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The magic of **Spell S**

Stepping into the home/studio of modern pop band Spell S is like stepping through multiple eras of music simultaneously. The walls are lined with vintage vinyl records and its sleeve covers, another had a row of box guitars, and a treasure trove of vintage memorabilia littered the apartment unit while a station of sophisticated recording equipment occupies another corner of their little studio. In their own words, they define their music as a mish-mash of various genres including electro, alternative rock, pop, and some elements of classical music.

The band members are students of Akademi Seni Budaya & Warisan Kebangsaan (ASWARA) or Academy of Cultural Arts and National Heritage. Spell S guitarist and frontman Alif said he first met violinist Izzivan, bassist Adam, and percussionist Azlan in 2010 during their studies at ASWARA. Not long after that they met Iqa, their current vocalist, when they became sessionists during her participation in the local singing competition reality show, Mentor. Although Iqa is the main vocalist, the guys occasionally do backup vocals as well.



"It was the chemistry we had that made us form a band. I think chemistry is important for any band to have in order to succeed," Iqa said during the interview.

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Up to now, the band has been playing for corporate functions and private parties. They do, however, have big plans ahead. They seek to achieve the ultimate band dream: international fame. But like all ambitious goals, it takes one step at a time to get there. Also, having classes and exams at the same time

does not make it easy for them to fully focus on landing gigs.

"Sometimes when we have a project due for finals and a gig close to the same date, we could incorporate the project into the gig. So we basically kill two birds with one stone," Alif said when asked how the band manages their busy schedules. Their band manager Lorena also arranges gigs for them to perform.

Spell S says a band should have good self management, maintain its image, and find some chemistry with each other to be successful in the long run. The band even gave a live demo after the interview. Check the demo out at www.youtube.com/campusplus.

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