

THE NEWSTODAY

# Body Art

**SHOW INFO**

**WHAT:** Cosmoprof's Move to Make Up

**WHEN:** Today at 12.30 pm, tomorrow at 7 pm, and June 9, 10 at 9.15 pm

**WHERE:** Today and tomorrow at Scotts Shopping Centre, June 9, 10 at The Garden, Substation.

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ONE of the Arts Festival Fringe events will colour its dancers beautiful.

Instead of costumes, the performers will wear paint.

Instead of a wardrobe person, the one in charge of costumes will be an airbrush artist.

The event is by Cosmoprof, a make-up company, and is called Move to Make Up.

Miss Angela Soon, who is the company's administrative manager and the producer of the dance item as well as the artist who paints the dancers, said: "We feel that the Fringe is an avenue for different types of multi-media experiments.

"We as a make-up company feel it is great to be the first to present a body arts event."

The "dressing up" takes about two hours.

Yesterday, Zalehar Sulaiman, 26, who is unemployed, was painted for her part.

First, her face was made up using bright colours and shiny red false eyelashes. Then it was spray-painted.

Ms Zalehar, clad in leotards, stood on old newspaper as Ms Soon prepared the airbrush for use.

Ms Soon sprayed water-based make-up in candy colours, layer by layer, all over Ms Zalehar's body. The colours were sprayed onto her arms and legs until her skin took on a glossy rainbow sheen.

The effect was stunning as the dramatically painted lady fluttered her metallic red eyelashes at the camera.

Her gold-coloured lips complemented the gold powder highlighter on her face, and the golden tint of the bright body paints.

She looked like a moving painting, with hearts, circles and arrows jumping out at you from her torso.

She will be dressed this way for the group's finale, Pop Art, in which dancers painted in similarly bright colours will move to popular music.

Said Ms Zalehar: "When I saw myself in the mirror after being made up for the first time, I felt great. I look so different from others."

The paint washes off in water; a good shower is all it takes to get it off.



**Psst:** Airbrush artist Angela Soon "dresses" dancer Zalehar Sulaiman in colour.

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