

7-day masterclass conducted for BatStateU students

Fifty students from the 11 campuses of the university participated in a 7-day masterclass on theater, dance and music.

This is in preparation of upcoming programs and activities the BatStateU Culture and Arts Office has lined up including the competitions for the Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges Culture and Arts Festival 2022.



Theater actor, writer, producer and *Doon sa Isang Sulok* director Alfredo “Yong” Tapang Jr. served as trainer for the theater arts. Here he worked on the body movement in order to improve the acting skills on the participants including finding tune the body, Spacial awareness, Contact Improve and Choreo tools. Script analysis and various acting techniques were also presented. Students also undergone Production Management, Devising and Directorial, and Theater Make-up & Costume.



Meanwhile, Joey G. Vargas spearheaded the masterclass for music. Focusing more the on performance, Vargas pointed out the importance of preparing the mind.

“Performers must strive to reach that point of quintessence or recognize all elements of a performance and their interconnectedness, ” Vargas reiterated. Quintessence is defined as a perfect embodiment of something, thus showing that during a performance, singers are also actors embodying a character based on the text.

The masterclass of music also discussed Literary Analysis and performance critiquing.

Alvin Remo, Adrian Cusi and Lorenz Arron Isla served as trainers for masterclass in dance. The masterclass focused on strengthen the students’ creative skills and knowledge in Philippine folk dance. Apart from learning folk dance routines, the students were also engaged in learning Christian dances in the country and Dances and Culture in the Cordillera Region. They also rehearsed the correct figures, poses and dynamics of the Subli Agoncillo: A dance rendition.

The masterclass was conducted during all Saturdays from September 17 to October 29, 2022.

