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Behind the Scenes of the

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Teens in the spot light

Joshua Medeiros (Trainee technician)

Joshua is a Senior 5 student whose trade's class ended up infusing his passion to become a Sound & Lights Technician. After enrolling in a Technical Theatre class during his Senior 2 year and exploring all the different facets to theatre productions, he fell in love with the technical side of productions.

His enthusiasm for the class and willingness to learn and assist in the Ruth Season James Performing Arts Centre caught the eyes of the form Sound & Light Director, Mr. David Byrd. Soon Joshua was being asked by the former directors, and even now with the present directors, to assist with assemblies, school productions and private business productions, as his school community service, and on occasion, has been paid for his excellent service.

His only disappointment is that Bermuda College does not offer the course in which he needs to be certified. He looks forward to attending a college overseas to fulfill his goal of



Sound and light technician Cedarbridge Academy

becoming a Sound & Light Director. His ultimate dream would be to follow his mentor, Mr. David Byrd, and direct productions on a major cruise line.

Interview with the winner of Teen Idol Benjamin Lusher

By Winton Bragman

I sat down with Benjamin Lusher (13), from Warwick Academy, to discuss how it feels to be Bermuda's Teen Idol.

Q. How was the experience of doing teen idol?

A. It was quite invigorating and very fun. Most of the people from the past teen idol had recommended me to audition so I went for it. Also the encouragement from my friends in school helped me to just go ahead and audition.

Q. How was auditioning?

A. It was extremely nerve-racking waiting, as we went in 1 by 1, and everybody is very shuffled. I was most relieved when I went in though, because they were very relaxed and even made me laugh, which made it easier to sing.

Q. Describe how it felt, when the announcer said "The new teen idol is Mr. Benjamin Lusher?"

A. I was shocked. I had been around so much talent and didn't expect it, but my immediate reaction was shock and a degree of cluelessness as my mind was jumping around for a few

seconds. Then I was excited and happy that I had won.

Q. How did your other music abilities enhance your singing?

A. Playing the piano really helped to build up my ear for singing. Mostly hearing harmonies and for having the right pitch when I sang songs.

Q. What advice would you give to nervous singers going to try out for teen idol?

A. The most important thing is deep breaths; these are very big in singing. Then once you get on the stage, just do your thing. When you are singing though, make sure you are communicating the song to not just the judges but to the audience as well. Incorporate your audience into the song and lastly, don't forget to SMILE.

Congratulations to Benjamin and to all of the singers out there. Live your dream, because who knows, next year it might be YOU.

Snake of Genesis

Youth News recently sat off with Snake of Genesis. Genesis have just been representing Bermuda in Antigua and are undoubtedly one of the most popular sounds in Bermuda. Snake sits off with Youth News. He is holding an old Bermuda Stealers album called LIFE. His father was one of the original members of The Bermuda Stealers.

Q. What and when did you get into music?

A. I started playing in my teens. I inherited it from my father He was a member of The Bermuda Stealers back in the day.

Q. Who makes up OGS Genesis?

A. Current selectors, mcs and mixers include Darren, Shakahi a.k.a. Shak, Jason, Darri, Alex a.k.a. Tonto, Jahkeem a.k.a. Barber boy, JAMAICA Crew Greens & Polish.

Q. How did Genesis start?

A. Shaka and DJ Pepe were the original, known as Country Massive. In 1990 Jeffery brought into it and evolved to OGS Genesis, so about 16 years.

Q. How many dubs do you own?

A. Oh mercy (he laughs.) I don't know it must be close to 1,000.

Q. Which is your best dub?

A. I would have to say Dennis Brown.

Q. Which is the best dub of all time you have heard?

A. One by Garnet Silk

Q. Which is your favorite current artist?

A. I like them all but if I have to choose one I'm watching the path of Gyptian.

Q. If you could meet any artist dead or alive, who would it be and why?

A. Garnet Silk. I followed him for a year before he busted, I talked about him for that year and nobody knew who I was talking about. From the first time I heard him I knew he was special.

Q. Bermuda sounds are starting to travel



overseas, what are your thoughts on this?

A. Yeah, we're getting extra exposure. We're on the global playing field.

Q. What are your thoughts of the industry?

A. It's political with a lot of haters, but that keeps me going stronger. I go out and promote myself. Genesis has been taking care of itself financially for the last 3 years.

Q. What sort of shows does Genesis play at and how can people contact you?

A. We do anything from weddings, private parties, dances, old school dances, youth dances. Basically we can cater for any vibe. People can contact us on 537-6204.

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