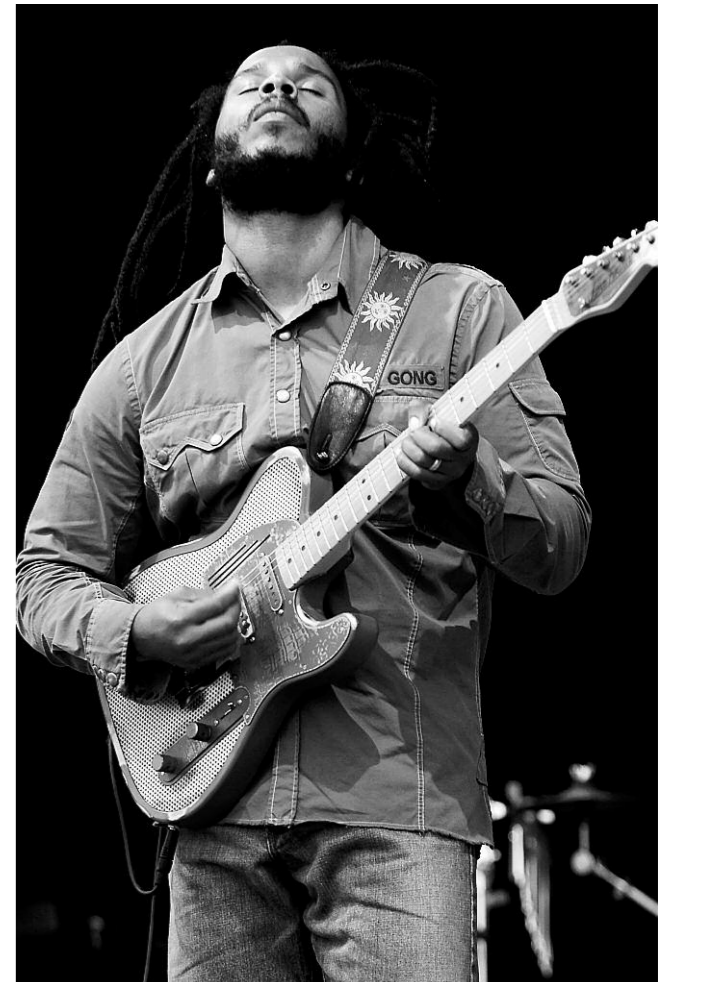


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Desert storm

Dubai is the brashest, most OTT city in the world, and now it has a pop festival to match. Simon Hardeman mingled with the Gucci-wearing crowd for two days of bling – and a bit of music, too



Theatre listings for Adelphi, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Dirty Dancing, Stomp, Glengarry Glen Ross, Wicked, and ALEX.

Theatre listings for Cambridge, Chicago, Boeving-Boeving, The 39 Steps, Dominion, We Will Rock You, Donmar, Parade, and The Lord of the Rings.

Theatre listings for DUCHESS THEATRE (Buddy, RENT), Garrick Theatre (The Woman in Black, Bad Girls), and Gielgud Theatre (Macbeth, Nicholas Nickleby).

Theatre listings for Her Majesty's (The Phantom of the Opera), Lyric (Cabaret, Genius), National Theatre (Present Laughter), and London Palladium (The Sound of Music).

Theatre listings for Novello (Desperately Seeking Susan, Blondie), Playhouse Theatre (Footloose), Trafalgar Studios (Patrick Kielty), and Piccadilly (Grease).

Theatre listings for Prince Edward (Mary Poppins), Prince of Wales Theatre (Mamma Mia!), and Queens Theatre (The World's Longest Running Musical).

Theatre listings for Victoria Palace (Billy Elliot), Wyndham's (Poignant Perfektion), and Shaftesbury Theatre (Hairspray).

entertainment listings

Dubai is bling city: it has the world's tallest building (the Burj Dubai), the largest shopping mall, and the most ludicrously OTT shoreline developments...

apparent string or horn component. The harpist was a particularly forlorn figure, only occasionally called upon to pluck a few chords, but perched high and looking impossibly alluring: she was so Dubai.



Pop pickers: stars wowing the young Dubai crowd included (clockwise from far left) Mika; Kanye West; Ziggy Marley; Suggs of Madness; and Joss Stone

Marley had ignored local organisers' requests not to sing "Shalom" in a set whose high points were jolly readings of his father's hits, and Madness had put in a tired but expat-pleasing greatest-hits set.



As Mika bounced around the stage, he was like a kids' TV presenter on a diet of industrial-strength E-numbers