

All set for the 'Dream Match'



Oscar "Golden Boy" De La Hoya and Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao pose at the base of the Statue of Liberty.



Oscar De La Hoya hams it up with the media.



Richard Schaefer of Golden Boy Promotions, Oscar De La Hoya, Manny Pacquiao, and Bob Arum of Top Rank Promotions during the "Dream Match - De La Hoya vs. Pacquiao" press conference held at the Statue of Liberty.



Oscar "Golden Boy" De La Hoya and Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao in front of the Statue of Liberty in New York during their historic "Dream Match" press conference Wednesday, October 1. The two prize fighters are slated to slug it out on Saturday, December 6 at MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao with Freddie Roach.



Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao signing souvenirs.



Lucky tourists from the Philippines Lucy Jalbuena, New Jersey-based Fr. Kiko Magnaye, and daughter Mylen Jalbuena show off their tickets signed by Manny Pacquiao.



FilAm Pacquiao fans cheering their idol during the "Dream Match - De La Hoya vs. Pacquiao" media tour kick-off held at the Statue of Liberty in New York.



FilAm members of the media disembarking from the ferry.

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People and Events

FilAm graduates from Cornell law school



Family photo shows L-R: Carlos Buenaflor (brother), Patricia, Diana Cawas-Buenaflor (mother), Christopher Buenaflor (father), and Aurora Wagner (grandmother).

PATRICIA Astorga of Jersey City, NJ graduated from Cornell Law School with a Juris Doctorate, Specialization in International Legal Affairs, on May 11, 2008. While in law school, she represented Cornell Law in the American Bar Association's National Moot Court Competition and won 1st Place in the Langfan Moot Court Competition. She was on the Moot Court Board, President of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. She spent her last semester at Cornell Law in Paris, France as a legal intern at Fondation Scelles, an international human rights organization fighting human trafficking and sexual exploitation. She is currently a litigation associate at Weil, Gotshal, & Manges, LLP in New York. Patricia graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Politics from New York University in 2005. At NYU, Patricia was captain of the Mock Trial Team and won a Best Attorney Award. ■

'People Power': Alive and kicking...

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Wuthering Heights, and we created one to the tune of *Night Fever* from the Bee Gees—I loved disco and *Saturday Night Fever* at the time. After that she gave me the opportunity to recite a poem from *Hamlet* and then gave us scenes to perform in from of the grade 12 classes—and that was it." He attended the Humber School for Creative and Performing Arts in Toronto and was in the school's Theatre Program.

His group is currently in preparation for their next collective creation with the Carlos Bulosan Theatre—developing a piece loosely based on Tess Uriza Holthe's—*When The Elephants Dance* set in the time of war against the Japanese.

"It will be multi-disciplinary piece involving music, dance as well as puppetry," he shares. As for the future of *People Power*, CBT is currently collaborating with various companies to bring the show to Seattle, San Francisco and Montreal within the next year.

Among Lorenzo's body of work is the feature film *Ang Pamana: The Inheritance*, which is a co-production with Canadian company Digital Sweatshop and an indie company in Manila called GC4. The film, which also starred Filipino stars Victor Neri, Phoemela Barranda, Angel Aquino, Tirso Cruz and others had a North American Premiere at the Honolulu International Film Festival in October 2006. Lorenzo's father is an Ilocano from Naguilian, La Union while his mother traces her heritage from Laguna with a Spanish grandmother on her father's side.

"The Fil-Can community is quite unexposed to theatre altogether," Lorenzo lamented. While there are different pockets of communities with Filipino Canadians, most of them are in the suburbs where

the extent of their exposure to the arts spans from local jams, car shows and the cineplex.

Even the Fil-Can communities in the greater Toronto area are "estranged from live theatre really" according to him. This is why the Carlos Bulosan Theatre, the only professional Fil-Canadian theatre company in Canada, has been hard at work in their outreach to the communities. "I find there's more support for the arts community by the Filipino public in the smaller cities like Winnipeg, Manitoba and Montreal, Quebec," Lorenzo observes. "In my opinion, there's less pop stuff going on and so the news of anything Filipino is rare and more sought after. There's just more variety of events and shows happening in Toronto I think." He cited a first in point: two years ago, *Miss Oriented* (CBT's first production, written by Nadine Villasin & Nina Aquino) was produced in Montreal and played to sold out crowds in their entire three-week run and was named Best Production of the Year by the Montreal Mirror.

"We did not have the same reception here a year prior with the same show. I was told that only 30 something per cent of CBT's total audience are made up of Filipinos here in Toronto," he says.

This year, however, *People Power* made waves in the Toronto theater scene and thus began the recognition for the Filipinos' unique artistic talents.

The show garnered Dora nominations in the independent division for Best Director, Musical Director, Set Design and Outstanding Performance and they are just too glad that their efforts are recognized. The community of Filipino artists has doubled, and they continue to create and perform pieces that are proud of. "It looks very promising," Lorenzo said. ■

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 3 | Friday
Ilocano Association Dinner Dance
 Everyone is invited on October 3, 7:30 pm at the Terrace on the Park, Flushing, Queens, NY for The Ilocano American Association's Annual Coronation Ball and Dinner Dance. For more inquiries, call Brenda Talisaysay (718) 886-6348, Menchie Pulido (718) 297-5091, Angie Molina (718) 875-2901; or Tone Nunez (718) 217-0887.

