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A Celebration of Diverse Talents in ITE

12 Youths Vying for Honours in Four Categories

The search for ITE's very own performing talents has unearthed outstanding youths with different talents. One dozen talented finalists will compete for top spots in four categories - ***Instrumental, Dance, Vocal and Open*** - at the **Grand Finals** of the **Inaugural iTalent 2010** on **Monday, 15 Mar 2010, 8 pm** at **ITE College East**.

2 Over 400 students sent in their applications, and after a gruelling process of auditions followed by the semi-finals, the best three contestants in each of the four categories were selected for the Grand Finals. Please refer to **Annex A** for the list of finalists by category.

A Show That is Brought Together by ITE Talents of All Forms

3 ITE's **Hands-on, Minds-on and Hearts-On** approach to education has developed students with unique skills. The iTalent finalists will have their hair done by ITE's *Nitec* in Hair Fashion and Design students, while their make-up will be done by ITE's *Nitec* in Beauty Therapy students. Students from the ITE College East's *Nitec* in Digital Audio & Video Production tried their hands in the production of the iTalent Roadshows videos. These can be found on the iTalent website: <http://ce.ite.edu.sg/italent/>. Besides this, they will also join students from ITE's *Higher Nitec* in Electrical Engineering to do the stage set-up, audio systems and lighting effects. Indeed, the competition would not have been possible without the diverse variety of skills and talents in ITE students.

Leading Industry Professionals in the Jury Panel

4 The night's verdict will be in the hands of a panel of judges who are accomplished professionals in their respective fields. They include Mr Vincente Michael Gaspar, Mr Zaini Tahir, Mr Jay Che and Mr Peter Tan. Details on the four expert judges are appended at **Annex B.**

Invitation to Media – Dinner and Grand Finals

5 Prior to the visual treats, let us have the pleasure of treating your taste buds first. We welcome you to join us at **ITE College East (Function Hall), Level 3, 10 Simei Avenue, Singapore 486047** at **7:00 pm** for Dinner and thereafter to the Auditorium to enjoy The Grand Finals at **8:00 pm**. The programme and location map are attached at **Annexes C & D** respectively.

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About the Institute of Technical Education

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore, was established as a postsecondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "One ITE System, Three Colleges" Model of Education and Governance, ITE has three Colleges, comprising ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West. For more information, please visit www.ite.edu.sg.



Top 12 Finalists by Competition Category

Instrumental Category

Contestants:

IM01 *Twisted Trees*

IM02 *Soul 56*

IM03 *El Corazon Del Soul*

Dance Category

Contestants:

DC01 *Muhd Haicurl*

DC02 *Fresh Elements*

DC03 *Freekzy Nuts*

Open Category

Contestants:

OP01 *Muhd Zulkarnain (Beatboxing)*

OP02 *Beat That...! (Stomp)*

OP03 *Khairul Anwar (Beatboxing)*

Vocal Category

Contestants:

VC01 *Kamsani Jumahat*

VC02 *Zul Nor Farahin Haron*

VC03 *Mohamed Nurfadzlee*



Judges' Profile

1. Vincente Michael Gaspar

Michael is an accomplished and versatile classical guitarist renowned for the successes he brought to many guitar ensembles in Singapore. He is instrumental in developing several arts exposure programmes and contributed immensely to music education over the past 20 years with the development of highly creative music course curriculum for MOE schools, production of musicals and composition of creative and award-winning music.

2. Zaini Tahir

Zaini started dancing at a late age of 19 when he joined the Singapore Armed Forces music and drama company as an artiste. Upon graduation from the National University of Singapore, he continued his passion in the performing arts and worked as a dancer / choreographer for projects in Japan, Germany, Canada, and the United States. The founder, resident choreographer and artistic director of NUS dance ensemble, Zaini is also the Republic Cultural Centre's Assistant Director (Artistic Development). Recently he won the best choreographer award at the new Prague Dance Festival 2009.

3. Jay Che

Jay is the founder of Circus in Motion, a local contemporary circus arts company that runs circus workshops and specialises in performing circus arts. Trained by the National Institute of Circus Arts in Melbourne, with their philosophy to work with youths using circus arts, his company has trained more than 1000 youths in circus arts. As an active performer, Jay has appeared in circus and street performing festivals in Cambodia and Europe.

4. Peter Tan

Principal and founder of the Music Clinic Pte Ltd, Peter has over 12 years of music teaching experience and a singing career that spans over 20 years. Together with his team of experienced and qualified instructors, his school is one of the most renowned music training school in the region, nurturing talents to become top celebrity performers. Local and regional artistes who have come under his wing include celebrities such as Stefanie Sun, Zoe Tay and Fiona Xie. Besides being a celebrity vocal coach, Peter is also a renowned performing artiste. In year 2005, Peter held a sell-out debut solo concert at the esplanade recital studio.



Programme

6:45 pm	Registration & Dinner Reception
7:45 pm	Guests to be in the Auditorium
8:00 pm	Video Presentation- Passion Ablaze!
8:00 pm	Grand Finals by category 1) Instrumental 2) Dance 3) Open 4) Vocal
9:10 pm	Guest Performances and Interview Segment with top 12 Finalists
9:45 pm	Presentation of Token of Appreciation to Judges (Finals) By Mr Bruce Poh, Director & CEO, ITE Results and Prize Presentation by Category By Mr Bob Tan, Chairman, ITE Group Photography on stage
10:00 pm	End of Programme

Location Map

ITE College East

10 Simei Avenue, Singapore 486047

