



Singing with vocaldente

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Vocaldente, one of Germany's most renowned vocal ensembles from Hannover, was a guest at the German School Kuala Lumpur on Friday, 4 October 2019. It was truly an honour! The ensemble is currently on tour in Southeast Asia with a stopover in Malaysia.

The quintet performed at a ceremony on the occasion of German Unity Day in Kuala Lumpur on the eve of their visit to the German School Kuala Lumpur. The five musicians conducted a workshop for Year 11 and 12 students in the DSKL auditorium. This workshop was devoted to elaborating on the processes of voice generation as well as the interaction of multiple voices in choral singing, taking the participants on a captivating journey.

Students were all very much involved and had the special opportunity to learn about a new timbre: besides tenor, baritone and bass, one member of vocaldente enriches the ensemble with the unique pitch of the countertenor.

The musicians together with our high school students rehearsed in short sequences various vocal pieces, including body percussion and beatbox elements. Subsequently, Year 8, 9 and 10 students during a 45-minute performance were able to gain insight into the extensive repertoire of the vocal ensemble, covering genres from rock and pop to voice imitations of techno and dancefloor music.

The school wishes to convey their heartfelt thanks go to vocaldente for their exhilarating musical experience at DSKL. They would also like to thank the German Embassy Kuala Lumpur for arranging and sponsoring this special event for the students.



German ensemble from Hannover teaching the students a cappella techniques.



The ensemble inspiring DSKL with its performance.