

# Wish upon the ice

THE DREAMS OF SEVEN DISNEY PRINCESSES WERE BROUGHT TO LIFE IN A MUSICAL ICE-CAPADE

DISNEY'S favourite princesses came to life on ice at the Bukit Jalil Indoor Stadium last weekend in the *Disney on Ice: Princess Wishes* spectacular.

Jasmine, Snow White, Belle, Ariel, Mulan, Aurora and Cinderella – the idols to millions of children around the world – played out one or more scenes from their animated films to the delight of their Malaysian fans during their three-day performances from March 20 to 22.

Among the excited crowd at the Friday night show were 90 children from the Pure Life Society. They were the special guests of F&N Magnolia, the main sponsor of the show, which gave the children a chance to meet some magical princesses in person.

Naturally, Disney's Mickey and Minnie Mouse and their good friend, Goofy, were on hand to orchestrate the night's performance.

As colourful lights flooded the stage, the show began with the appearance of Tinker Bell, the 'tiny' fairy from *Peter Pan*, who flirted around the ice rink sprinkling fairy dust for the magic to begin.

The rink turned into a busy marketplace, reminiscent of a scene from *Aladdin*. Princess Jasmine has just sneaked out from the palace while Aladdin and his pet 'monkey', Abu, were up to their usual tricks.

The two met, fell in love but the gulf between their status stood in their way. Then with the help of a magic lamp and its obliging genie (in all his blue-coloured glory!), the two lovers welcomed *A Whole New World* with some nifty skating moves that ended with them skating off to the backstage.

Tinker Bell appeared to bring on the next princess, the lovely Snow White, sitting by the well singing *Someday My Prince Will Come* and having her wish come true when her prince appeared.

The seven dwarfs from this Disney classic were also present, making everyone laugh at their antics played out to the tune of *Hi Ho*.

With another swoosh from Tinker Bell's magic wand, Belle from *Beauty and the Beast* had her wish for adventure come true when Lumière and the cullery



troupe invited her to *Be Our Guest*.

The show continued with Ariel from *The Little Mermaid* and her companions, Flounder and Sebastian the crab, as they strove to ensure her wish of meeting Prince Eric would not end in tragedy.

With Sebastian holding court, the 'underwater creatures' extolled the good life *Under the Sea*. Later, a desperate Sebastian was seen urging the prince to *Kiss the Girl* so that the evil witch Ursula would not get to keep Ariel's voice.

In between, Eric's sailors showed off some nifty acrobatic stunts on skates to thrill the crowd.

The show stopped for a 15-minute break before resuming with Mulan teaching kung fu to the village children in *Lesson Number One* from *Mulan II* and, of course, spending time with the hunky Captain Shang.

Next, Prince Phillip with the help of his beloved Aurora's three fairy godmothers – Flora, Fauna and Merryweather – battled the obstacles placed in his path by the wicked Maleficent to reach his sleeping beauty.

There were a forest of poisonous thorns and even

a 'fire-breathing' dragon that stood in his way but the valiant Phillip prevailed and the princess was finally reunited with her prince.

Finally, at the grand ball, Cinderella came riding in a beautiful carriage and danced the night away with her prince in *So This is Love*, despite the best efforts of her two bumbling step-sisters.

In the grand finale, all the princesses waltzed out in the arms of their princes, followed by the rest of the cast, including Mickey, Minnie and Goofy to the cheers of the crowd.

For the many children present that night, their wish had really come true.  
– Kristene Silva Marie

## Second chance at a dream

A CHARITY showing of the *Disney on Ice: Princess Wishes* was organised by PR World Wide and REAL Foundation on Sunday. Some 900 children from over 20 charity homes in the Klang Valley were invited to witness this extravaganza on ice.

All proceeds from the event went to the foundation for the administration of its new initiative called the 2nd Chance Programme, which provides neglected and underprivileged children with quality tutoring and moral support.

In addition, REAL Education Group contributed RM350,000 to the foundation to start its new programme.

REAL Foundation, which was established last year, is the brainchild of REAL Education Group founders – Sim Quan Seng, Ee Ching Wah and Kee Keok Kuay – who set out to transform children's lives through quality education.

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