

## **Linzi Stoppard & Ben Lee Rock The Televised International GQ Awards...**

*Electric String Super Group - FUSE, aka violin duo Linzi Stoppard and Ben Lee, rocked the VIP celebrity crowd for the televised international GQ Men of the Year Awards in Mumbai India...*

October 1, 2009 (FPRC) -- Electric rock violinists Linzi Stoppard & Ben Lee, aka FUSE, headline at the televised international GQ Men of the Year Awards from Mumbai, India. To be broadcast on Star World across India and Asia. (Audience figures are expected to be 100 million+.)

The height of men's fashion awards were at the Mumbai Grand Hyatt hotel on Sunday night, attracting Bollywood's best came out to party.

The star-studded show was hosted by 'Wake Up Sid' star Rahul Khanna and entertainment numbers included a show stopping rocking performance from the string super group FUSE, Linzi Stoppard and Ben Lee.

Linzi Stoppard and Ben Lee are the new violin rock stars of the future. Not satisfied with being just another classical crossover string cliché FUSE wanted to shake up the classical world and leave a mark. And that's exactly what they did - rockin' the celebrity crowd with tracks from their breakthrough album.

FUSE's Linzi Stoppard & Ben Lee are putting the finishing touches to their much anticipated debut release 'Glorious', scheduled for an early release in the New Year. Apparently it is well worth the wait, re-writing what was thought possible for a traditionally classical instrument, the FUSE album will shake up the classical world with their fresh electrifying approach to making the violin a real alternative to the more common place guitar. FUSE album seriously rocks.

FUSE have already been labelled as '...the most innovative string act for over a generation, setting the bar for a new breed of violinists!'

Celebrating in style comes naturally to men's luxury lifestyle magazine GQ. To commemorate one year of its arrival in India, the magazine launched the Men of the Year awards in association with Chivas Regal at the Grand Hyatt on Sunday. Lending the event some glitz and glamour were awardees Abhay Deol, who beautifully carried off the skinny tie look, Kareena Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan, Saif Ali Khan, Karan Johar, Katrina Kaif, Irrfan Khan, Karan Johar, Omar Abdullah, Parliament's resident tweeter Shashi Tharoor, Lara Dutta and Abhay Deol all lit up the evening with their presence!

So who took home the trophy of Man of the Year? While competition was rude, with big shots like Amitabh, Abhishek and Irrfan in the crowd, it was Saif Ali Khan who finally bagged the reward! However, it seemed like the 'Love Aaj Kal' star thought someone else deserved to win, and it's not who you would think! 'For me at the moment Kareena is my Man of the Year,' Saif said about his victory.

Amitabh Bachchan received the Lifetime Achievement Award and 'Road Movie' actor Abhay Deol

was awarded with the Breakthrough Talent title.

Here's the complete list of winners:

Writer of the year – Neel Mukherjee

Artist of the year - Atul Dodiya

Designer of the year – Rajesh Pratap Singh

Breakthrough Talent of the year – Abhay Deol

Excellence of the year – Vishal Bharadwaj

TV Personality of the year - Sreenivasan Jain

Businessman of the year – Aditya Puri

Excellence of the year – Kareena Kapoor

Outstanding Achievement of the year – Irrfan Khan

Sportsman of the year – Leander Paes

Excellence of the year – Karan Johar

Inspiration of the year - Shashi Tharoor

Ultimate GQ Man of the year – Saif Ali Khan

Global Indian of the year - Dr. Rajendra Pachauri

Woman of the year – Katrina Kaif

Young Leader of the year – Omar Abdullah

Lifetime Achievement of the year – Amitabh Bachchan

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