

INDIAN SCHOOL AL GHUBRA

‘Belle of Barcelona’ charms the audience at 21st Founders Day of ISG



Indian School Al Ghubra celebrated its 21th Founders Day on Wednesday, 2 November 2011 in splendour. The Chief Guest was H. E. Sayyid Saud Bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Minister of State and Governor of Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. Dr. P Mohammed Ali, Founder and Patron, ISG, Mr. Ahmed Rayees, President, members of the School Management Committee, other dignitaries, parents and well-wishers graced the occasion.



In his address Dr. Mohammed Ali, Founder, Indian School Al Ghubra lauded the efforts of the staff and students in the exceptional performance of the school year after year. He expressed his pride in ISG being looked upon as a pioneer institution for various newcomers in the field of education.

Mr. Ahmed Rayees, President, School Management Committee, reminisced the years of tremendous satisfaction he has had with his association with ISG. He shared the moments of gratification he experienced when ISG has been internationally lauded for its student alumni.

The Principal, Mrs. Papri Ghosh, formally welcomed the gathering and thanked all those who were responsible for making ISG a first rate institution

Maria Abraham and Gitanjali Biju welcomed all the dignitaries in the traditional way with flowers.

The Year of Achievement 2010-11', took one and all on a trip down memory lane as the presentation highlighted all the major events in ISG in the last academic year. Awards and certificates were presented to students for their exceptional achievements in academics, sports and art.

The Cultural Programme for the evening took off with 'Rhythun'- an ensemble of Indian classical music, which combined the vibrant rhythms from the various parts of India. The identity of each region of the country is based on its unique rhythm. Rhythun



was a splendid composition combining the vibrant rhythms of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and the other southern regions of India. The students performed on the Tabla, Dholak, Dhol, Mrudangam, Dholki, Congo and Drums accompanied by the choir.

The ISG campus was made over into a Spanish town, with a majestic fountain adorning the entry and the lanes paved with ornamental lamp posts. The audience was thus transported to witnessing the 'Belle of Barcelona' in its most authentic atmosphere.



This musical tells the tale of Margarita de Montero, daughter of a wealthy plantation owner, who has just returned from finishing school. Her accidental encounter with Lieutenant Harold Wright after 3 years, rekindles old memories. However they still cannot aspire of a life together as Margarita is now betrothed to a scheming Spanish nobleman, Senor de Levega. Lieutenant Harold Wright in his effort to

break the engagement , makes surprising discoveries that reveal the nobleman's true character. The dramatic turn of events gives the musical an astonishing finale.

The elaborate sets and the professional stage presence of the students held the audience spell bound with its wonderful characters, scintillating dance and authentic tunes. As the narrator, Snehangshi Bose, took the audience into the Spanish tale remarkably. Priyadarshini Ashok played the role of Margarita, the Belle of Barcelona. Fahd Rayees played the role of Harold Wright with aplomb and Gokul Premnath shone as Senor de lavega. Siddharth Kutiala and Harshini Manikandan as Senor and Seniorita



Montero, staged an impressive performance. Aashish Shakeel, Aditya Jayakumar and Qais Parker displayed their talent as Pedro, Emilio and Patrick Malone respectively. The cast was made complete with the presence of Ipsita Chakraborty as Ms Ayers, Kartik Varma as Don Jose and Darshan Regi K as Captain Colton.

The supporting cast included Candice Grace Drennan the exchange student from Australia as the bridesmaid along with Merina Joseph. The flower girls played by Souparna Sreekumar and Athulya Rose Sebastian impressed one and all. Sankeertana David on the Piano added charm to the musical while Tina Koshy and Tejus Suresh played various short master pieces to entertain the audience.

The comperes for the evening were Madhura Patwardhan, Nizwa Anwar and Gijo K Reji. The 21th Founder's Day of ISG came to a close with the vote of thanks, followed by the National Anthem of India.