

Raising the THreshold

FOR a band that jams casually in a hostel room, THreshold have done well for themselves.

The band, who represent the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Temasek Hall residence, emerged tops in the recent voting portion of the GET OUT 2012 People's Band Competition.

Organised by Central Singapore CDC, the competition saw over 50 local bands submitting videos online for a chance to be one of five bands to perform at GET OUT 2012, a concert at the Marina Promontory this Saturday.

Apart from the concert, the event will also host a flea market, a flash audio mob and other fringe activities.

The six members of THreshold submitted a



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cover of American indie pop band Fun's We Are Young as their entry.

"We are very glad that the CDC organised this event to showcase our passion for music and performing," said the band's keyboard player, Justin Lin, 24, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student at NUS.

THreshold has been the name of the Temasek Hall's band for over two decades. It currently has about 20 members, most of whom break off into sub-bands to jam.

The six who will perform at GET OUT 2012 include Lin and his schoolmates Gary Song (vocals), bassist Javin Tham, guitarists Ng En Qi and Chen Xi Terie and drummer Fong Kean Min.

They are either communications, English or engineering students.

Though the band have been putting up covers on YouTube for the past couple of years, they haven't played at many gigs outside of school.

The group is mainly inspired by pop music,

be it in English, Mandarin or Japanese.

Their videos are publicised through the hall's website and through Tham's YouTube channel.

Their We Are Young cover has been their most popular yet, garnering almost 5,000 views.

The gig at Marina Promontory will be the "biggest stage of our lives," said Lin.

"We are very excited, but also very stressed."

—Juliana June Rasul

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WHAT:
GET OUT 2012
WHEN:
Sat, Oct 20, 5pm
WHERE:
Marina Promontory.
Admission is free.