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## Folk story turned into musical puppet show

**KUCHING:** Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) music students turned the popular Iban folk story 'Apai Saloi' into a musical puppet show yesterday.

Involving students from the university's Faculty of Applied and Creative Arts, two sessions of 'Apai Saloi — The Puppet Show' were performed at the faculty's Experimental Theatre.

The show, produced by project leader Laura Pranti Tutom, used songs and music with elements of comedy and moral messages for children.

The puppets were injected with a fresh representation of the folklore to make it relevant for today.

Dean Associate Professor Dr Hasnizam Abdul Wahid described the presentation of Apai Saloi as a social contribution to preserve a traditional legacy.

"It is hoped that through these performances, the younger generation will be able to learn some moral values," he said.

The production was helmed by director/scriptwriter Laura and Dr Anna Durin, music director Drs Yoesbar Djaelani, while the puppets and prop design came under Syaryfah Fazidawaty.

Each performance in English was 45 minutes.

The language choice was to enable the show to go international.