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AURORA XXII – A DREAMY NIGHT TO REMEMBER

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On 18th May 2018, Friday, Temasek Junior College's Guitar Ensemble held their highly anticipated annual concert, AURORA XXII. The theme for this year's concert was 'Dreams'. It encapsulates the hope and free spirit of the youth - the stage of life that many in the audience can relate to.

The guitarists performed songs from different languages and included a range of songs, from classics like *Over the Rainbow* by Judy Garland from the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, to the chart-topping OST, *Stay With Me* from one of the hottest Korean dramas of 2017, *Goblin*.



IP ensemble playing a rendition of 关怀方式, The Way I care



JC ensemble united as one, strumming to Coup De Coeur

Some of the other highlights of the night included soundtracks from the musical film, *The Greatest Showman*. The ensemble played several songs like *A Million Dreams*, *Rewrite The Stars* and *This Is Me*, which won a Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song at the 75th Golden Globe Awards. These catchy and uplifting soundtracks inspired listeners to stay true to themselves and pursue their dreams. The audience were clearly enthralled - singing along, waving their hands and using their phones as torchlights when the ensemble was performing *Rewrite The Stars*, which was indeed a very heartwarming and touching sight to behold.



A favourite of many, Rewrite the Stars from the musical film, The Greatest Showman, performed by the full ensemble

Guitar chairperson, Jesselyn Nah of CG03/17 and vice chairperson, Aisyah Syahirah of CG01/17, concluded Aurora XXII with a heartwarming speech, thanking everyone who contributed to the success of this concert. One by one, the guitarists emerge from the auditorium, each with their hearts full from the love and support from their family and friends.



Chairperson, Jesselyn Nah (right) and vice chairperson, Aisyah Syahirah (left), are all smiles as they conclude Aurora XXII

A J2 guitarist, Zirou, shared, “As the conductor signalled for us to stand up, I [realised] how blessed I was to be performing my last piece with such beloved friends and juniors. AURORA XXII is [such a] memorable closure to my 5-year journey in guitar ensemble!”



A token of appreciation for the dedicated tutors

The guitarists truly delivered a top-notch performance that evoked so much emotions and captured the whimsical idealism, aspirations and dreams of the youth. It was definitely a great end to the week and a dreamy night to remember!