

BIC adds electronic music duo Disclosure



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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday that popular English electronic music duo Disclosure will be performing at the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

Consisting of brothers Howard and Guy Lawrence, Disclosure are Grammy-nominated artists who have collaborated with the likes of Mary J. Blige, Sam Smith, The Weeknd, Lorde and Eliza Doolittle, to name a few.

They will be taking to the stage on the Saturday night of the highly anticipated Bahrain Grand Prix weekend, which is scheduled for April 6 to 8 in Sakhir. They will close out the show on the 7th with a DJ set.

Disclosure are the third major international artists who have been announced by BIC as performers at this year's Formula 1 extravaganza, which brings together the very best of motorsport and world music.

Disclosure join music icon Carlos Santana and

American singer-songwriter Benjamin Booker on a fantastic entertainment programme. Santana will be performing on April 6, the Friday night of the Grand Prix, while Booker and Disclosure will be offering double the delights on April 7.

All those with tickets to the Bahrain Grand Prix weekend will be able to attend the concerts at no extra charge. Holders of Friday-only tickets will not be granted access to the Saturday shows.

Aside from their Grammy nominations, Disclosure have also been nominated for multiple Brit Awards, MTV Video Music Awards, and International Dance Music Awards, including in 2016 when they won for Best Full Length Studio Recording for their album "Caracal".

Disclosure have been touring the world non-stop over the past few years, and now they will be performing one of their acclaimed DJ sets in the Kingdom of Bahrain for the big Bahrain Grand Prix weekend.

Marketing plans discussed

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar stressed the importance of implementing HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa directives to look for new investment opportunities to finance the committee plans and support the sports federations programmes.

This was announced following Askar meeting with BOC board member and marketing committee chairman Abdulla Al Dossary, in presence of BOC marketing head Mahmood Ashoori, at the committee premises in Seef.

Askar and Al Dossary

had discussions that aim to further develop the role of the marketing committee in order to draw more attention from candidate sponsors to support BOC and sports federations programmes.

Al Dossary presented a range of perceptions of the committee for the upcoming stage, which include a marketing plan for 2018 and 2019, as well as initiating partnership channels with some of the most renowned firms in Bahrain, and list all programmes of the Olympic Committee and federations at once. Both parties also had talks on the proposed candidates joining the Marketing Committee, as Askar expressed willingness to provide all forms of support to the committee during the next phase.

De Vries tops the times on first day



Action from the race

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Nyck de Vries of Pertamina Prema Theodore Racing set the pace yesterday on the first day of official pre-season testing in the FIA Formula 2 Championship at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

De Vries clocked a fastest time of 1min 43.785secs around BIC's 5.412 kilometre Grand Prix Track. He set the mark on the 19th of his 21-lap session in the afternoon, when runners enjoyed cooler temperatures in Sakhir.

The Formula 2 tests are part of the series' preparations

for the start of the 2018 season. They are scheduled to continue until Friday.

De Vries was 0.170secs quicker than Louis Deletraz of Charouz Racing System, whose time of 1min 43.955secs was also registered in the afternoon.

Luca Ghiotto of Campos Vexatec Racing was third fastest for the day. His best lap of 1min 44.042secs was clocked during today's morning tests.

Fourth-best overall was Lando Norris of Carlin with a best time of 1min 44.051secs.

Arjun Maini of Trident

was ranked fifth with a time of 1min 44.115secs, while Deletraz's teammate Antonio Luoco rounded out the top six with a time of 1min 44.202.

Norris, Maini and Luoco all clocked their best laps of day one during the afternoon session.

A total of 20 cars from all 10 Formula 2 teams took part in today's testing.

The Bahrain sessions are the second official pre-season tests of Formula 2. The first was in Le Castellet, France at Circuit Paul Ricard held earlier this month.

Testing is being done in the brand new Formula 2 2018 chassis. The new Formula 2 season will be flagging off in the kingdom, in support of the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix from April 6 to 8.

The FIA Formula 2 Championship is one of two support series to Formula 1 at this year's Bahrain Grand Prix. The other is the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East.

For more information, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.



Bahrain Premier League (BPL) concluded the handover of the Chevrolet Aveo car to Anil Das, who was the winner of the lucky draw held at the finals of the event. The car was awarded to the winner from among the attendees of the ceremonial event. Shafi Albalushi, from the Ministry of Industry, commerce and Tourism convened the lucky draw and the organisers handed over the ceremonial key and ownership of the car. In Picture, (from Left) Shafi Albalushi Repr. MOICT, Salim Elias Manager of CBA, Mohammad Mansoor, President of Bahrain Premier League, Sayed Hanif from GoldCub, Anil Das and Hari from KHK Sports.