



HAND it to them ... A signing choir was part of the line-up in Creative Generation.

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Kids steal show at birthday bash

Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage
 Brisbane Entertainment Centre
 Reviewer: Tanya Chilcott

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FROM ballet to AC/DC, from opera and acrobatics, thousands of Queensland students celebrated the state's 150th birthday with a display of talent that evoked both tears and wild applause at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre on Saturday.

While Lee Kernaghan, Operator Please, dancing star Jack Chambers and singers Ricki-Lee and Chrislyn Hamilton all

gave stellar performances, it was some of the state school students who really shone.

Cleveland District State High's Jal Joshua Lebumfacil, this year's *Australia's Got Talent* runner-up, was a stand-out.

Coorparoo Secondary College student Kirby Lunn also

shone, along with the sultry-voiced Talia Pallant from MacGregor State High and The Gap State High's Lauren Porter.

Dancers proved why Queensland has produced the past two *So You Think You Can Dance* winners, with some out-

standing performances. The *Let it Be* and *Requiem for a Dream* sequences were breathtaking.

The show was punctuated with messages wishing the state a happy birthday.

Two messages from Premier Anna Bligh was a little over the top, as was a promotional piece for Queensland schools at the end of the show.

But overall, the show delivered exactly what it promised — a visually fantastic showcase of some of the state's finest emerging artists.

Creative Generations will be broadcast later this year by Channel 10 and was sponsored by *The Courier-Mail*.