BOOM! Bang! Clash! That's how UCSI University (UCSI) charity concert, Together We Care kicked off at its campus.

Drumline, comprising eight UCSI Institute of Music students and led by Gibien Guan, banged away in perfect synchronisation on different percussion instruments as their beats sent the audience's hearts thumping and heads bobbing.

The concert brought together the university's staff, students and alumni in a one-night-only show as part of their flood relief aid efforts.

After Drumline, the audience were then treated to the velvety smooth vocals of Quek Shio Yee, an alumni of UCSI and also the winner of the 8TV Ultimate Song Competition 2013.

Quek performed three songs in Malaysia's three most frequently used languages – Malay, Chinese and English.

The Chinese song, Sunflowers, was self-written and is the theme song of her brother's short film of the same title.

Her rendition of the popular Malay song Cindai by Datuk Siti Nurhaliza Tarudin would have you believe it was the famous singer, and not Quek, belting out the lyrics.

She said she chose to perform in a few different languages to cater to the multiracial audience.

When I first heard about the floods, I was thinking if there was any way I could help. When UCSI called me about this concert, I jumped at the chance,” said the Bachelor of Contemporary Music graduate.

It wasn't just students performing that night. Taro Cheng Trio comprising UCSI Institute of Music staff, was next up with their jazz numbers.

Another celebrity alumni also took the stage. Elaine Lee is the second runner-up of Astro Star Quest 2014 singing competition and also the youngest author, according to the Malaysia Book of Records.

Lee also donated 100 copies of her motivational book Sunshine In Our Lives to be sold and all sales to be channeled towards aid efforts.

The night went on with the audience being treated to more melodies from DSCH String Quartet, Astro Star Quest 2013 second runner-up Justin Ng, Asia Music Competition (South Korea) 2014 and Asia Piano Competition (Taiwan) 2013 Gold Award winner Maxy Chan Mei Xuan, Astro Talent Quest 2000 champion Winnie Ho and her students, and Dotters' Division, currently one of the top female bands in Malaysia.

UCSI had raised over RM18,500 through the sales of concert tickets, donations from sponsors and various student events.

The night also saw the launch of the UCSI Education Fund 2015 by UCSI Group founder and chairman Datuk Peter Ng before the crowd were treated to performances by an impressive line-up of performers.

Through the UCSI Education Fund 2015, the UCSI University Trust - UCSI's scholarship arm - is pledging RM700,000 to provide educational assistance to those affected by the recent floods in Terengganu and Kelantan.

It is open to students who fulfil the minimum entry requirements and are joining in any of the 2015 intakes.

Ng commended the university's students, alumni and staff for all their hard work in bringing the concert to life.

“Giving back to the community has always been one of UCSI's biggest priorities.

“Tonight's concert exemplifies our resolve and I'm confident that the money raised will go far in helping the flood victims,” he said.
Hot hit: Lee who holds the record of being the youngest Malaysian author belting out a popular number.

Truly Malaysian: Quek mesmerised the crowd with local favourites.