

# New Year bells in Canada for Golden Chimes

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**Event :** December 31st Dinner Dance  
**Venue :** Black Foot Inn Hotel, Calgary, Canada.  
**The Band :** Golden Chimes-Chanaka Perera on bass, Lankika Perera on vocals, Sunanga Perera on lead, Lalaka Peiris on keyboards, Kamal Galage on drums, Etanga Fernando on percussion, Chamila Perera on vocals.  
**Organisers :** Sri Lanka-Canada Association, Calgary.

The evening began at 6.30 pm, the dinner served at 7.30 p.m. And the Dance 9.00p.m. To start the session with The Golden Chimes with its lead vocalist Lankika Perera started with several jive, cha cha, waltz, and romantic music and songs. The floor was filled with Sri Lankan couples living in Canada and also with several Canadian couples.

The midnight session commenced with a countdown followed by a sequence of golden oldies such as *Auld Lang Syne*, *Down By the River side* and *Roll Out The Barrel* before Sri Lankan oldies chipped in with *Dambula Galay*, *Sripade*, and several other songs to be followed by a characteristic (kapirina) session taking every Sri Lankan back to good old memories of Sri Lanka. Cool Jays Entertainment Director and new male vocalist Golden Chimes, DJ Chamila Perera was the



Golden Chimes' members with Felix Kulasekera

emcee who dragged the event's balla competition to a crescendo.

There were prizes and surprises. An Air ticket to Las Vegas sponsored by Mr. Felix Kulasekera of Feliterix was one of them. Rohantha Kulasekera of Feliterix sponsored the band.

The Dance went on until 3.30 pm. They all ate Kiribath (Milk Rice) with the dawning of the New Year.

This is how Lankika Perera of Golden Chimes described their New Year performance in Canada: "It was an unforgettable Night of music, dance and fun amidst the love of Sri Lankan public who lives in Canada.

It was very well arranged. And I must not fail to thank Tony de Silva, the President of the Canada - Sri Lanka Association for fans in Canada, and made organising it."

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# All shook up on King's B'day

The fans of Elvis Presley got All Shook up on Thursday (09) to Rock's first and undisputed superstar, The King of Rock and Roll on his 74 th birthday. Elvis has topped business magazine Forbes' 2008 list of dead celebrities' earnings.

Meanwhile President -elect Barack Obama wants to use one of Elvis' songs in his inauguration. The inauguration committee for Obama has requested the use of Presley hit If I Can Dream from Elvis Presley Enterprises' parent company CKX.Presley's birthday was celebrated at his Graceland estate in Memphis, where he died in 1977.

The ceremony was hosted by Priscilla Presley, along with Graceland EPE officials.

Several Elvis Presley inspired blood drives were kicked off at several blood centres in US, where donors received free Elvis T-shirts, caps and bags. Donors also won trips to Memphis and Las Vegas.

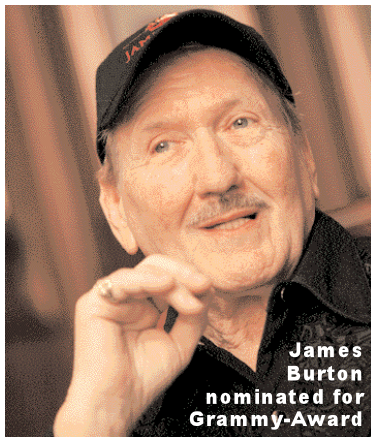
The Presley Fan Club of Ceylon has also arranged special programmes to celebrate the King's birthday.

One of them was arranged with the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation which aired several hits by Elvis from 8 to 8.30 am.

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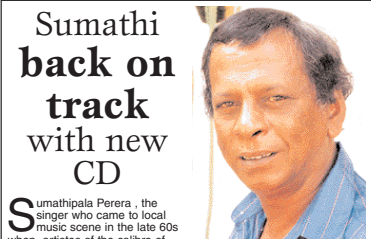


Elvis Presley was born in this home in Tupelo, Miss., on Jan. 8, 1935. Photo Credit: Craig Shelburne



James Burton nominated for Grammy-Award

Legendary US guitarist James Burton, who leads the TCB Band, poses on January 8, 2009 in Vienna. Burton, who is nominated for this year's Grammy-Award for "Best Country Instrumental performance," played with Elvis Presley's band from 1969-1977. TCB stands for "taking care of business."



