

# Michelle hits the right notes

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**M**ANILA - If you want to spare your ears from piercing vocal calisthenics of some local artists, listen to Michelle's *Back In Time*. As the album title promises, Michelle will bring you to that time when recording meant hitting the right notes, clearly enunciating words for better appreciation and singing from the heart without straining the vocal cords.

"It is a compilation of songs from the '50s (and '60s)," Michelle describes the nine-track album. "These are the songs of my younger years. I grew up with them. (With that), I have become a lover of the oldies and standards."

The listener will be treated to the classic, enduring music of Cliff Richard (*Constantly, Ocean Deep*), Elvis Presley (*Are You Lonesome Tonight?*, *Love Me Tender*, *Can't Help Falling In Love*, *It's Now Or Never*) and Doris Day (*Teacher's Pet*, *Secret Love*). Michelle also has an original song titled *Lambing*.

*Back In Time*, however, is not the typical compilation album because the tracks are reinvented and improvised for young people to appreciate. Michelle's soothing, relaxed voice and Kettle Mata's conservative yet updated arrangement make every song sound different and original. You get that first-time feeling.

"The album is like going back to that life which is uncomplicated — free from work and stress," shares Michelle. "It's about enjoying the simple things in life — simple lyrics with simple messages."

Michelle has never been this happier in life because she has finally come up with an album that shows who she is as



"This is the kind of music I want to sing," says Michelle. "This is really me. It's a dream come true. An artist knows what song or album fits him."

*Back in Time* sees Michelle in her comfort zone. She doesn't have to compromise her creativity to launch the album commercially. After all what Michelle wants to do is share her music and entertain.

Away from the limelight, Michelle has a music school called StarDev which trains children who aspire to become singers and performers. *Back in Time* is Michelle's testament to her young wards that they can dream big.

Mentored by Dulce and Ivy Violan, Michelle feels she must be doing something good. Proof is a woman's reaction after she heard Michelle perform *The Prayer*. The woman approached and told her that "you have touched me." Touching people's lives through song is another reason why Michelle has kept on singing all these years.

Michelle is now in LA after her successful concert at the Music Museum. She's undergoing training with Seth Riggs, vocal coach of Michael Jackson, Natalie Cole, Stevie Wonder, Anita Baker, Barbra Streisand and Diana Ross to name a few.

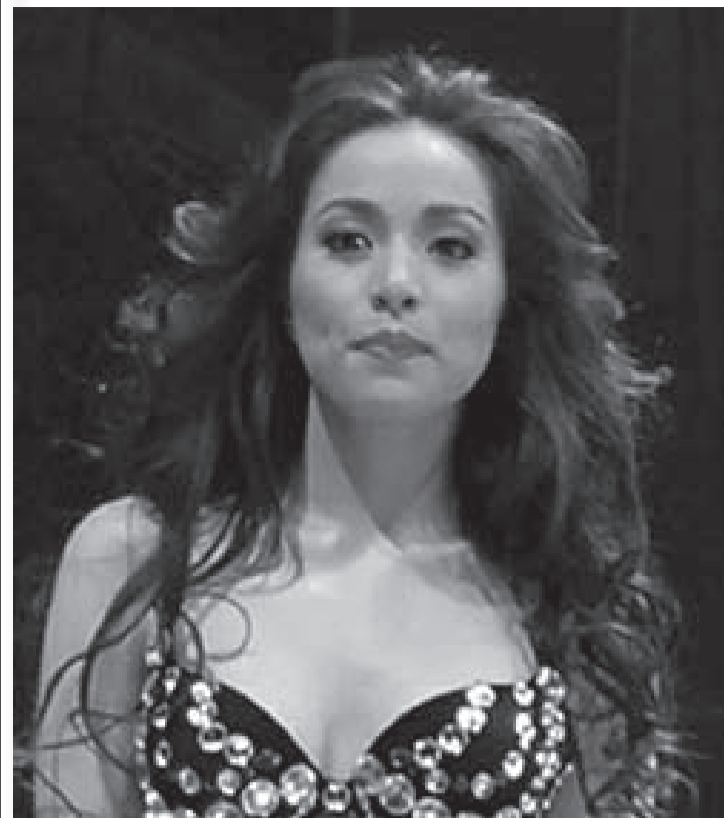
Michelle will share all the vocal and singing techniques Riggs will teach her to her young students. ■



an artist. All the songs are her personal choices.

# Sexy & victorious

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Cristine Reyes, FHM's No. 1 sexiest.

