

an exhibition of talent brings smiles to our faces make a scene

With the chanting of his friends from the crowd of audiences, he became less frightened as he presented himself on stage. Because **Nino Landicho**¹¹ has been inspired by his sisters' performances since he was young, he decided to test his skills with his first performance at the Kerr Talent Show where he danced and beatboxed.

"I like seeing the different type of dance styles and watch how the choreographers on Youtube incorporate their own personal style to the dance," Landicho said. "So then I thought to myself, 'well if they can do that, I can too.' It's just that when I dance, I'm able to find myself through it."

For **Peniel Tadesse**¹¹, his singing talent was noticed at a young age when he sang with the other kids at his church. And even though he was only 11 years old then, he was invited to join a band of mostly teenagers at the church.

"I was motivated to join because of my dad," Tadesse said. "He is my role model and my inspiration. He wrote most of the songs for the choir and he worked hard on his music. I really want to be like him."

After one of his band performances at church, a man, in tears, walked to Tadesse and told him his voice was touching. This pushed Tadesse to continue singing.

"I was like 'wow,'" Tadesse said. "I then realized that I am doing this with a reason. I am not just singing to entertain people. I am actually touching others with my voice."

Another performer in the name of **David Dang**¹² also sang at the Talent Show and became more appreciative of his voice after his performance that day.

"I discovered my talent around the age of 13," Dang said. "I sing when I'm with my friends and they say I'm not that bad. I wasn't inspired by anything. I just enjoyed singing and projecting my voice."

Because the Talent Show was the first time Dang performed in public, he felt nervous and sweated. But when he stepped on stage and started to sing, his hands stopped shaking and he was more calm.

"Singing strengthens my personality," Dang said. "It gives me self-confidence!"