

# Aurora at the Genees

## Malaysian Champions Make The Semi Finals in Capeown

It was indeed an honour for our girls to be presented and dancing at the *ArtScape Opera House in Capetown, South Africa*. To qualify for this prestigious ballet competition a ballet student is has to attain the Advanced 2 RAD examination level with a distinction. Malaysia's representations this year are Aurora's Siti Amellia Feroz and May Jean Teo both 18 years of age. May Jean and Amellia have been with Aurora Dance School since the ages of 4 and 5. They are Aurora's 3rd and 4th representation to the Genee International Ballet Competitions, the first being Suhaili Micheline followed by Hui Li Kwong.

The 2011 Genee International Ballet Competition held in Capetown South Africa in October was represented by dancers

both male and female from 17 nations in every continent. The girls started training intensively immediately after their SPM examinations in 2010. May Jean and Amellia spend at least 4 hours daily at the studios in SS14 and Taipan beginning with a ballet class conducted by Aurora Dance School Principal Suraya Kamil followed by a 3 hour coaching session on the chosen 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century classical variations. Sunday afternoons were self practice time for most of this year. In Capetown, the girls spent 5 days of intensive training followed by 3 days in competition. Bravo on a job well done.

**Aurora School of Dance is the ONLY dance school in Malaysia that have consistently reached this high standard**



*If you want to dance seriously, do. You must think about it day and night, dream about it,--desire it. \*Christa Justus\**

*To watch us dance is to hear our hearts speak. ~Hopi Indian Saying*