

SHAM KAMIKAZE

THE ONE AND ONLY FENDER AMBASSADOR IN MALAYSIA

The Composer, Producer, Arranger and Guitar Player



Shamril Salleh, or better known as Sham Kamikaze, is no stranger to fans of local music. The respected guitarist who founded Kamikaze is not just an artiste but also a music producer, composer, arranger and guitar sessionist.

Sham Kamikaze is well established as Malaysia's top guitarist. Born in 1976 into a musical family, he was exposed to many kinds of musical genres from a very early age. He began learning guitar at age 12 and was playing in bands by age 14.

As a young guitarist, Kamikaze continually honed his skills and backed major artists in and beyond Malaysia for many years; he also took a teaching position at the Guitar Institute of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. He formed Kamikaze in 1999 and recorded three albums - Kontroversi, Inspirasi and 3.

All were nominated for Anugerah Industri Muzik - Malaysia's music industry awards ceremony, equivalent to the U.S. Grammy as Best Rock Album of 2001, with Inspirasi winning the award. Sham has performed with credible musicians such as Andy Timmons, Neil Zaza and T.M. Stevens, and opened for the Joe Satriani/Steve Vai/ Eric Johnson G3 tour in 2000.



He was the Music Director of Dato Siti Nurhaliza, Syafinaz, Erra Fazira, Jaclyn Victor, Ferhad, Misha Omar, M Nasir, Jamal Abdillah and many more, just to name a few. He was the In-House Music Director of Astro Ria from 2000-2007, with award winning TV shows namely AKADEMI FANTASIA, Macam Macam Aznil, Dari Studio Satu, etc. He has recorded and performed locally and internationally for the likes of Jacky Cheung, George Lam and Jenny Tsang, Jam Hsiao, Wang Li Hom, JJ Lin, just to name a few. He has also performed for the first F1 Concert in Singapore in 2009 alongside NO DOUBT, BEYONCE, ZZ TOP, etc. He's been the only FENDER AMBASSADOR in Malaysia since 2001 to date. He has been crucially involved in

many local awards concerts, Anugerah Juara Lagu 2000-2006, Anugerah Bintang Popular, Anugerah Era and Anugerah Sri Angkasa, not to mention Merdeka Concert KLCC 2004-2006 and many more. He has also performed with National Symphony Orchestra and RTM Orchestra nationwide and abroad. He was also involved in local jazz festival together with Malaysian and international top musicians.

Currently, he's the Managing Director of Studio 21 Sdn Bhd and Gothic Records Sdn Bhd, producing, composing and arranging for local and international productions. He was nominated for Best Arrangement in A Song award for Anugerah Industri Muzik 2008 and 2009. While busy doing his creative works in the studio, he could still spare some time to teach in UiTM for Degree in Jazz Performance programme. He was also a lecturer in Akademi Seni Kebangsaan from 2003-2005. His passion for music did not end there as he continues to share his knowledge and passion by giving music workshops nationwide.

His passion is finally paid off when Fender approached him to produce his very own Signature Series Guitar in 2008. After a few prototype designs, the guitar finally made its way to the store in 2009. This is the first time any Malaysian would get such a high recognition in the international arena. To date, there are only 200 units produced and sold out. Fender is very happy to make way for the next 200 orders to fulfill the demand from his fans and enthusiasts.





He'll be back as the Music Director for Akademi Fantasia Season 8 this year, apart from fulfilling his tour with Jacky Cheung, JJ Lin and Jam Hsiao. He'll also be working closely with Melissa Indot, multi talented singer/songwriter for her 2nd studio album and some other local productions, Black, the winner of TV3 reality show, Mentor and Hong Kong /Taiwanese artistes. Having a vast experience in this line, he's on a constant demand from reputable clients and award winning artistes. Totally dedicated to his music, he finds no excuse for room of mistakes and takes everything seriously from the start of the productions.

Sit back and relax while you will be mesmerized by his music. You are about to experience a different height to a musical level like never before. Versatility, passion and perfection are all you could ask for. Experience an international like productions by a local sensation.

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