

A Multi-Cultural Evening in Meknès
March 2009

The subject is a showcase of talent which took place at the theatre on campus last month. It was the afternoon of Friday the 20th of March to be exact, and the theme was “A Multi-Cultural Evening”. The idea of this showcase was thought up by one of the Moroccan students named Mohamed Salhi. He came to us at ISA for help in producing the project and to see if some of our students would be interested in contributing to the show.

As we began organizing, we brainstormed on the idea of having a truly multicultural show. In an effort to do so, Mohamed Ait Rhanimi of ISA Meknès suggested we also invite the Sub-Saharan African students to make a presentation at the show. Ousmane, a representative from the Mauritanian community on campus agreed to organize a presentation of traditional dress mixed with new fashions from Mauritania.

The ISA students, in general, were a little reluctant to participate, however two students offered themselves to the cause. ISA Meknès students Christopher Ibrahim and Kyle Kramer opted to perform a few songs on guitar that were representative of American culture.

The line up for *A Multi-Cultural Evening* included:

- 1) Comedy skit by two Moroccan theatre students
- 2) Christopher and Kyle on guitar, later joined by Mohamed and Daniel (ISA Meknès resident directors) on percussions, and a Moroccan student on the keyboard
- 3) Comedy skit by two Moroccan theatre students
- 4) Moroccan female vocalist with keyboard accompaniment
- 5) Magic show by two Moroccan students
- 6) Stand up comedy by one Moroccan student
- 7) Mauritanian fashion show, Jeny Acosta of ISA Meknès was one of the four models
- 8) Male hip-hop group, ‘Koon ala Bal’
- 9) Female hip-hop group



ISA students and Moulay Ismail University students watch the show of talents



Jeny Acosta and two Moroccan students of the English department backstage



Christopher Ibrahim, Kyle Kramer, Mohamed Ait Rhanimi, Daniel Ostad – ISA Meknès presenting fusion American music

Comedy skit by Moroccan students of Moulay Ismail's Theatre Department



Female vocalist with accompaniment



Jeny Acosta ISA Meknes modeling Mauritanian fashion



Ousmane, a Moulay Ismail English Department student, modeling Mauritanian fashion with ISA Meknès student Jeny Acosta

Moulay Ismail University students – hiphop group Koon ala Bal



Show Organizer, Mohamed Salhi, with ISA student Jeny Acosta after the show

