

On an appropriately hot and sultry night in the Residence Gardens, the UK band, ZUM, took to stage and performed an evening of awesome Eastern European gypsy fiddle music and hot-blooded Argentinian tango. There was even some dancing in the aisles!

The **ZUM Trio** comprises the intriguing combination of violin, cello and accordion creating an enticingly unique and beautiful sound-world, performing music that includes 'Nuevo Tango' masterpieces by Astor Piazzolla and music from the golden era of tango, alongside addictive traditional gypsy melodies and dazzling virtuoso fiddling. The band add their own compelling original material, inspired by both gypsy and tango, lightly spiced with a host of influences that include bluegrass, calypso, jazz, klezmer and bebop.

Adam Summerhayes is an internationally acclaimed soloist, chamber musician and compulsive composer. Adam had just acquired a very unusual electric violin. Apparently there are only 2 in the world and the other belongs to Vanessa Mae. **ZUM** performed many of his compositions with intriguing titles such as 'Five Naked Ladybirds', 'An Odd Snorkle'. A favourite with the audience was 'Sunday Roast'.

Chris Grist has a busy career as a cellist, specializing in chamber music, has taken him throughout the UK, to Europe and to the Americas and is principal cellist of the renowned chamber ensemble, London Concertante.



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Eddie Hession is one of Europe's master accordionists and has played on films that include Lord of the Rings, Chocolat, Mickey Blue Eyes, Evita, Shrek, Chicken Run, Gosford Park, Shipping News and Captain Corelli's Mandolin, as well as recording the theme tune for Captain Pugwash.

After a number of encores, the trio retired to rehydrate and prepare for their journey to Al Khobar the following morning. They performed Al Khobar on June 4th and in Jeddah on the 5th.

The evening was organised by Jan Patrick, Ian Crawford & Owain Raw-Rees. HMA Mr William Patey and Mrs Vanessa Patey hosted **ZUM** at the Residence and generous sponsorship was received from **bmi, Kanoo, AXA Insurance** and **BAE Systems**.

Riyadh Round Table



Further to the notice of the luncheon hosted by the Ambassador in the last edition of RGBB News there have been a number of enquiries regarding Round Table.

The Riyadh Round Table (RRT) was established in 1982 and is a part of the Association of Round Tables Arabian Gulf, which in turn is part of Round Table International. Members or Tablers meet on a regular basis to discuss business and social matters, bearing in mind the Aims and Objects of Round Table, which are as follows:

- To develop the acquaintance of young men through the medium of their various occupations.
- To emphasize the fact that one's calling offers an excellent medium of service to the community.
- To cultivate the highest ideals in Business, Professional and Civic traditions.
- To recognise the worthiness of all legitimate occupations and to dignify each his own by precept and example.
- To further the establishment of peace and goodwill in International Relationships.
- To further these objects by meetings, lectures, discussion and other activities.

Following the recent AGM of RRT the new officers are as follows:

- Chairman Paul Wicks
- Vice Chairman – Gary Richardson
- Secretary – Allan Day
- Membership – Mike Roberts

Currently RRT has in excess of 20 members and past members – there is an age cut off of 45! RRT is always looking for new members who feel that they can contribute to and fulfill the aims and objects detailed above.

