



Review by TASHNY SUKUMARAN

A HEARTRENDING musical about friendship, Dama's production of the classic stage play, *I Have A Date With Spring* was greeted by a full audience last Sunday.

I settled into my seat at the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre, expecting to be extremely confused (as it was all in

In full bloom

Chinese) but was blown away by the raw emotion and powerful vocals.

Tan Soo Suan stole the show as the innocent but strong-willed Butterfly Yiu, but I felt Cassie Wong, who played the tragic character of Feng Ping the night I attended, was the one I could truly relate to. Her star-crossed story was gripping.

The performers brilliantly blended together emotion with beautiful melodies, letting the music speak for themselves.

By the end of the show, I was in tears. I'll admit to feeling foolish for a moment, but then I heard sniffing from audience members all around me.

The final song - *I Have A Date With Spring* - was almost magical, as Butterfly was joined onstage by her long-lost love, Karl Sum (Steve Yap).

One minor gripe is the position of the subtitle screen - looking from stage up to the screen for three hours resulted in a bit of a neck ache.

Another problem I had was the ringing of cellphones in the midst of the show. Don't people know where the "silent" mode is on their handphones?

But that aside, don't let my tears stop you from checking out the last show of the extended run for *I Have A Date With Spring* today at 3pm. Tickets from RM75 to RM235. Call 03-40479000.

Karl (played by Steven Yap), Nancy (Chang Fang Chyi) and Butterfly (Soo Suan) in the musical

