

Report on the Interdepartmental Monologue Competition

The Interdepartmental Monologue Competition was held on 13th October 2018 by the English Literary Forum, Parnassus, as the inaugural event of Proscenium (Theatre Society of MSSW). The competition was judged by Dr. David Wesley, who has directed a number of plays, including *Mareech: The Legend*, the annual play of WCC for 2018. The Welcome Address was delivered by Ms. Iswarya V, the Staff Co-ordinator of Proscenium, and Jeevith David from I B.S.W. was the MC. The judge's profile was presented by Kathleen Paul.

The principal, Dr. Raja Samuel, wished the participants well and emphasised the importance of street theatre in social work. The dean, Dr. Subhashini, honoured the guest with a memento and wished the society to grow in the future and nurture the theatrical aspirations of the students.

After multiple rounds of auditions conducted at class level, twelve finalists had been chosen to go up on stage on the day of the competition and deliver their speeches. The participants were judged on various criteria such as their clarity of utterance, use of the stage space, stance, body language as well as the emotions they portrayed. The participants had to deliver two monologues, a comedy and a tragedy, choosing from classical as well as contemporary plays. Therefore, they were judged on how they were able to fluidly move from one monologue to the next as well.

After the performances were over, the judge announced the results of the competition and handed over the prizes to the top four performers. Adhira. S from I B.Sc. Psychology was awarded the first prize followed by Mikhail from I B.S.W, Mokshavathi from II B.S.W and Srividya Lakshmi Chandran from I B.Sc. Psychology. Jannani. M of II B.Sc. Psychology got a special mention for her impressive performance.

Dr. David Wesley then went on to explain his reasons for marking and gave his feedback on the performance of the individual participants. All the participants were awarded certificates and participation prizes. The event ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Kumuthini from II B.Sc. and the national anthem.