

MYMP, Sessionistas Set Nov. 6

ONE of the most awaited acts in the concert scene in LA is the formidable duo of MYMP (Make Your Momma Proud) led by Juris Fernandez and Chin Alcantara. They were missed by their fans who were all excited to hear that the duo is part of the ASAP. Sessionistas who will stage their first USA Tour this Fall.

KATZ Entertainment is proud to present this major event which showcases six different genres of music, styles and performances. This early, the tickets are selling very fast and fans can't get enough of it. It's not surprising though because the latest concert of ASAP Sessionistas in Araneta Coliseum back home was sold-out. The Sessionistas comprise of Nina, the Soul Diva; Aiza Seguerra, Asia's Acoustic Sensation; MYMP, the Acoustic Wonder; Sitti, the Bossa Nova Diva; Big Band Crooner, Richard Poon and R&B Master, Duncan Ramos. Together the group is all eager to stage their first USA tour which kicks off on Nov. 6 at the Heritage Forum in Anaheim.

Leading MYMP is the alluring, sweet-natured Juris. She hails from Davao and took her

early education in Ateneo de Davao. She comes from a family of doctors and took BS psy-

waves and the fans. Her quiet, simple and sweet appearance has made her appeal to the fans in their bar gigs and on TV. But despite all her success, she remains kind and fun-loving at heart. She is a great person to know and an even greater friend to have. Among her favorite things: Movies: *Sense and Sensibility, The Other Side of Heaven. Books: Don't Sweat the Small Stuff.*

Then there's Chin Alcantara, who started learning the guitar when he was 15. His talent and skill blossomed and with the support of his Dad, pursued a career in music. His musical influences are Jimi Hendrix, SRV, Mr. Big and Led Zepelin. His friendly and funny appeal makes him a

crowd and fan favorite on and off the stage. He finished his college degree in communication arts in Miriam College. Here are some of his favorite things: favorite movies are *Legends of the Fall* and *Star Wars*.



MYMP

chology in Miriam College as a pre-medicine course. Although she graduated a BS psychology student, she pursued a career in music as a vocalist despite having no formal training in singing. Her cool and soft voice was eventually loved by the air-



Hi!
Society

By MONET LU

I'VE been meaning to write about a remarkable multi-media presence in Philippine entertainment, a charismatic force by the name of Boy Abunda.

The first time I met Boy many years ago was through Alfie Lorenzo. It was a simple "hi!" and "bye" encounter on the set of a telemovie starring Kris Aquino and Boy's then-ward Ariel Rivera. I ran into him again two years ago through a common friend of ours, celebrity chef/host Ron Bilaro. It was around that time that Boy was nominated by the Reflections committee for

A Boy with a big heart

the Multi-Media Excellence Award but his busy schedule just would not permit him to accept the award here in Los Angeles.

Another time while I was in Manila visiting our common friend Ruffa Gutierrez on set at ABS-CBN, I bumped into Boy again. He never forgets an acquaintance. We got to



Boy Abunda

talking instantly although very briefly. Still, it was a meaningful connection. You can tell when

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An all-new KC revisits Paris

by MARINEL CRUZ
Inquirer.net

MANILA — Actress KC Conception, who graduated with a degree in Internal Corporate Communications at the American University in Paris two years ago, said her return to the City of Light in July was like coming full circle.

"It was in Paris that I decided to go back to the Philippines and try working in show business. Never in my wildest dreams did I

think that I'd be able to go back there for my work here. It's really God's hands working," KC told a group of writers during a gathering last week.

Her own money

KC and fellow ABS-CBN contract artist Piolo Pascual flew to France to shoot some scenes for the local adaptation of the Korean hit series *Lovers in Paris*, which will premiere on September 28.

"When I went back to Paris I was no longer a student. I've been working for two years so I had enough money of my own to spend this time around. Contrary to what people think, my parents didn't send me much money except for rent and school needs, so I took on three jobs while I lived there," KC recalled.

For the TV series, KC stayed in Paris for almost a month and toured the city once more. "We tried to cover as many good views of the city as we could, so *Pinoy* viewers would get to see how beautiful the place is," she explained. "The original show didn't have as much scenery. That's the added bonus of our version."

Supportive Piolo

KC said viewers will see her and Piolo at the iconic Eiffel Tower. "They will also see me riding a bike by the river bank. It's beautiful there. They will also see a lot of the bake shops—since the place is known for its French breads—and bridges," she added.

The actress said she still has a couple of months on the series. "I'm enjoying every minute of it.



My character, Vivian, is very open about what she wants to do and experience," she revealed.

As for his co-star Piolo, KC commented: "I admire Piolo as an actor. I look up to him ... but I don't feel ill-at-ease ... I can trust him. I find him very supportive and generous."

UN campaign

Just like her work, KC said she also takes pleasure in being the national ambassador of the United Nations World Food Program. Last week, she launched the *You* campaign, which aims to raise P500,000 to feed poverty-stricken kids in war-torn Mindanao.

KC has collaborated with the clothing brand Bayo to come up with a collection of hooded sweatshirts and T-shirts. She said a portion of the sales would be used to run the anti-poverty campaign.

"If I sell the clothes I designed, I will be able to raise P500,000. This is equivalent to 150,000 full meals," she explained. "So far, the WFP has been providing 70,000 meals to about 427 schools in North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat." ■

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