October 4 | Saturday
Healing Mass at St. Emeric Church
 The MHC of St. Emeric invites everyone to the Healing Mass at St. Emeric Church (285 Avenue D at East 12th St.) The Rosary begins at 5 pm, Healing Mass begins at 5:30 pm. You may bring religious articles to be blessed. For more info, contact: Esmyma Nicholl (212) 388-1757, Jesse Chan (212) 810-0682; or Susan Gasis (646) 227-8582.

October 5 | Sunday
Charity Golf Event
 There will be a Charity Golf Event for the benefit of Project Tulong to help the victims of typhoon Frank in collaboration with the Home-Reach Foundation, Inc. and the Consulate General of the Philippines, New York on October 5, 11am at the Pine Ridge Golf Course (2 Golf Course Drive Coram, NY 11727). For more info, please call Robert Zarate (631) 816-4372 or visit www.projecttulong.com.

Pangasinan Dinner Dance
 The Pangasinan Association USA, Inc. in NY will be having a dinner dance and the coronation of Ms. Pangasinan USA 2008 to be held at the Astoria World Manor in NY at 5pm onwards. Proceeds will go to the flood victims in Pangasinan. For more info, contact Nida Cortez (718) 393-0348, Linda Castro (718) 461-5730, Nellie Alino (718) 321-3941; or Carmen Malanum (516) 569-6504.

October 8 | Wednesday
Core's 5th Annual Pool Tournament Fundraiser
 Please join CORE for an evening of friendly competition at its 5th Annual Pool Tournament Fundraiser at 6:30 pm at SLATE (54 West 21st Street between 5th and 6th Avenues) New York, NY. The name of the game: 8-ball - Best of 3 - Single Elimination. Teams should be mixed doubles (i.e. team of one male and one female). Registration fee: \$20/person. All proceeds will go to the READ Philippines program. Teams can register by sending an e-mail to: READ@core-nyc.org.

October 11 | Saturday
CHSNAP/NorthEast Chapter College Day Presents Sharing Senior Power Symposium
 Calling all CHS alumnae, family members and friends! The College of the Holy Spirit North America Foundation/North East Chapter presents Sharing Senior Power Symposium on Saturday, October 11, 8:30 am to 5 pm at the Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center, 556 Fifth Avenue (between W45 and W46), 2nd Fl, NYC 10019. The College Day features a spiritual recollection in the morning and afternoon, a symposium on senior power using music for

recreation and learning about our legal and financial options in the USA for those over 55. Participation fee is \$15 per attendee which includes breakfast and lunch. Please RSVP: Remy de Leon, rmidios916@aol.com, (718) 526-0284, Edith Escueta, ilochsnaf@gmail.com, (212) 962-1063.

Public Square Rosary Crusade
 Pray the Holy Rosary with Catholic Filipino Young Adults (CFYA) on October 11, 12 noon at Bryant Park, NYC. The goal is to join the thousands of groups that will be praying the Holy Rosary on public places closest to October 13—the day God worked the miracle of the sun at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. We will be at Bryant Park to pray for the intentions of countering the destructive secular agenda that threatens us all, for an end to abortion, for penance & conversion. You are welcome to join us not only as an individual but as a group. Feel free to bring your association/org banners. Info: www.katoliko.org or contact: Reynor@katoliko.org

October 20 | Monday
Painting and Drawing Exhibit "Places and People: Emotions and Impressions"
 The Foundation For Filipino Artists, Inc. in a cultural collaboration with The Philippine Consulate General of New York cordially invites you to the opening of an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Lolita Valderrama Savage (International Fine Artist). Reception: October 20, 6:30 pm at The Philippine Center 556 Fifth Avenue, New York. The art exhibit runs from October 20-Nov. 14, Monday to Friday: 9 am to 5 pm. To RSVP, contact Lolita Savage: (203) 536-0015; Aida Bartolome (718) 565-8852 or e-mail filarlist@gmail.com

October 25 | Saturday
20th Anniversary of The Foundation for Filipino Artists, Inc.
 In commemoration of its 20th anniversary, there will be prizes to be given away. 1st Prize is a 2008 Mercedes Benz (Model C300), 2nd Prize: (2) Roundtrip tickets (NYC/Manila/NYC), 3rd, 4th, & 5th Prizes: 46" Plasma TV. Donation: \$15 per ticket of 10 tickets for \$100. Ticket holders need not be present. Drawing date is October 25, 6 pm at 31-29 60th Street, (Auditorium) Woodside, New York 11377. For ticket info and other inquiries, please call: (718) 565-8852, (718) 476-2114, or (212) 406-3022.

Philippine New York Jaycees' 45th Anniversary Gala
 The Philippine-New York Jaycees senators, ambassadors, governors and past presidents in cooperation with the Philippine New York Junior Chamber is pleased to announce the chapter's 45th anniversary celebration luncheon on Oct. 25 at La Dolce Vita/Leonard's, 555 Northern Blvd., Great Neck, NY 11421. Tickets for this event is \$100 per person. This event is spearheaded by honorary chairwoman, Deputy Consul General Melita Sta. Maria Thomeczek and honorary chair Victor De Leon, the 2008 Chapter president. Overall chair Jocelyn Bernal and overall co-chair Antero Maritnez is leading a group of past presidents who are putting this event together. For more info about the organization, please go to www.philnyjaycees.org. You may also e-mail gala45@philnyjaycees.org. To view the location of the event, please go to www.ladocevita.com. For additional info on the Gala, please visit www.Gala45.com.