

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Bangaloreans were treated to a melodic concert of progressive metal when a host of musicians shared the stage with Petra vocalist John Schlitt. Before the concert, John, who has performed in Bangalore on two prior occasions, said he was very excited to perform with local artists. "This time, it's going to be better than the last, since there is an interaction with the local musicians," he said.

took over. Teens in the crowd were excited when Life and Beyond took centre stage as the band's lead singer, Arun Samuel, is only 17 years old. Other artists like Ken Henson, Joe Jacob of Slain, Naveen Thomas from Galeej Gurus, Thanga Nohro and Johnathan Wesley shared the stage with John and Michael Hill. The audience were in tune with John as he sang a number of Petra songs, the highlight of which was the rousing *I Am Trading Sorrow*.



RAISE YOUR HANDS: John Schlitt

Photo: S Satish



JUST BEAT IT! Joe Jacob



GUITAR MAN: Naveen Thomas



STRUM THAT! Thanga Nohro



SING ALONG: Michael Hill

Designing ways

The final day of the fashion week in the city ended with Ritu Beri showcasing her collection, Summerless. The collection, which was presented in association with Gitanjali Jewels, saw model-actor Lisa Haydon strut her stuff as showstopper. Ritu's collection is for the modern Indian woman, who has evolved with the fast pace of the world and yet looks inwardly for the primary element the

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RAMP IT UP: Lisa Haydon and Ritu Beri

soul. The collection features hues ranging from white, red, gold and yellow to metallics and black, in fabrics ranging from pure cotton to rich brocades, silks, velvet, satin and lace. The result is an eclectic blend of kurtas, ghagras/cholis with elaborate odhnis, long flared and straight tunics over salwars and churidars.



Wonder women

A moving story, powerful performances and impeccable execution are the keystones of an international award-winning film. Junglee Home Video's latest release, *Land Gold Women*, has all this and more. Directed by Avantika Hari, the film is set against the backdrop of forced marriages and honour crime. At the heart of the film is the story of a British-Asian family and the conflict between the Eastern tradition-bound father and his Westernized daughter. Winner of the National Award in 2010 and eight international awards, *Land Gold Women* has won acclaim from critics and journalists the world over and is now available on DVD in India.

A landmark in retail therapy

Joe Louis D'Anto



NOTCHING A HALF CENTURY: Sandalwood actor Ramya at the launch of the 50th Shoppers Stop in India at Gopalan Signature Towers in Bangalore

Bangalore is rapidly becoming one of the hottest shopping destinations in the country. So it was only fitting that Shoppers Stop decided to launch its 50th store in the Garden City. Sandalwood actor Ramya was present at the launch of the store at Gopalan Signature Towers, which, incidentally, is the sixth Shoppers

Stop outlet in the city. "I am honoured to be a part of Shoppers Stop's 50th store launch celebrations. The new store is indeed a wonderful addition to the already fashion-conscious city. I find most of my favourite brands at Shoppers Stop," said Ramya.

LAUNCH PAD

This new Shoppers Stop store, which is spread over 56,000 square feet, will feature Indian and international brands like Forever New, United Colors of Benetton, Jack & Jones, Austin Reed, Mustang and U.S. Polo, among others. Shoppers Stop exclusive brands like Stop, Kashish, Life, Haute Curry, Elliza Donatein, inSense, iJeanswear, Mario Zegnotti and Vettorino Fratini will also be available at this store.

Speaking on the occasion, Govind Shrikhande, Customer Care Associate & Managing Director, Shoppers Stop Ltd., said, "It is with immense pride and pleasure that we inaugurate our 50th store in India. This momentous occasion is even more special for us since we have just crossed our 20th year of fashion retailing. Over the last two decades, we have earned the reputation of providing our customers with an unparalleled and world-class shopping experience. Our 50th store heralds a new era in our consistent aim to transform the retail landscape of the country."

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