute pleasure performing at MOG".

Goan percussionist Carlos Gonsalves, who brought the Goan ghumat centre-stage with a solo at the concert said, "I have performed in various places all over the world but doing it on my Goan land in collaboration with people who appreciate and understand art is unmatched. It was a surreal experience performing at MoG."

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Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal tease long-awaited reunion



It's been nearly 36 years since Harry met Sally. Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan teased a long-awaited on-screen 'When Harry Met Sally' reunion with a mysterious Instagram post. In the photo, Crystal and Ryan sit next to each other on a brown couch, smiling. The furniture and yellowed floral wallpaper notably matches the setting of the final scene of their 1989 romantic comedy, 'When Harry Met Sally...'. "It's finally happening, we're reuniting for something iconic. Can't wait to show you all soon," Ryan captioned the joint post. While it's not yet known how big this reunion will be, some are speculating that the two are doing a Super Bowl commercial together.

Ed Sheeran becomes first global artist to play in Bhutan

Ed Sheeran made history as the first international artist to perform in Bhutan. The 'Bad Habits' hitmaker hailed it a privilege to perform



at Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu and praised the 'incredible' fans from the South Asian country who had turned out to see him play and made him and his team feel so welcome. "Had the honour to be the first ever international artist to play Bhutan last night. What a gig, what a country, what a beautiful place with incredible people. Lemme know if I can move there, please and thank you," he captioned a video on Instagram, which showed footage from his trip and performance.



Exploring the day in Kerala, Janvhi Kapoor added a traditional touch to her vacation look with a sheer white saree.

THE OSCAR'S SHORTLIST IS HERE... WITH INDIAN NAMES

Transgender cartel musical 'Emilia Perez' leads the way as the much-anticipated Oscar nominations for 2025 have finally been unveiled by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Honouring the best in the performing arts on screen, the award is the most prestigious in the industry

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The presentation of the 97th Academy Awards nominees was delayed and unveiled in subdued circumstances due to the recent devastating wildfires in Los Angeles. The Oscars will be held on March 2, will be hosted by Conan O'Brien, who also lost his Pacific Palisades home to the wildfires.

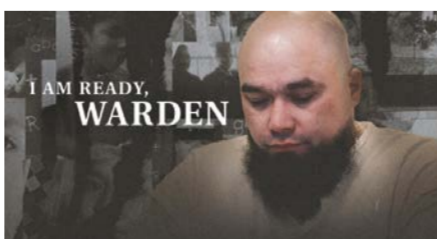
'EMILIA PEREZ' SETS RECORD FOR THE MOST NOMINATIONS FOR A NON-ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MOVIE

Transgender cartel musical 'Emilia Perez' topped this year's Oscar nominations, earning 13 nods shattering the record for the most Academy Award nominations for

a non-English-language film. Directed by Jacques Audiard, the film is nominated for best picture, best director, best adapted screenplay and best international film, as well as multiple song, score and sound nods. Karla Sofia Gascon became the first openly trans acting nominee in best actress category for the same film.



INDIA'S STRONG PRESENCE AT THE OSCARS



SMRITI MUNDHRA 'I Am Ready, Warden' is a 2024 American short documentary film produced and directed by Smriti Mundhra. The film documents the final days before his execution of Texas death row inmate John Henry Ramirez. It is nominated for the Best Documentary Short Film at the 97th Academy Awards. Smriti is the daughter of Indian director, producer, and screenwriter, Jagmohan 'Jag' Mundhra. In 2020, Smriti directed and produced 'St Louis Superman' which was nominated for the 92nd Academy Award in the category of Best Documentary Short Film.

GUNEET MONGA

'Anuja', directed by Adam J Graves and Suchitra Mattai, is backed by Guneet Monga and Priyanka Chopra. The American Hindi-language short drama follows the story of Anuja, a gifted nine-year-old girl who, alongside her sister Palak, faces a life-changing opportunity that tests their bond and mirrors the struggles of girls worldwide. The movie is nominated in the Best Live Action Short Film category. Interestingly, Guneet, has previously received three Oscar nominations. She served as an executive producer on 'Period. End of Sentence.' which won the 2019 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Film followed by 'The Elephant Whisperers' which won the 2023 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Film.

CLOSE CONTENDERS

The epic immigrant saga 'The Brutalist' and Broadway adaptation 'Wicked' received ten nominations each. 'A Complete Unknown' based on Bob Dylan biopic and 'Conclave' a Vatican thriller bagged eight nominations each. Adrien Brody was nominated best actor for 'The

Brutalist' along with Timothee Chalamet for 'A Complete Unknown' and Ralph Fiennes for 'Conclave' but a surprise pick was Sebastian Stan for his portrayal of the current President of the USA, Donald Trump in 'The Apprentice'.

