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Performers impress at cultural fest

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IMPRESSIVE. This word best describes the performances by both local and foreign groups at last Sunday's Commonwealth Cultural Festival, held at the Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur.

The daily event, held from Sept 12 to 20, is in conjunction with the 16th Commonwealth Games.

The two-hour show started at 8.45pm with a performance by a nine-member Steel Orchestra from Trinidad and Tobago. The group entertained the audience with rousing songs to the beat of steel drums.

This was followed by a colourful performance by the Bhangra troupe from India which consisted both male and female dances. Garbed in striking costumes and presenting a lively show, the group was a hit among the audience.

A cultural troupe from South Africa came on next with an energetic tribal dance accompanied by loud drum beats.

Malaysian dancers presented a mixture of Indian, Malay and Chinese dances titled To Know Malaysia.

Popular singer Fauziah Latiff delivered two numbers namely Semuanya Bukan Halangan and Ku Pohon Kemaafan. Her presence was eagerly awaited by her fans as this marks her comeback after giving birth to a baby boy two months ago.

Another local singer who performed that night was Roy. The show was hosted by TV3 personalities Normala Shamsuddin and Suhaimi Sulaiman.

The annual cultural festival, Malaysia Fest 1998, was also launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that night.

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