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Spanish performer Buika sings one of her songs in the Eisenhower Auditorium on Thursday night.

Spanish artist entices audience with lyrics

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Even though all of Buika's songs were in Spanish, some audience members still understood the emotion behind them all. And that's exactly what the Spanish singer said would happen.

"I'm not very brave to talk at the microphone," Buika said in English after her first song. "Music is the language for everyone. It's very difficult to talk for me but it's easy to sing. Even though the songs are not in your language, I know you understand. They are about fears, love and freedom."

Buika, whose full name is Concha Buika, performed to students and residents at Eisenhower Auditorium last night as part of her first North American tour.

"During this tour around North America I'm discovering real secrets of life," Buika explained to the audience. "The last drink is never the last drink, and the last love is never the last love. To me it's a celebration. I will take this message to Spain, even though they already know this," she said to a chuckling audience.

Three musicians accompanied Buika on piano, double bass and percussion. In her raspy voice, she sang each song with her eyes closed. She was expressive in her movements during each song — dancing and clapping during them all. After each song, Buika, with a wide smile across her face,

would laugh and graciously thank her audience.

Buika's free spirit and personality gave her ease throughout her performance. Although shy when she would speak to her audience, once she started singing she became confident and filled with strength and emotion. She also continually interacted with her musicians.

In the middle of one of her songs, titled "Memories" in English, she grabbed a camera off of a table and took photos of her band during the instrumental solos.

Lindsay Lombardo (freshman-kinesiology) attended the show to fulfill a requirement for her class. She said she never heard of the Spanish singer before, but thought it would be really interesting to learn about a different culture and Buika's music.

"I thought she was really good and she was really cute and entertaining," Lombardo said.

Sandra Rueda (graduate-computer science) came to see the performance after reading an article describing Buika's music as a mix of blues, jazz and flamenco. Rueda, who is a Spanish speaker, said she was amazed by the show and by how expressive the singer was.

"There was a little bit of theatre with her music in mixing the songs and expressing what she is saying," Rueda said. "This is the way she's feeling and she goes and says it."

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Comedians perform 'hallow' show

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Second Floor Stand Up's Halloween Spooktacular killed their show on Thursday night.

The comedy team focused their theme for this show around the upcoming holiday by celebrating the "eve, eve, eve of the hallow," Greg Tarbell, MC for the night said.

Each comedian was dressed for the occasion, playing a character for the whole of his act.

The comedy troop got the audience into the mood by playing classic Halloween songs such as "Ghostbusters" by Ray Parker Jr. and "Thriller" by Michael Jackson.

Carnegie's cinema room was almost filled to the brim with about 75 attendees in the audience. Throughout the audience, many were in the spirit of the holiday and were dressed up in costume, like the comedians.

Before the event even started, there was a buzz throughout the room. Many audience members are veterans to Second Floor's shows and brought friends to experience the show for the first time.

Kevin Neal and Erickson Amundson said they have both been to previous Second Floor shows.



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The comedy sketch group Go Grapefruit! performed at The Second Floor Stand-up Spooktacular Thursday night.

They agreed that their favorite performer is Dan Long.

"Dan Long is awesome," Neal (senior-kinesiology) said. "We saw him on our way in, he went all out [in costume] for this."

Amundson (senior-secondary education) said that Long has a great stage presence and coupled with Long's dry sense of humor makes for must-see comedy.

Long was the first comedian to perform except he wasn't Dan Long, he was "one-fourth dollar a.k.a. 25 cent," Long said.

Long went into a talk about how hard life is to be a rapper from Bellefonte, PA.

"I been shot five times," Long said. "All by me."

There were eight more acts

that followed Long, including the sketch comedy group Go Grapefruit!

Each comedian was in full character ranging from celebrities such as Matthew McConaughey, to English-men, to ghosts and ghastrs (gay ghosts).

Matt Rain was the last to perform at Second Floor's Spooktacular, playing the role of Yariv, a foreigner from an unknown country that has a love of KFC chicken.

In fact, Rain threw the whole bucket of leftovers onto unsuspecting audience members in the front row, who were not pleased with the stunt.

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Two convicted in Smith drug case

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LOS ANGELES — A boyfriend and two doctors who were part of Anna Nicole Smith's inner circle in her final days and were charged with enabling her prescription drug use were acquitted of most drug charges Thursday, but two were convicted of conspiring to use false names to get her prescriptions.

Howard K. Stern, Smith's boyfriend-lawyer, and Dr. Kristine Erosheвич, her psychiatrist, were convicted of conspiring to get the former Playboy model and reality TV star painkillers and sedatives.

Prosecutors contended during the nine-week trial that the defendants were dazzled by Smith's glamor and filled her demands for prescription drugs to protect their insider status in her person-

al life and her celebrity world.

