

Axwell to perform at the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia on 3 October

● **Concert ticket upgrades exclusively for fans who purchase a weekend race ticket by midnight on 8 September**

● **Ticket upgrades available from 9 September, subject to limited availability due to venue capacity**

● **Axwell joins an exciting line-up of race-weekend concerts, with Martin Garrix set to headline the post-race concert on Sunday**

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) and Sepang International Circuit (SIC) announced that Grammy-nom-

inated artist, DJ and producer Axwell will perform live at SIC on Saturday 3 October, as part of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026, taking place from 2 to 4 October.

The announcement follows confirmation that multi-platinum-selling hitmaker Martin Garrix will headline the post-race concert on Sunday 4 October.

Ticket upgrades for each concert will be available exclusively to race-weekend ticket holders who purchase their tickets by midnight on 8 September. From 9 September, ticket holders may upgrade for US\$50 per person for the Axwell concert and US\$100 per person for the Martin Garrix concert. A separate ticket is required for each concert.

All concert ticket upgrades are subject to availability and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis due to the venue's limited capacity. Upgrade instructions will be sent directly to ticket holders by email.



Fans wishing to take advantage of the concert upgrade option are encouraged to purchase their race-weekend tickets before the midnight deadline on 8 September. Tickets are available through the Bahrain International Circuit website at bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Axwell is the co-founder of both Swedish House Mafia and Axwell x Ingrosso. In 1995, he dropped his very first vinyl, adopting the moniker OX.L. By the turn of the century, he emerged as a sought-after remixer, delivering popular remixes of "Burn" by Usher, "Ma, I Don't Love Her" by Clipse and Faith Evans, "Maybe" by N*E*R*D, "Angel" by Pharrell, "Promiscuous" by Nelly Furta-

do, and "Jump" by Madonna, to name a few. As part of Swedish House Mafia, he notched back-to-back Grammy nominations in the category of "Best Dance Recording" for the platinum "Save the World" in 2012 and

quintuple-platinum "Don't You Worry Child" in 2013. Later, as part of Axwell x Ingrosso he was vaulted to the forefront of electronic music with a 2017 full-length debut, More Than You Know. "Something New", "On My Way", "Sun Is Shining", "I Love You" [feat. Kid Ink], the gold-certified "More Than You Know," and "Dreamer" [feat. Trevor Guthrie], were all hits. The album generated a staggering five billion total streams and counting. Axwell has also claimed a spot on DJ Mag's "Top 100 DJs" list nine times and won four DJ Awards.

For further information about the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia 2026, visit the Bahrain International Circuit website at bahraingp.com or the Sepang International Circuit website at sepangcircuit.com, call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000, or follow Bahrain International Circuit and Sepang International Circuit on social media.

'Super-human' Alcaraz books US Open quarter-final clash with Shelton

AFP | New York

Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz posted his most convincing win in his injury return at the US Open, downing Tommy Paul in straight sets on Sunday to line up a quarter-final clash with Ben Shelton.

Two-time women's defending champion Aryna Sabalenka also advanced, booking a last-eight date with Wimbledon winner Linda Noskova.

Second-seeded Alcaraz, playing his first tournament since he was sidelined by a right wrist injury in April, looked closer to his brilliant best in a 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Paul, the 20th-seeded American who posed the Spaniard's sternest test yet.

"I played my game," said Alcaraz, who unleashed 33 winners as he moved fluidly around the court, thwarting Paul at every turn in the two-hour 20-minute match.

He'll face red-hot Shelton -- a 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 winner over Stefanos Tsitsipas -- for a place in the semi-finals.

"I tried to play my style," Alcaraz said. "Tommy is such a talented player. His shots are pretty dangerous and sometimes it's



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz hits a return to USA's Tommy Paul

really difficult to control the ball when it comes to you.

"I just tried to be ready for a battle and tried to be aggressive all the time."

Alcaraz grabbed the first break of the contest in the final game of a tight first set.

