

German band wows guests at Oktoberfest show

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RENOWNED German Bavarian band 'X'elch'ten' captivated guests with its traditional songs at the opening of this year's celebration of the world-famous Bavarian festival 'Oktoberfest' at the InterContinental Doha on Wednesday.

The four-day event, which will conclude on October 9, also featured an array of

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authentic Germany-made products and cuisines.

Oktoberfest is the world's largest fair which originated in Munich, Bavaria, Germany.

Besides the lavish celebration by Germans in their home country, the festival is being observed annually in many countries across the globe.

This is for the seventh consecutive year that InterContinental Doha is celebrating the festival.

It has been one of the most popular annual gatherings of German and other nationals resident in Qatar.

Talking to Qatar Tribune during the inauguration of the ceremony, InterContinental Doha General Manager, Hafidh al Busaidy said: "This year Intercon's celebration of Oktoberfest offers more fun and entertainment. We've been planning for this event since April. We brought in a



Bavarian band 'X'elch'ten' performs during the opening of Oktoberfest festival at InterContinental hotel, in Doha, on Wednesday. (JALAL PATHYLOOR)

traditional Bavarian band to provide entertainment. And, for 4 days, we will be serving traditional Bavarian cuisines and beverages. We expect thousands of Doha residents to join us in this celebration this year."

The huge tent set up at the hotel was adorned with long tables and chairs to create the setting similar to the festival observed in Munich and other countries.

The setting allowed for

more interaction among guests, which is one of the primary features of the celebration.

The Bavarian band 'X'elch'ten' delighted the guests with their German folk songs rendition and classic foot-tapping hits.

The guests, who could not resist the soulful songs, would every now and then be on their feet to dance along with the energetic musicians.

The mixed crowd also feast-



An artiste entertains guests at the event. (QT PHOTO)

ed on traditional fare such as weisswurst (white sausage), hendl (chicken) and roast beef as well as other international cuisines, including an array of salads, pastries and desserts.

"The Oktoberfest celebration in the Philippines is usually marked by live entertainment at different venues, featuring our country's prominent rock bands. This is the first time I am attending Oktoberfest in Doha. I really

enjoyed it as I had a great time to associate with other residents here," a Filipino, Sydney Masilang remarked about the occasion.

A German national, Wilhelm, said he appreciated the support other nationalities in Doha showed to his country's world-renowned festival.

The Oktoberfest tent opens from 8pm until late in the night daily. Tickets are priced at QR200.