JUWITA Suwito

Singer. Songwriter. Performer. Vocal Coach

Juwita Suwito's debut solo album, 'Brand New World' was awarded 'Best Local English Album' at the prestigious AIM (Malaysian Music Industry) Awards in 2005. She was also nominated for 'Best Female Vocal Performance in an Album' that same year, along with 2 other nominations in different categories.

Juwita's journey in the professional music scene began in her teens as backing vocalist for leading Malaysian artistes at gigs, mega concerts and prominent award shows. She soon developed her versatility and was often called upon to record song demos for East Asian publishing houses. In unexpected turns of events, some of these demos were regionally released and caught the attention of many a curious listener. One example is her moving rendition of ***Breathe Again*** that featured in Warner Music Taiwan's original soundtrack for the Mandarin television drama series ***The Outsiders***.

*Juwita receiving the '**Best Local English Award**' with producer Aubrey Suwito at AIM2005.*

In July 2003, while representing Malaysia at the YWCA World Council & International Women's Summit in Brisbane, Australia, Juwita performed a song she wrote based on the theme, 'Leading Change'. It expressed her passion to encourage especially youth to use their unique God-given capabilities to make a difference in society. This received an enthusiastic response from the audience of approximately 1,000 women from over 100 countries.

In 2004, Juwita was entrusted with the task of coaching the finalists of the inaugural 'Malaysian Idol', which she did for two consecutive seasons. Later, Juwita guest coached on reality shows 'One in a Million' and 'Mentor', and was also enlisted on the LG MyStarz mentoring team consisting of Malaysia's top musicians.

In November 2005, Juwita had her first Australian Mini Tour when she performed and presented an 'Angel' award at the National Gospel Music Awards in Canberra. Her second Australian Mini Tour in July 2006 was with Malaysian Idol Jaclyn Victor. Together they performed in Adelaide, Melbourne and at the Mt.Buller Ski Resort. Upon her return she was commissioned to record "One Golden Celebration", theme song for Visit Malaysia 2007 commemorating the country's 50 Years of Nationhood.

Performance Highlights

Here are some of Juwita's performance highlights:

- Yamaha Endorsee Showcase – Dewan Perdana, Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur (June 2004)
- Penang Island Jazz Festival (Main Stage) – Bayview Beach Resort, Penang (December 2004)
- Esplanade Theatres on the Bay – Singapore (May 2007)
- International Women's Summit (Official Opening) – Kenyatta International Convention Center, Nairobi, Kenya (July 2007)
- Golden Merdeka Celebration Concert – Damansara Perdana (August 2007)
- Music@Curtin – Curtin University, Perth, Australia (August 2008)
- A Greater Song with Africa Connect & One Voice – John Inverarity Music and Drama Centre, Hale School, Perth, Australia (August 2008)
- Take Five with Juwita Suwito at the Cavern – Adelaide, Australia (August 2008)
- New Year Countdown Street Party – Damansara Perdana (December 2008)
- Sunburst KL (Loud & Clear Stage) – Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club (March 2009)
- Juwita Suwito Live with Orchestre Nouveau – Arrow on Swanston, Melbourne, Australia (September 2009)
- Aubrey Suwito's 'Christmas with Friends' Live Recording – Dream Centre, Petaling Jaya (August 2010)
- Change Your World – Slava Zhizny Concert Hall, Moscow, Russia (March 2011)
- International Women's Summit Award Ceremony of the Mary Robinson Award for Young Women's Leadership in Human Rights – Kongresshaus, Zurich, Switzerland (July 2011)
- Love Moscow Concert – Radisson Slavyanskaya Hotel, Moscow, Russia (March 2012)
- Revo@PISA – Penang International Sports Arena (May 2012)
- Revo RE:UNION Concert – Stadium Negara, Kuala Lumpur (June 2012)
- KK Jazz Festival (Main Stage) – Sutera Harbour, Kota Kinabalu (June 2012)
- Aubrey Suwito & Friends Live at UMS, Kota Kinabalu (January 2013)
- Juwita Suwito Live at Fiesta Malaysia – The Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne, Australia (March 2013)
- MPO Happy Hour with Juwita Suwito – Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, Kuala Lumpur (June 2013)
- SapuraKencana Petroleum Malaysia Grand Prix Gala & Concert with David Foster & Friends – Shangri-la Hotel, Kuala Lumpur (March 2014)
- Merdeka Award Presentation Ceremony with the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra – Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, Kuala Lumpur (Dec 2014)
- TEDxKL – Stadium Putra, Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur (August 2015)

Discography

1. Brand New World (2004)
    - Best Local English Album, AIM 2005
    - Final 5 nominee in AIM 2005 for 'Best Vocal Performance in an Album (Female)', and 'Best New English Artiste' and 'Best Engineered Album'
2. For Real (2006)
    - Final 5 nominee in AIM 2007 for 'Best Local English Album' and 'Best Music Arrangement in a Song'
    - Country winner, Best Female Solo Artist, Music Aid International Music Awards 2007