From there he was in control. He broke Paul twice in the second set and again early in the third.

He finished it off with a gutsy hold of serve in which he saved a pair of break points, the second with a swinging forehand volley that he followed with a

forehand winner to set up the only match point he needed.

"I'm really happy with the performance today," Alcaraz said.

Shelton, who needed four sets in each of his first three matches, raised his game to dismantle former world number three Tsitsipas in just one hour and 52 minutes.

The American, riding high after a strong August that included a title at the ATP Montreal Masters, blasted a dozen aces and never faced a break point.

"I played a complete match

from start to finish," said Shelton, who was looking forward to taking on Alcaraz.

"I think the level that he's been playing at is really, really impressive. To not play for five months then do what he's done so far this tournament has been super-human."

"I think it's going to be fireworks on Tuesday night," Shelton said.

Sabalenka on track

Sabalenka kept her bid for a rare US Open three-peat on track with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over American Taylor Townsend.

The Belarusian, whose world number one ranking is on the line in New York, will face a tough quarter-final against sixth-ranked Czech Noskova, who edged dangerous Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Sabalenka needed all of her resolve against the multi-faceted Townsend, whose blistering service returns and net prowess flummoxed the Belarusian star in a first set that opened with five breaks of serve.

But her sustained power and precision proved too much and after falling behind 3-1 in the second set she won the last five games to seal the match.

Bahrain karate duo set for Asian challenge



Coach Boumzbar with Abdulla Bassam and Fawzia Sakhir

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Bahrain will be represented by Abdulla Bassam and Fawzia Abdulla Sakhir at the 2026 Asian Cadet, Junior, Youth and U21 Karate Championships, currently being held in Amman, Jordan.

Bassam will compete in the cadet boys' under-52kg kumite category, while Sakhir is entered in the junior girls' under-66kg division. The pair are accompanied by national coach Mohammed Al Arabi Boumzbar.

Bassam will be the first in action when he contests the qualifying rounds today,

while Sakhir will undergo her official weigh-in ahead of her campaign tomorrow.

Boumzbar said the pair head into the championships with high ambitions and sees the continental event as an important opportunity to test themselves against some of Asia's leading young karatekas.

"Our goal is for the players to benefit from this continental participation and produce performances that reflect the development of Bahraini karate," he said.

"We will do everything we can to achieve the best possible results and raise Bahrain's flag at this Asian event."

Fury claims Joshua bout is off, calls for Usyk trilogy

AFP | London

Tyson Fury has suggested his all-British blockbuster bout with Anthony Joshua is off and has challenged Oleksandr Usyk to a third fight.

Fury and Joshua have been locked in negotiations over a mega-money bout but the 'Gypsy King' has grown impatient at a lack of confirmation, calling



Tyson Fury

his rival a "coward" earlier in the week.

Fury has now said Joshua has "s**t his pants" and turned his

attention to Usyk, who he lost twice to on points in 2024.

"AJ has s**t his pants again, yet again," he told his followers in a post on social media. "After 11 years he has finally s**t his pants yet again."

"This will only lead me to a fight with Oleksandr Usyk. Oleksandr you're his (Joshua's) trainer and his sensei and you know he is a weak minded piece

of s**t and that he would never fight the Gypsy King, which you have had the guts to do twice.

"You got the decisions last time, fair play to you. Good luck to you, let's do it again. Let's run it back in November. The ball is now in your court... do you want to fight me this year, 2026, or are you calling quits? Let me know because I am now looking for a new opponent."

England quick Archer in 'good place' after injuries

AFP | London

England paceman Jofra Archer believes he is now in a "good place" after a succession of career-threatening injuries but said there had been some benefits from

lengthy spells on the sidelines.

Barbados-born Archer arrived in the UK in 2015 and four years later he was the spearhead of England's attack in their dramatic World Cup final triumph at Lord's, as well as starring in the 2019 Ashes.