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Dazzle and tassels

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SHARIFAH SAKINAH ALJUNID unwraps memories from the 17th Malaysian Film Festival's side attraction of stars as fashionistas.

SILVER screen sensations shone in myriad styles at the recent 17th Malaysian Film Festival held at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur. From batik shirts and kebayas to black suits and ball gowns, they were ready to receive (or not receive) their awards. Some showed splendid fashion sense but others left much to be desired.

Bewitching beauty Maya Karin who plays the lead in Shuhaimi Baba's Pontianak was in a demure champagne-coloured outfit by Radzuan Radziwill. The three-piece consisted of a corset, a sheer top in gold French lace and a matching long skirt.

"I prefer garments that come in separate pieces so I can mix and match them at another event," said Maya.

Hard to miss was actress Nanu Baharuddin (pictured on the front page). She looked ravishing in a sleeveless long dress with floral motifs of lace by designer Dino of Molek boutique.

Movie-goers' favourite hero, Rosyam Nor, was in a batik shirt by Tom Abang Saufi Homme while Best Supporting Actress Sharifah Aleya bloomed in a stunning off-shoulder number by Albert King.

Puteri Gunung Ledang's lead actress Tiara Jacquelina looked like a modern princess in a chilli red Zang Toi strapless dress. "I love Zang Toi for red carpet events," she said. Her husband, Datuk Effendi Norwawi, was just as striking in a maroon suit of Italian raw silk.

Looking chic in a pair of cuffed jeans and a three-quarter jacket was Most Promising Actress, Nurfaizura. Demure and dazzling were golden couple Anita Sarawak and husband Mahathir Abdullah. The diva was dressed in a light-coloured modern baju kurung while Mahathir was in a dark Nehru-collared suit. Mahathir's son, Matthew, was also there.

Among the stars who did not sparkle in the style department was one who came in a rather loose outfit with a ruched bodice and another who almost dusted the hall with her extra long pleated skirt and fringed shawl. Now, that's what you call making a sweeping statement!

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