

History Channel starts series on classic rock music

The History Channel, an infotainment television channel, has launched a 17-part special series on classic rock music.

The series 'History Rocks' was launched Friday with a concert by the Indian band 'Parikrama' in the capital.

It will formally go on air June 5 and will present recordings of memorable concerts, rare documentaries and interviews with the cult figures of music and offer a glimpse into the lives of the rock legends spanning four decades of rock music since the '60s, a communique by the channel said.

'It will be a beautiful series because I watched when it was on television the last time. It is being re-launched with several new additions and new features this time, in a completely new avatar. I am looking forward to its inaugural episode on Metallica's Black, the documentary on Bob Marley and Pink Floyd's 'Dark Side of The Moon'.

'There is also a docu-feature on Pink Floyd's signature album, which no other channel has shown before,' Subir Malik of Parikrama told IANS Saturday.

Parikrama played 10 originals, which include two new releases - 'Lechaim' (an Israeli word which means 'two lives') and 'Life is Certain' - for the History Channel concert. Besides, it also paid tribute to Jimi Hendrix, AC/DC and Pink Floyd.

The channel will kick off the rock fiesta with a capsule on Metallica's classic album 'Black', which grabbed headlines in the 1980s. The group was billed as the world's biggest thrash metal band, serving music that was faster and louder than anything that mainstream western music had ever heard.

A documentary June 12 will probe the making of U2's classic album 'Joshua Tree' and a behind-the-scene movie on the iconic 1973 Pink Floyd album 'The Dark Side of the Moon' will be telecast June 19. A documentary on Jimi Hendrix's 'Electric Ladybird' will be aired June 26.

Other episodes, according to the History Channel, will include those on Elvis Presley, Rolling Stones, The Doors, The Who, Queen, Deep Purple and Santana.

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