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Music festival winners perform for public

WINNERS of the Festival of Music Kuala Lumpur 2001 performed "live" in front of an appreciative audience comprising family, friends and music lovers at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre in Bandar Sunway, Selangor recently.

Titled "Winners in Performance", the show featured over 70 winners in the music festival.

The performers were classified under two sections, classical and pop or jazz.

In the classical section, they were further divided into under-18 and above-18 categories.

Some of the performers were as young as 12. A majority of them have already performed in concerts locally and abroad.

Show organiser Omnissia Sdn Bhd's executive chairman Lim Mayli said this was the first time such a festival was put together for talented young musicians in the country.

She said the pool of classical performers was much bigger than that for pop and jazz, although classical music training took a longer time.

"The show was one of the ways to gauge the kind of music popularly taken up by those who want to pursue music seriously," Lim said.

"Such shows also provide an avenue for young musicians to showcase their talents and abilities for the sake of personal achievement.

"Furthermore, this is one way to bring together the rich talent of classical, pop or jazz performers and boost music education in Malaysia," she added.

Lim also said the competition was open to all, regardless of the music styles, background or education.

Lim was also grateful for the patronage of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, at the music festival. Dr Siti Hasmah is an avid patron of arts and culture.

"Preparations for the 2002 Festival of Music are underway, and with the support of sponsors, we hope the show will be bigger than last year's," she added.

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