Saturday’s triple music treat

Victoria Arms showcases three of the best in rock music

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KUCHING: Fans of local rock acts weren’t disappointed when they were treated to Victoria Arms’ latest musical offering: a showcase of three very talented bands.

Energetic pop rock band Cermin, veteran hard rock act Rockaholic and the English pub’s very own resident band Superstation wowed the audience with their respective performances on Saturday night.

Themed “Triple Threat Saturday”, each band put on a remarkable performance that thrilled fans and regulars of the popular pub alike.

The versatile musicians of Superstation were the first group on stage, playing plenty of easily recognisable sing-along hits such as Bruno Mar’s Lazy Song, James Blunt’s You’re Beautiful and even some Celine Dion’s.

Next up were fan favourite Cermin, who played a few songs off their debut album and other alternative rock covers to plenty of cheers from their fans who turned up to watch the show.

“We’re looking to promote our debut self-titled mini album with this showcase, which will hopefully open up more doors for us, because we’re definitely going to be more active in the scene from now onwards,” said guitarist and band leader Abang Zainuddin Abang Abdul Rahim before going on stage.

The charismatic guitarist also said the band’s compositions and lyrics were mainly about their life’s experiences.

Melodic and soaring, at the end of every composition of theirs, the applause from the audience at the showcase was loud.

Rockaholic brought the night to a close with a set list comprising heavy hitting cover songs from the 80’s like AC/DC, Whitesnake and Iron Maiden.

“This is our second time playing here at Victoria Arms, and we would really like to thank the management for inviting us back again and giving us an opportunity to express ourselves through our music,” said vocalist Fathar Soetrisno, who is also a lecturer at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

“We’ve got our own way of presenting these cover songs, as all of us in the band are big fans of the golden era of rock and metal music. “A planned demo recording is in the works and we’re also looking to perform in Jakarta this year to expand our horizons,” smiled the charismatic frontman.

Visitors to the pub were given a copy of Cermin’s mini album that came inclusive with their first drink.

“Victoria Arms has always been keen to support any local band regardless of their genre of music, and this ‘Triple Threat Saturday’ showcase is proof of our support towards aspiring musicians, and hopefully the start of many other showcases to come,” said executive assistant manager of food and beverage Andrew Law.

For the latest news and updates, visit the hotel’s website at www.merdekapalace.com and their Facebook page, or call Victoria Arms at 082-258000 ext 8070.
Rocking it up: Zainuddin (left) plays a hot riff as vocalist Mohd Yadi Romani sways to the music.