

'Unity Tour' Reviewed

by LOU CABALDE

October 17 at exactly 7pm, the Unity Tour premiered at the BCI University in Randolph, New Jersey. All seven artists: Pop Diva Kuh Ledesma, Asia's Hottest singing sensation Christian Bautista, Singer-Comediennes Nanette Inventor and Jograd dela Torre, stage actor Carlo Orosa, Up and Coming Songstress Isabella and the young balladeer from the hit reality TV show, Britain's Got talent, Charlie Green fired up the stage as they opened the show with an energetic song.

The audience were thrilled to see their favorite stars UNITED in one stage with one goal, which is to give hope and inspiration to all Filipinos in the US. All Seven artists have devoted their time and talent for this purpose and at the same time help raise funds for the Typhoon victims back in the Philippines as part of the proceeds will go to the almost 86,000 families displaced by Typhoon Ondoy and Typhoon Pepeng.

It was indeed a night filled with fun and entertainment as Loads of Laughter were provided by Nanette inventor and Jograd dela Torre. Nanette, introduced her new character as Madame Lucky Chan, that left the audience laughing their hearts out.

It was without a doubt that Christian Bautista was the heartthrob of the group. Women in the audience went wild as Christian went on stage and sang songs from his newly released album under Universal Records entitled *Romance Revisited* which featured songs of Jose Mari Chan.

Carlo Orosa, being no stranger on stage, gave a song and dance number as he portrayed the character of Moses.

A trip down memory lane was provided by the young balladeer from the UK, Charlie Green who gave his soulful rendition of the song, *Smile*.

Up and Coming Songstress, Isabella serenaded the audience with songs that gave the message of hope and inspiration.

While Kuh Ledesma sang her timeless love songs and gave messages to help uplift the Filipino spirit.

The audience were also given the chance to share their blessings by dropping off their donations for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy and Typhoon Pepeng at the concert venue. Donations that were received that night will be packed and delivered to Manila to be distributed to those who needs it the most.

"When we first conceptualized this concert, wala pang Typhoon Ondoy at Pepeng. After seeing the massive devastation brought about by the two typhoons this concert is coming at the right time for Filipinos in the US and Canada to unite and share their blessings to the almost 86,000 families who were displaced by the typhoon." says Kuh Ledesma

Kuh Ledesma, along with the other artists of Unity Tour, continues to encourage all Filipinos in the United States and Canada to Unite with them and join them in this great cause, to help the Victims of Typhoon Ondoy.

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Nanette Inventor, Kuh Ledesma and Isabella during the Unity Tour Concert.

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GETTING TO KNOW FASO

Antonio Bartolome -2nd Violinist

Antonio Navarro Bartolome, Jr. was born in Manila, Philippines and grew up in the province of Obando, Bulacan. He immigrated to the United States in 1990. A graduate of the Claire Trevor School of the Arts at the University of California, Irvine, he earned his Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance and was a student of Haroutoune Bedelian. During his studies, Bartolome broke new ground at UC Irvine pursuing both classical and jazz violin training, studying under jazz luminaries such as Kei Akagi, Charles Owens, Lesa Terry, and James Newton.



Bartolome was a member of the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, California State Los Angeles Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble, and Bellflower Symphony Orchestra playing in venues such as the Disney Concert Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, and UCLA Royce Hall.

As a freelance musician, Bartolome has performed with a myriad of artists such as Randy Newman, Diana Krall, Michael Bubl , Andy Williams, Monica Mancini, Claudia Acuna, John Corigliano, James Newton Howard, Alf Clausen, Sir James Galway, and John Williams to name a few.

Having only been with FASO since August 2009, Bartolome proudly serves as the orchestra's second violin principal chair.

Bartolome currently works at the University of Southern California as an Academic Advisor for the Gayle Garner Roski School of Fine Arts.

Auction for a cause

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Angel Locsin, a Red Cross Ambassador, spearheaded a campaign that will benefit typhoon victims and asked help from her celebrity friends—Anne Curtis, Dimples Romana and Kris Aquino to donate for her project called "Shop & Share." This is an online auction which showcases personal designer items of showbiz personalities whose proceeds will go to the Philippine National Red Cross' disaster relief efforts.

According to Philippine Entertainment Portal, Angel was overwhelmed with the positive feedback and response from people and was happy to know that so many of her colleagues wanted to help. Expensive personal items of celebrities such as Hermes, Prada, Louis Vuitton and Chanel are displayed for auction at www.shopandshare.ph.

Here's a list of celebrities who donated and the items they have shared:

- Heart Evangelista (Tiffany and Co. ring and Fendi shades)
- Pokwang (Louis Vuitton Magnolia Heels shoes)
- Luis Manzano (Technomarine watches)
- Kim Chiu (dresses and Louis Vuitton bags)
- Maxine Magalona (Gucci and Coach bags)
- Ruffa Gutierrez (Tory Burch bags and shoes)
- Mariel Rodriguez (Kate Spade, Prada and Marc Jacobs bags)
- Gerald Anderson (Oakley Eye Patch sunglasses)
- Marian Rivera (classy and expensive dresses which she wore on events)

When asked as to who donated the most expensive item, Angel simply answered that it really doesn't matter, for everyone donated something that is special and important to them.

For those who want to purchase items from your favorite showbiz personalities, visit www.shopandshare.ph and be one with their cause...Shop and Share!

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