

UMS band appeals for Sabah support

TBP 11.12.2006 P. 5

KOTA KINABALU: Andalusia, a five-member band comprising music undergraduates from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), is among the 20 finalists made up of 10 bands and 10 vocal groups who are currently participating in the ongoing third season of BLAST OFF! - the band and vocal group talent search initiated by Astro HITZ.TV (Astro Channel 16) - in Kuala Lumpur.

Members of Andalusia who formed the band about five months ago, are vocalist Lester Calvin Miol, 20, drummer Lazman Ibrahim, 21, Zizi Asri Saimin, 21, on the keyboard and vocals, lead guitarist Romeo Jaibet, 23, and bass guitarist Faustinus Jilum, 23.

Each of the members has different musical background, although among their favourite artistes are Gavin Degraw, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Deep Purple, The Killers and local acts like Deja Voo Doo Spells and Pop Shuvit and many more.

The group appeals to families and friends and the people of Sabah to support them in their quest for success as voting via SMS started on Dec 2.

"Every vote counts in this SMS-based competition. We therefore plead to all Sabahans to back and support us in this very competitive contest," Lester said on behalf of the other members, expressing their gratitude to all their Sabahan supporters.

To vote for Andalusia, type Band <space> ANDA and send it to 32888. For fixed line dial 13713 followed by 6.

Viewers can watch the BLAST OFF! on Astro HITZ.TV (Channel 16) every Saturday at 5pm. Repeats are on Sundays at 8pm, Mondays at midnight, Wednesdays at 3pm and Fridays 10am.

The BLAST OFF! Preliminary contest will start on Dec 23 at RUUMS Life Centre, Kuala Lumpur, on Channel 16.