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A Magical Experience – Medicine Rag 2014

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The National University of Singapore (NUS) Rag Day, Carnival of Dreams, was held at University Town on 8 August, Friday this year. Medicine put up a breathtaking performance titled "Life Is a Carnival: Magic in Me" and took home a gold award, the highest commendation possible. If you missed their display, catch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haFAMMNSFMO>.

TIME SEEMED to come to a standstill for seven whole minutes. Anticipation gripped us as the sights and sounds unfolded in front of us, filling our hearts with pride and joy with every passing second. In that moment, we were infinite.

It has been such an amazing and heartwarming process for us to watch this project grow from unpolished ideas and rough sketches, to the stunning spectacle that was presented to the rest of NUS on Rag Day. This journey hasn't been easy, to say the least. Preparations have been gruelling: long hours and daily obstacles. From having to continuously revise plans for the best effects, to rehearsing at low volumes and odd hours just to accommodate sound sensitive experiments in the vicinity, we've certainly faced our fair share of frustrations and roadblocks.

Eventually, with determination and unity, our hopes and dreams triumphed, mirroring what we wished to convey through our performance. The beauty of Rag lies not in what we can achieve individually although we firmly believe in how incredibly capable everyone is, but what unfurls as we combine our efforts and strengths together. For the two of us, as heads, our satisfaction came not just from the colour of the accolade we received, but more importantly, from seeing all our Raggies feel so strongly and passionately about Rag.

This success would not have been possible without the

efforts of our dedicated committee members, as well as each and every single Ragger. It has been our privilege to work with such a phenomenally talented and devoted team. We are also indebted towards our seniors for setting such high standards in previous years and for showing us what true commitment is. Their encouragement, support and invaluable feedback have spurred us on to greater heights, and we are proud to be able to join the ranks of Medicine Rag alumni. We are also very grateful for the support from the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (YLLSoM) Dean's Office, without which many things would not have been possible.

When our committee started planning for Rag Day 2014, we set out with aspirations of creating a production that everyone would be proud of – an experience that was magical for all involved. Seven months, over a hundred happy Raggies, and a gold award later, I think we can safely say... WE DID IT!

Medicine Rag 2014: we've got the magic in us! ■



Caleb (far left) and Lauren are the Medicine Rag Heads 2014 and second year students at YLLSoM.