**Sumathi back on track with new CD**

Sumathipala Perera, the singer who came to local music scene in the late 60s when artistes of the calibre of late H.R. Jothipala, M.S. Fernando and Clarence Wijewardena was dominating the field of Sinhala pop music, has launched a new CD titled Puchi Puchi Kandulu Bindu.

Sumathipala released his new CD with 12 songs after returning from Italy for a holiday in Sri Lanka (SLBC).

The artiste said, the track, Puchi Puchi Kandulu Bindu was first aired by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation.

Sumathi introduced his first album of songs in 1970 on EP. The EP had

four songs including Dakime Nettawa and Kendare.

He had performed as a regular singer at Lake Club of Kandy in the 70s.

Sumathi received guidance from Late music masters, R.A. Chandrasekara and Jayatissa Hettiarachchi.

He occasionally sings covers of kapirinnat balla (j) by Nihal Nelson and M.S. Fernando. He had also sung with late singer actress Rukmani Devi in a musical show at Mathugama. "I sang Nelum Male Pethi Kadala with Rukmani Devi," he said.

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## SONG BANK

**Bm D**  
You had my heart, and we'll never be world apart  
**A G**  
Maybe in magazines, but you'll still be my star  
**Bm D**  
Baby cause in the dark, you can see shiny cars  
**A**  
And that's when you need me there  
**G**  
With you I'll always share  
**D**  
Because  
**G**  
Chorus: When the sun shines  
**D**  
We'll shine together  
**A**  
Told you I'll be here forever  
**Bm**  
That I'll always be your friend  
**G**  
Took an oath Imma stick it out 'till the end  
**D**  
Now that it's raining more than ever  
**A**  
Know that we still have each other  
**Bm**  
You can stand under my umbrella  
**G**  
You can stand under my umbrella  
**D**  
(ella ella eh eh eh)  
**A**  
Under my umbrella  
**Bm**  
(ella ella eh eh eh)  
**G**  
Under my umbrella  
**D**  
(ella ella eh eh eh)  
**A**  
Under my umbrella  
**Bm**  
(ella ella eh eh eh eh eh)

These fancy things will never come in between  
You're part of my entity, here for infinity  
When the war has took its part  
When the world has dealt its cards  
If the hand is hard, together we'll mend your heart  
Because  
**Back to: Chorus**  
**G**  
You can run into my arms  
**D**  
It's okay don't be alarmed come into me  
(There's no distance in between our love)  
**G**  
So gonna let the rain pour  
**F#**  
I'll be all you need and more!  
**G**  
Because...  
**Back to: Chorus**  
**G**  
It's raining (raining)  
**A**

**Ooo baby it's raining**  
**F#**  
Baby come into me  
**Bm**  
Come into me  
**And that's**  
when you need me there  
**G**  
With you I'll always share  
**D**  
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**Bm**  
Come into me  
**G**  
It's raining (raining) FO/Fade



## Under My Umbrella

- Rihanna

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**Date of Birth:** February 20, 1988  
**BornWhere?** St. Michael, Barbados  
**Birth Name:** Robyn Rihanna Fenty  
**Nicknames:** RiRi, Caribbean Queen, The Barbados Babe, The New Princess of Pop, Thunder Thighs  
**Height 5' 9" (1.75 m)**

**Mini Biography**  
Rihanna lived the life of a normal island girl going to Combermere, a top sixth form school, similar to grammar schools in the UK. Rihanna won a beauty pageant and performed Mariah Carey's "Hero" in a school talent show. Her life changed forever when one of her friends introduced her to Evan Rodgers, a producer from New York who was in Barbados for vacation with his wife, who is a native.

Rodgers arranged for her to go to New York to meet Jay-Z, CEO of Def Jam Records. He heard her sing and knew she was going to be big and for more than just one song. She was 16 when she was signed to Def Jam. Rihanna's debut is "Music of the Sun".