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FAME PERFORMANCE-THE FANTASTIC MUSICAL, DANCE AND SOUND SMASH HIT SHOW

Equine Park, Selangor, Malaysia: 26th March 2010... The Alice Smith School's recent musical production, FAME was a big hit. The play opens with a group of vibrant, energetic young people auditioning for the chance to study at the famous New York High School of Performing Arts. Once accepted, the students are greeted by Miss Sherman, their English teacher, who warns them that it takes a lot more than dreams to succeed in Performing Arts. One of the most successful musical productions with productions in nearly 25 countries worldwide, the musical touches on many issues that confront young people today including issues of prejudice, identity, self-worth, literacy and perseverance.

For diehard fans of FAME, the songs played would certainly get one's feet tapping to the tune instantly, bringing back some fond memories. With sell-out performances for four nights, the revival of the musical has definitely attracted fans both young and old.

Directed by Melissa Bicknell, drama teacher at the Secondary Campus, more than 50 students from ages 13 to 18 make up the cast and crew. They were auditioned in September 2009 and have been preparing since then.

"This is one of the most challenging musicals to put together. The dance, music and vocal arrangements are far more complex. With the development of drama at the school and its growth as a subject, the students are far more skilled as performers and rose to the challenge. We have been fortunate this year to have found the most incredible cast of students we could have hoped for. Committed and enthusiastic, they have made rehearsals fun and enjoyable from start to finish" adds Melissa Bicknell.

To give the performance the extra edge, students also had the opportunity to work with professional musicians and choreographer for the first time.

Playing the role of Serena (Leah Sams), Mable (Tunku Martika Tunku Mu'tamir) and Carmen (Sofia Tengku Daud), the girls were very excited. All agreed they could relate very easily to their character in the show, and have grown and improved in many aspects. Though practices have been intense, they had a lot of fun practicing and rehearsing their parts.

"The teachers in school have been working very hard to pull this spectacular show together and have invested a lot of time, effort and energy in ensuring that every aspect is of top quality. The students taking part have much to gain from their involvement in this event which, by combining dance, drama and music, allows students to share their creativity in unique ways to create an original performance outside of the traditional curriculum and traditional classroom environment" said Valerie Thomas-Peter, Director of the Alice Smith School.

The Alice Smith School has a growing reputation as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Expressive Arts of which FAME production is yet another example.

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Casts of FAME



Auditioning for the chance to study at the famous New York High School of Performing Arts



Tunku Martika Tunku Mu'tamir as Mabel Washington



Scene from the Graduation