

Shasha belting out her winning song 'Maybe'. With her is Nordin.



Shasha's the one

KICKING up a storm with her rock numbers, Shasha emerged champion of the second Hard Rock 'The One' singing competition, beating eight other finalists at the Hard Rock Cafe Penang in Batu Ferringhi recently.

Shasha, whose real name is Siti Aily Shahida Zainal, rendered three numbers which brought the audience to their feet, including her own song *Maybe*.

Her vibrant vocals coupled with versatile stage presence made her stand out from the other finalists, winning RM1,000, a gold record, a complimentary stay at the hotel and a slot at its upcoming Summerfest Festival.

First runner-up S. Saladin Abdullah from Shah Alam received RM500 and gifts while Christopher James Estrop, 34, from Penang came in third, winning RM250.

Shasha will represent the hotel at Hard Rock Cafe roadshows in Bangkok, Pattaya, Bali and Osaka.

"Although I have been singing for about eight years, this was my first time in a singing competition," said Shasha, who was backed by Nordin Zainul Abidin on the guitar.

"I'm delighted with the win considering the tough competition."

Shasha and Nordin are part of a Kuala Lumpur-based five-piece band Touch Mahal. Other than performing at local clubs, pubs and private functions, the band has also performed in Singapore.

Shasha said she hopes to produce her own album in her own studio in the future.

"But above all, I want to keep my audience happy," she said.