**M**ANILA - Filipino men's fantasy to see Cristine Reyes, who made it to No. 1 in FHM's list of 100 sexiest Women, came true last July 9 when she graced the *FHM 100 Sexiest Women* victory party titled *FHM University at the World Trade Center* in Pasay City.

Cristine also took the crown as this year's FHM Sexiest Woman in the World. She garnered a total of 382,819 votes, clearly leading the pack with last year's winner Marian Rivera trailing her at No. 2 (282,300 votes). Angel Locsin placed third with 266,233 votes. Katrina Halili was fourth with 238,558 votes and Iwa Moto fifth with 220,945 votes.

The party had the most number of performances from celebrities who made it on the list, like Bang Garcia (No. 11), Ehra Madrigal (No. 6), Pauleen Luna (No. 10), Paw Diaz (No. 68), Carlene Aguilar (No. 20) and Aubrey Miles (No. 65).

That night, one wouldn't suspect that Aubrey, FHM Philippines July cover girl, is already a mother of two.

The event featured booths, fashion shows and live band performances by Itchyworms, Kamikazee and Sandwich.

Rufa Mae Quinto served as FHM University's head mistress, while host Jaymee Joaquin was orientation committee head, in charge of touring all the guests around the event area.

Sometime past midnight, the event's highlight, the presentation of the Top 100 finalists, came.

The ramp glittered with the presence of The Kitty Girls (57th), Jenny Miller (74th), Sheena Halili (97th), Charisse Solomon (93rd), Alyssa Alano (88th), Sheree (79th), Gwen Garci (54th), Niña Jose (47th), Andrea del Rosario (38th), Paloma (25th), Krista Ranillo (31st), the EB Babes (24th) and Cherry Ann Kubota (37th). ■

# Page Private School to hold open house

**O**ne hundred and one years ago, a little military academy called Page Military Academy, opened its doors right here in Los Angeles. In fact, it was first located in the heart of downtown LA at Figueroa and Adams. It was a school that stood for academics based on a strong curriculum, and family tradition. Today that school still exists here in Los Angeles. It is called Page Private School, and after 101-years has not only two locations in the Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Area, but two locations in Orange County, and two locations in Central Florida.

"If only my grandparents could see these schools today," said Charles Vaughan, President of Page Private School. "They would be so proud of the students, proud of the growth of the school, and proud of everything that they set in motion over one hundred years ago."

It was Vaughan's grandparents, Robert and Della Page Gibbs who opened the small academy in 1908. Historically, back in 1908, Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United States, and the biggest invention since sliced bread was the Ford Model T. Today we have President Barack Obama, hybrid SUV's on our packed freeways, and we still have that not so little Page Private School.

After Robert and Della Gibbs retired, their daughter Edith and son-in-law Earle Vaughan, operated the academy. It was the Vaughan's who brought the Los Angeles campus to the Hancock Park area located on Larchmont Boulevard, and the Beverly Hills area, located on Robertson Boulevard. Eventually, Edith and Earle's son, Charles became President of Page Private School. It was Charles who eventually expanded Page to the Central Florida area.

"It was always the vision of my parents and grandparents to have a school that moved with the times while maintaining its core traditional values," said Vaughan. "Today my grandparents would not only see one school, but they would see six schools with these same values."

Through the thick and thin of the last 101 years, Page Private School has stood true to its rigorous academics, family atmosphere, and traditional environment. Page has also embraced the changes of the twenty-first century, and has incorporated those changes into their curriculum through active learning, athletics, and class trips. Page continues to offer special classes such as music, art, Spanish, and physical education as part of the core curriculum, as well. Page Private School sends its graduates on to the areas most prestigious high schools including Marlborough, Buckley, Campbell Hall, Harvard Westlake, Notre Dame, and Immaculate Heart.

This weekend, Page Private School is holding their annual summer Open House. It will be held this Saturday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Hancock Park campus is located at 565 N. Larchmont Blvd. and educates students from 2.5 years of age through eighth grade. The Beverly Hills campus is located at 419 S. Robertson Blvd. and educates children from 2.5 years of age through sixth grade. More information can be attained from the school's website at [www.pageschool.com](http://www.pageschool.com). The Open House is a unique opportunity for parents and students to walk through the doors of the 101 year old school, to meet the teachers and staff, and to take a tour of the grounds. Even in the harshest of economic times, Page Private School continues to be an affordable place for students, dedicated to the traditions of the past and the expectations of the future. ■

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