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Hundreds pack Bet Shmuel concert

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More than 500 people attended the 'one night' only orchestra concert for shlemon bet Shmuel in Sydney. The concert was held at the Nineveh lounge in Edensor Park on Saturday night.

Bet Shmuel welcomed the audience before singing his famous 'Simele' song which is dedicated to the victims of the Simele massacre in 1933. He said 'we will not cry for them we will sing for them'.

The event which was organised by the Assyrian Australian Association, had members of many Assyrian organisations present. The MC for the evening was Arsan Shalalo from Echo of Nineveh Radio. Seyfo Centre Director Sabri Atman and Assyrian poet Ninos Aho were also special guests at the concert.

The orchestra was lead by Sarmen Arissian who is of Armenian background. The audience gave Mr Arissian loud cheering and applause when during his speech he said that he felt 'very Assyrian tonight' and should change his last name from 'Arissian to Assyrian'.

In a short interview with theassyrian.com.au Bet Shmuel said, "I did not expect this many people to turn up, and they loved this style of music, I could tell because the audience was great and they sat their all silent and listening to my songs, my words and the fabulous orchestral music".

Event organiser and member of the Assyrian Australian Association Nabel Karim said, "It was a dream that we had to bring shlemon to Sydney so that our people here could hear his music, and I am grateful that many people supported this event, we however expected more young people to be present because shlemon as an artist that he is, it's very important that we pass him and his music onto the next generation."

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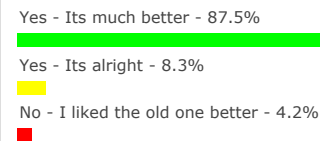
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