Defense attorneys countered by portraying the defendants as angels of mercy who were trying to help Smith cope with her chronic pain, particularly after she gave birth to her daughter by cesarean then quickly lost her 20-year-old son, Daniel, to a drug overdose.

Smith eventually died of an accidental drug overdose in Florida in 2007, but the defendants were not charged in her death at age 39.

The jury convicted Stern of conspiring with Erosheвич to obtain drugs through the use of a false name and misrepresentation. Erosheвич also was found guilty of using a false name and misrepresentation to obtain prescriptions for the painkiller Vicodin for Smith.

Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, the physician who prescribed most of her

pain medications, was acquitted of all charges in a verdict he called a triumph for the medical profession.

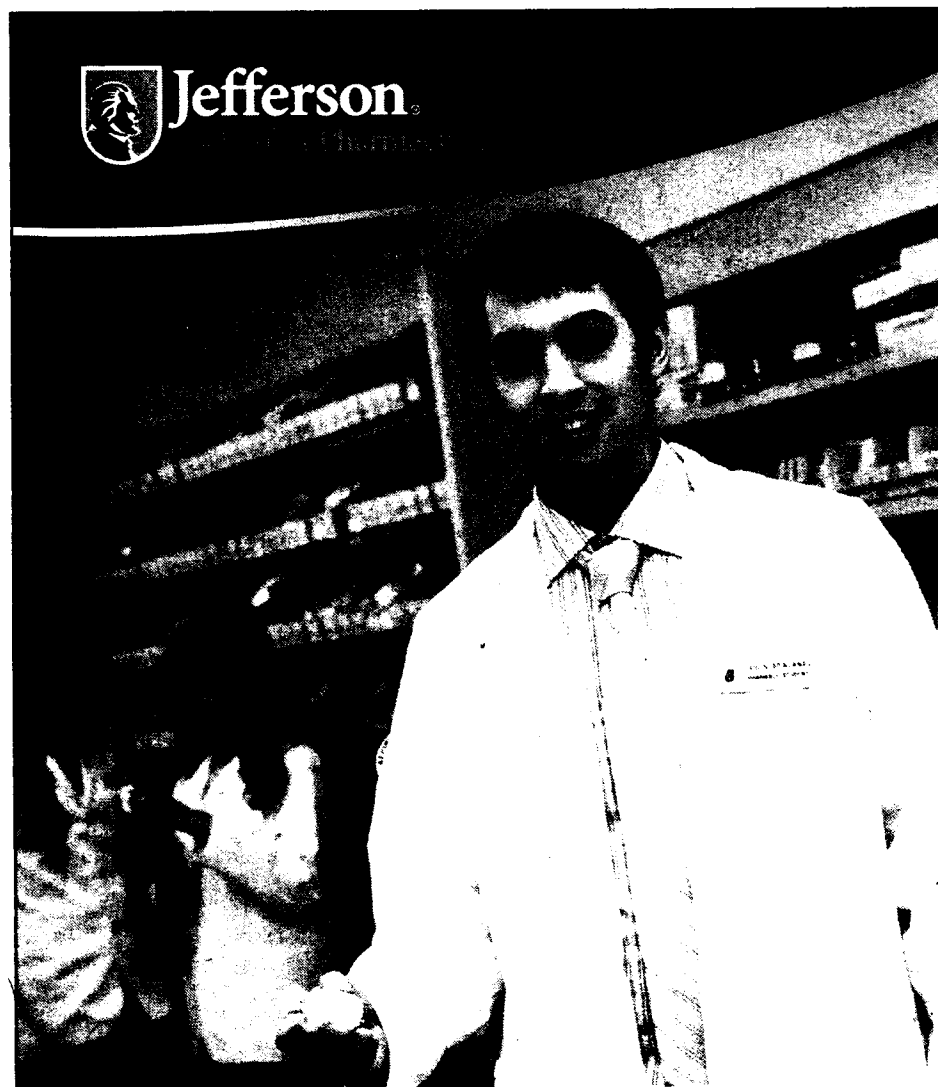
"This is not just a victory for me, but for patients everywhere who suffer chronic pain," an emotional Kapoor said outside court.

His lawyer Ellyn Garofalo said it also was a victory for Smith.

"The jury found she was not an addict," Garofalo said.

Stern originally faced 11 counts of conspiracy, excessive prescribing of opiates and sedatives to an addict, and fraudulently obtaining drugs by using false names but was convicted of only two conspiracy counts. The judge previously dismissed two charges against him.

As he left the courthouse, Stern told reporters, "Everything relating to the appropriateness of the medication, I was acquitted of."



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