3. Take Five with Juwita Suwito at Avanti (live recording, 2008)
    - Final 5 nominee in AIM 2007 for 'Best Local English Album'
4. Sejak Hadirmu (single, 2009)
    - Final 5 nominee in AIM 2010 for 'Best Vocal Performance in a Song' and 'Best Musical Performance in a Song'
5. Stand (single, 2010)
6. Faith Upon Favor (compilation, 2013)
7. Belle of the Ball (single, 2014)
8. Just Like That (single, 2015)
9. This Side of Heaven (EP, 2015)

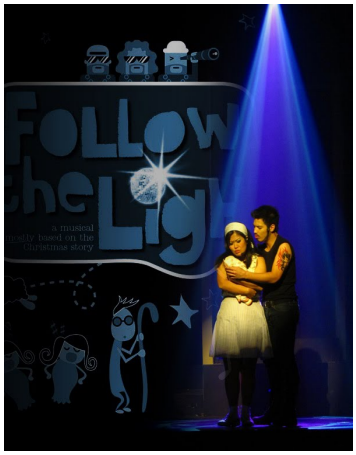
… and other feature recordings with various artistes in 2011, 2012 and 2014.

Juwita also lends her voice to Bahasa Malaysia versions of well-loved animated feature films and international corporate campaigns.

Other Achievements

As a vocalist, performer and songwriter, Juwita continues to make headway in the global arena. In 2008, an Indonesian edition of "Brand New World" was released in partnership with Insight Unlimited Indonesia. Tracks from her studio albums have been released in Hong Kong in Universal Music's compilation albums featuring renowned international female artistes like Eva Cassidy and A-Mei. Back on local shores, Juwita has been featured in the Original Soundtrack of the movie 'Gol & Gincu' and its ensuing TV series.

Juwita's songs have had massive airplay on Fly FM, Lite FM, Hot FM, iM4U FM and Filipino radio stations Magic 89.9 and Nu107 FM. Other stations and TV channels that have played her songs include Hitz.FM, Channel [V], MTV Asia, Radio Australia, Curtin FM, Hong Kong's RTHK and Swiss (DRS) Radio.



In December 2010, Juwita's adventurous streak brought her on a maiden voyage into the world of theatre, debuting as 'Mary' in the musical Follow The Light which played at PJ Live Arts. Here are a couple of the notable reviews:

"Professional singer Suwito shines as Mary in the production - her maiden effort in musical theatre - as it is with Khaled, who plays a dim-witted yet lovable Joe with zest. Their combined voices are mesmerising while their acting is authentic."
- The Malay Mail, 7 December 2010 -

"Highlights of the show were Suwito's beautiful, tear-jerking renditions of Be It Unto Me and Beautiful Child"
- The Star, 7 December 2010 -

As one of the founder directors of Four Forty Records – a social enterprise with a vision to impact society through music, Juwita recently initiated a two-year mentoring program for aspiring musicians & vocalists named *Fortissimo*. She has also been conducting workshops from Sandakan to Singapore with her band - Flippin' Pages, and continues to inspire through her special brand of music.

Vocal/Music Workshops & Masterclass Highlights

- Vocal Masterclass, UCSI Faculty of Music, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts – Kuala Lumpur (2007 & 2014)
- Vocal Masterclass, Tabor College – Hillsboro, South Australia (August 2008)
- Rockschool National Band Camp – Sunway International School (June 2010 & 2011)
- Master Series, Diploma in Music & Audio Technology – Singapore Polytechnic (July 2010)
- The Vessel (Punctuation Productions) – Dream Centre, Petaling Jaya (April-June 2011 & Oct-Dec 2012)
- Fortissimo: A Mentoring Program for Musicians & Vocalists in Sabah – Kota Kinabalu (March 2012 – 2014)
- Music@Curtin - Curtin University, Miri (May 2012)
- My Voice, My Dream – Intel Penang (May 2012)
- ChargeUp! Conference – Kota Damansara (April 2013)
- Rockschool Vocal Seminar, Kota Kinabalu (March 2014)
- Vocal Fest, Kuala Lumpur (June 2014) & November 2015

Juwita coaching young performers before a concert in Johor Bahru

"Original, honest and unflinching. Malaysia's very own Juwita Suwito impresses on and off stage with her verve and energy."
- Muhamad Fadhil
(Magmug Magazine)

"I want me some Juwita. An ultimate professional with a silky voice, and producing some really delicious music."
- Ahmad Izham Omar (CEO, 8TV)

"Don't be fooled by Juwita's petiteness and shy mannerism - this lady kicks ass on stage, behind the stage, at the studio, outside the studio - basically in everything she does!"
- Daphne Iking
(model, TV personality & actress)