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**KUCHING:** Fans of the smooth-voiced R&B diva Dayang Nurfaizah Awang Dowty can catch her in action in Victoria Arms at Merdeka Palace tomorrow from 10pm.

Her Kuching live showcase will feature songs from her latest album, 'Sayang & Cahaya' ('Love & Light').

She has also handpicked homegrown Kuching band to back her up in this one-night show only.

Speaking to reporters yesterday, Dayang said she was responding to the many requests by Kuching fans to do a show in her hometown.

"I appreciate the local talent here. They should be brought out in the spotlight," she said, when explaining that all the performers backing her in tomorrow's

showcase are locals.

"I didn't bring anyone from Peninsular Malaysia back here except my manager!" she quipped.

The singer, whose last album 'Dayang Live' won the best pop album at Anugerah Industri Musik (AIM) last year, said that her latest album was just released last month.

'Sayang & Cahaya' centred on the theme of love and the positive influence of love.

"The songs are not just about love for people, but universal," said Dayang, who is an ambassador for Conservation and Wildlife under Pulau Banding Foundation and Bukit Merah Orang Utan Foundation.

She also lends her influence

as a Red Ribbon Celebrity Support for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. One of the tracks on her album, 'Ku Temu Cahaya', is the theme song for the foundation.

Despite her busy schedule, Dayang is eager to speak for the orang utans of Sarawak as well.

"I am ready to cooperate and discuss with relevant authorities to see how I can help," she said.

True to her love for nature, her album cover was entirely shot in Belum-Temengor Forest and Belum Rainforest Resort at Pulau Banding, Perak.

Although the main song from the album is officially 'Saat Itu', Dayang was not the type to let industry traditions dictate which song her listeners should love.

"Both my friends and fans have their own favourites from the album," she said.

She did not see any satisfaction for herself and her fans by releasing a single ahead of the album.

"It's the trend these days to release an EP or single, but I won't be contented with that."

Dayang said she is always

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thrilled to bump into fellow Sarawakians in the entertainment industry.

"I'm happy to see many Sarawakians finding success. I know that many of them are talented but don't get a chance to make it in the industry," she said.

She considers local talent as healthy competition, but added that talent must be matched with a passion for their work.

As for herself, Dayang plans on staying in the music industry.

"Music is my life," she said. "I'll keep on singing as long as I'm able, even if I only have five fans left."

She admitted that there were acting offers, but declined them because it would spread herself too thin.

"I didn't accept because I

cannot give myself 100 per cent. Let them find someone who can commit," she said, joking that she has no talent for acting anyway.

When asked for her thoughts on the upcoming Bersih 2.0 rally, Dayang Nurfaizah replied that she was in no position to tell her fans whether or not to go.

"They are all individuals and must make their own decision. But consider the consequences."

Tickets to the showcase are limited and sold at RM40 per person inclusive of one drink.

For ticket purchase, please contact 082-258000 ext 8004 (F&B Office from 8.30am-5pm) or ext 8070 (Victoria Arms after 5pm).

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LOVE AND LIGHT: Dayang showing her newest CD.