Innovative percussion concert a hit

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Twelve talented musicians from around the world shocked and thrilled the audience at the International Percussion Music Festival at Chiang Mai's National Cultural Hall last Wednesday.

The concert was an exciting mix of Western, European and traditional Asian styles, including an experimental new music composition by a Thai artist.

The show began with 12 artists showing off their unique musical styles using the traditional percussion instruments of various countries.

Valerie, a percussionist from New York, said the concert was a successful event.

"The goal was to bring together different cultures and create a unique sound that everyone could enjoy," she said.

Artists perform in the closing number that included all 12 musicians.

South African, Austrian and European professionals were among the performers, adding to the variety of sounds and instruments used.

The closing numbers included a mix of traditional and modern percussion styles, with artists from different parts of the world coming together to create a beautiful symphony.

The audience was left feeling uplifted by the performance and inspired to continue exploring the world of percussion music.

Vientiane women compete for beauty title

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Organisers of the Miss Asia Pageant 2008, held last week, selected 15 Vientiane residents to compete in the final round of the event on October 13.

The event took place at the Lao Women's Union Training Centre on Thursday, and was attended by 36 competitors, the judging panel, media representatives and family and friends of the contestants.

The best beauty contestant was crowned the winner of the pageant jointly selected by the Lao Women's Union and the Lao Women's Union.

"We are proud of all the contestants for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the pageant," said one of the organizers.

The pageant, which aims to encourage young women to appreciate Lao culture and traditional values, is the largest such event in Vientiane and Lao PDR.

The contestants were judged on their beauty, personality, talent and presentation.

Contestants pose in Vientiane during the final round of the Miss Asia Pageant.

After all the preliminary rounds had been held, the judging panel selected 15 contestants to compete in the final round, which will take place on December 30.

The winner will receive a crown worth 15 million kip, 30 million kip in cash, jewellery and a title.

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