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Event Editorial: IDays at Thompson Rivers University

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TRU Gymnasium
March 10, 2023
3:00PM - 9:00PM**

STAGING -- When I attended the showcase during the week of IDays, I witnessed a large amount of talent in the students. All of them put in such a great effort in order to stand up in front of their peers and showcase their many talents. To give a short, brief summary, the event was set out in the TRU gymnasium, and was surrounded by booths and a stage set in the center of the room with chairs and the bleachers pulled out.

CRITICAL REVIEW -- When reviewing my experience at the showcase, I wanted to acknowledge both aspects of what was experienced. First, I want to start off by saying that I recognize how much effort goes into an event such as IDays, and want to support the students that also make this showcase possible. With the booths surrounding the stage I found the space to be crowded. Whereas I found the performances entertaining, I found the emcees took away a bit of what was going on. I also found that some of the emceeing felt very unrehearsed as both speakers were talking over each other. However, I overall found it very entertaining.

Initial Thoughts - I had a lot of fun watching the IDays showcase with my friends, we were able to watch our friend walk in the fashion show. She was wearing a traditional skirt and top combination from Mauritius. I was really blown away from all of the talent TRU holds, and I look forward to attending more events held by TRU World!

TECHNICAL -- The A/V that was used at the event contained microphones, lighting, sound, and speakers. However, I found that some of the A/V was off, the mics were bouncing back and forth and the sound almost felt more echo-y through the gym. It almost felt like a proper soundcheck hadn't been completed. Also, the lighting felt very inconsistent and in some performances, the lighting took away from what some of the acts were trying to convey. With the A/V being difficult it definitely took away from the showcase and became slightly frustrating.

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VENUE -- With the event taking place in the gym, I found that although the space was large, it almost was not big enough between the booths, staging, A/V, and of course all of the attendees. I think it would have been more effective to have the booths set up elsewhere on campus and then just solely have the showcase in the gym, and then have a better setup for the audio and visual team. On the other hand, students were constantly weaving in and out between performances, which is okay, but I felt like there should have been better exits and entrances to have a more steady flow in the venue.

TO WRAP UP -- I think IDays is an extremely successful event that gets that campus really excited and I believe that it is a ton of fun. However, I think for the years ahead, it may be better to have a larger space in order to fulfill the demand of performers and attendees. I also think having a better technical rehearsal to be able to really get all of the kinks out prior to the performance.

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