

THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI THE MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL CONCERT 2023-2024.

'Always make your true colours shine'

'Happiness is inside you'! - A chant that echoed throughout the school auditorium by all the participants and that signified the conclusion of the Middle and Senior School Concert leaving the audience spellbound. What we planned was that the concert would be considered a normal ninety-minute dramaticalization of thoughts and actions, but praise God for the endless blessings, as somehow it took the audience into another world of endless oblivion as they applauded for the various participants that took part in this memorable venture called 'TROLLS'- an adaptation from Walt Disney Productions. An elaboration of words to explain the humongous task undertaken by the entire team concerned would be an unlimited mass of worlds to fill, but then trials and tribulations are imperative if one wants to learn and succeed in any given quest.

Reflecting on trials! The good Lord knows that they began to take root about five months before the main day with the vast selection of the participants. Our teachers sprang into action as they selected students from the Middle School and the Senior School for Drama and Dance respectively. It was indeed a tough task, for at Bishop's Undri, talent flows into a never-ending stream of confidence and conviction, as our students always embrace their tasks at hand and execute their parts with zeal and valor. Our teachers however in the end selected all the enthusiastic students that came for the auditions by giving each one a role to perform in the play.

The play for the year was far from easy to execute and produce, as its success not only depended on the Drama and Dance elements but also the props and the costumes. Dressing and presenting the students with the various hair-coloured wigs and other paraphernalia of preposterous proportions was a work of art- not meant for the meek hearted. But then our Art Department with a little help from our teachers came to the rescue and produced the needed in dynamic quantities and qualities, that were never seen before.

For the play our esteemed Principal also introduced the LED screen to compliment the stage this time, instead of the traditional backdrop that we would use in the past. Initially it felt tantalizing as our teachers were habituated to complete targets without technological strains, but working as a unit and helping each other, the presentation was compiled and the background score was added with a modern approach, making the concert a winning combination that exceeded all expectations.

The most important aspect of its success was the persisting acclimatization of our participating students who soldiered on the various challenges posed to them, considering the time constraints.

As the rehearsal day arrived our students were nervous but ready by all means to perform and portray on stage the accomplished fruit of their hard work and endless efforts that they had put into making this concert a grand success. A few fine tunings of thoughts propelled them up, up and away; as they flew toward freedom. They started performing to the best of their ability and mesmerized the audience. Indeed, it actually felt like a performance meant for the main day.

The main day arrived and it was redemption time! The concerned teachers prepared the students costumes and makeup and it seemed that the good times would come to an end. Everybody has a sense of longing for a revival of the previous days spent during practice whether it was Dance or Drama.

The show started with the Violinists performing Simon and Garfunkel's 'The Sound of Silence'. This was followed by the Synopsis and then the play gathered momentum with the Narrator introducing the plot. The audience that evening was left flabbergasted by the presentation of the students especially the main characters and applause was common throughout the play. Right from the first scene to the last, the various dances and dialogues were executed with perfection and grace. An element of pleasant surprise and appreciation also overtook the minds of the audience as the dancers performed some amazing dance steps mainly for the Hulla Hup dance and the Zombie dance. The light effects and the Choir also added to the flair and brilliance expressed by all the students. And then it came upon the finale to announce the culmination of the play as the audience applauded for all the performers with their heart most zeal and pride. Our very own loving governing body member Pastor James expressed his thoughts and said that this was the best concert that he had ever witnessed. He went on congratulating all involved with the concert and highlighted their hard work and diligence that has gone into making the venture such a success. He also mentioned Muskan Kutty and praised her angelic voice for belting out 'Hello' by Lionel Richie while the dancers stole the hearts of the crowd. The finale was followed by the felicitation of all the concerned persons involved in the concert. What was also astoundingly appreciated was the Moral Values that the play gave to the present generation.

We would like to thank our Principal and our Headmaster for all the support and trust they have blessed us with. An apt saying by one of the main characters called King Pappy to end this joyful and exultating experience- 'When I say no troll left behind;' I mean no troll left behind.'



PRINCESS POPPY (PRUTHA BAKSHI) HAVING SOME FUN WITH BRANCH (VAYU GUPTA) AND THE OTHER TROLLS.



DO YOU KNOW THE ENEMY? CHEF PLAYED BY ANOUSHKA SAJJANKAR.



PRINCE GRISTLE (AMARTYA GHOSH) GIVING A LAMENTATION FOR CHANGE TO HIS PET BARNABAS (RAMONA BELL).



'ITS TIME FOR TROLLSTICE. UMM... TASTY TROLLS.'



'A LITTLE SLAPPY, MAKE DADDY HAPPY'- CLOUD (SOHAM SENAPATI) STEALS THE SHOW.



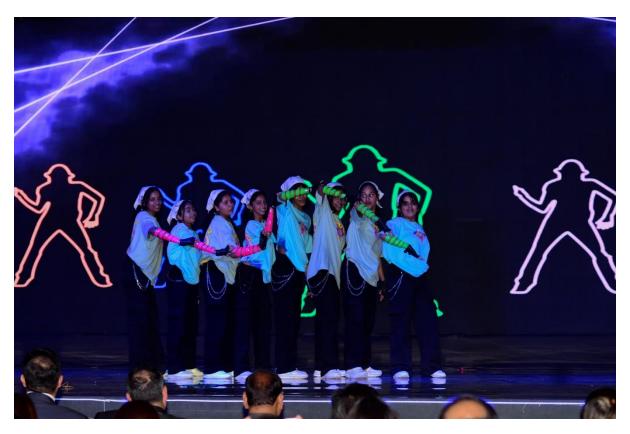
A MESSAGE FOR THE LOVERS OF THE NIGHT – 'LET ME START BY SAYING- I LOVE YOU.'



'EVERYBODY MOVE YOUR HAIR AND FEEL UNITED.'



OUR BALLET DANCERS GIVE US A PERFORMANCE TO REMEMBER.



'GOT THIS FEELING IN MY BODY'



OUR LOVING GOVERNING BODY MEMBER PASTOR JAMES DECREES THE CONCERT WAS THE BEST THAT HE'S EVER WITNESSED.



THE PRINCIPAL AND THE HEADMASTER SHARE A LIGHT MOMENT EXCHANGING SOUVENIRS.



THE PRINCIPAL CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS AS THE DAY IS OVER.

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