

Charice is special guest at 'Wowowee Live' in Lake Tahoe

TEEN phenom Charice Pempengco will be the special guest at the *Wowowee Live in Lake Tahoe* show that takes place on Labor Day Weekend in late summer, specifically on September 6, 2009 at the Harrah's and Harvey's Lake Tahoe Outdoor Arena starting at 5pm.

Charice captured the hearts of millions of viewers when she first appeared in the *Ellen DeGeneres* show in 2007 where she sang *I Will Always Love You*.

Charice has since carved a name in the music industry, and has performed with the likes of Celine Dion and Andrea Bocelli. She was also a guest performer in *David Foster & Friends* concert in Las Vegas in 2008.

The pint-sized belter has also appeared three times on the Oprah show, the most recent appearance being the launch of her single, *Note to God*.

Wowowee is the popular, top-rated game show watched by millions of Filipinos around the globe through The Filipino Channel of ABS-CBN Global hosted by actor/singer/comedian Willie Revillame.

The show has become a fan favorite as it offers millions of pesos in prizes to game contestants, and features the heartwarming and heart-wrenching stories of Filipinos from the homeland and overseas. It also dazzles audiences with scintillating dance numbers from its tireless dancers, plus, of course, the comedy and TV hosting genius of Revillame.

Wherever the show has appeared overseas, *Wowowee* has been deluged with audiences, some of whom fly or drive hundreds of miles just to become a part of the show. In the Northern California and Northern Nevada area, this will be the third appearance of *Wowowee*, after its past jam-packed shows in San Francisco and Reno.

Aside from the seeing Charice perform and having a chance at winning great prizes in *Wowowee*, Lake Tahoe visitors that weekend get to see the annual fireworks festivities organized by the city to celebrate Labor Day Weekend.

According to Pia Pena of Prime Media Unlimited, the city has planned its annual fireworks also on September 6, coinciding with the presentation of *Wowowee*.

Wowowee Live in Lake Tahoe is a presentation of D' Platinum Productions, in cooperation with Prime Media Unlimited.

Reserve your tickets right now by calling the *Wowowee* ticket hotlines at (510) 329-1406, (510) 499-5340, (408) 550-5352 or (408) 306-4281 or by visiting www.primemediaunlimited.com. For bus tour, contact Norma at (510) 366-2054, Nanette at (510) 828-4792 or Arlene at (650) 787-8918.

With Charice, Willie Revillame, valuable prizes at stake, and the annual Labor Day Weekend fireworks, the enjoyment and laughter will keep on rolling on September 6. Don't miss this summer event of 2009!

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UP Diliman launches heritage museum

SELECTED works by University of the Philippines (UP) alumni-artists and National Artists for the Visual Arts will be featured in *Pag-Asa ng Bayan* to inaugurate Bulwagan ng Dangal, the University Heritage Museum, the newest and biggest exhibition space at UP Diliman.

Slated from July 18 to Dec. 31 at Gonzalez Hall (University Library), the exhibit showcases works by National Artists Napoleon Abueva, Fernando Amorsolo, BenCab, Abdulmari Imao, José Joya, Leandro Locsin, Arturo Luz, Vicente Manansala, Juan Nakpil, Hernando Ocampo, and Guillermo Tolentino.

Also on display are works of V. Artango, Pablo Baens-Santos, Genara Banzon, Santiago Bose, Anastacio Caedo, Imelda Cajipe-Endaya, Dominador Castañeda, Orlando Castillo, Evelyn Collantes, Danilo Dalena, Antonio Daroy, Jaime de Guzman, Leonilo Doloricon, Rock Drlon, Restituto Embuscado, Isaac Eustaquio, Brenda Fajardo, Edgar Fernandez, Virginia Flor-Agbayani, Ofelia Gelvezon-Tequi, Ileana Lee, Cocoy Lumbao, Florentino Macabuhay, Ildefonso Marcelo, Nonoy Marcelo, Graciano Nepomuceno, Romulo Olazo, Onib Olmedo, Nonon Padilla, Ramón Peralta, and Nestor Vinluan.

The show also features selected pieces from the University Art Collection, which counts more than 1,000 works scattered over the seven constituent campuses of the UP System. The collection ranges from basic still life to history art—painting, sculpture, and mixed media—expressed in either representational or non-representational idiom.

"The exhibit underscores the rich base where the University Art Collection stands when viewed according to certain determinants, breathing into the collection a sense of the expansive where aesthetic forms and

content are brought to fore," writes Prof. Rubén D. F. Defeo, one of the project's curator, in the exhibition's accompanying brochure.

A professor at the Department of Theory, College of Fine Arts, Defeo curates the exhibit with Dr. Patrick D. Flores of the Department of Art Studies, College of Arts and Letters.

The exhibition's title is taken from the University hymn and speaks of the possibility of change that animates a forever expectant nation and people.

Like the inaugural exhibit, *Bulwagan ng Dangal* is a phrase taken from the second stanza of the University hymn.

"The appropriation of the phrase, *bulwagan ng dangal*, as the name of the newest exhibition space on campus honors the importance the University assigns to the role of the arts and culture in molding the lives and minds in the academe," Defeo said.

The exhibition space is also called the University Heritage Museum.

Pag-asa ng Bayan is a centennial project of the UPD Office of the Chancellor through the Office for Initiatives in Culture and the Arts. Cooperating units include the Office of the Campus Architect and the Designed Environment Committee of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs, the Executive House, College of Business Administration, CFA, College of Law, College of Mass Communication, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, the UP Integrated School and the University Library. (Philstar.com)

New website features Fil-Aussie designer

AHIGH-end e-commerce fashion portal was launched during the second quarter of 2009 by Bianca Cristina Zobel, a 27-year-old ritzy but hardworking entrepreneur.

The website www.im-hm.com (short for I am High Maintenance) is home to very well known high-end fashion brands such as Azzolini, Junkfood, Leonardo Salinas, Madame Marie, Melissa Obadash, and Nevenka.

As sponsor of the Inquirer-Nokia Lifestyle Series, im-hm recently brought in Leonardo Salinas to do a successful fashion show at the fully-packed Rizal Ballroom of Shangri-la Makati last July 9.

Salinas's dresses ranged from very structured and well-tailored evening skirts (a trademark of Salinas), which can also be used during the day, to wedding gowns.

The wedding gowns were featured during the finale as part

of the Australian fashion week.

The 32 outfits of his recent collection consisted of autumn and winter silhouettes which were tailored and feminine inspired by Mia Farrow of the late 1960s.

The show stealer was his origami collection. His haute couture collection runs for \$5,000 per dress.

Salinas's spring and summer collection, which is more affordable, is available through im-hm.com, which is pioneering online shopping for high-end brands.

im-hm.com was able to put together very exclusive brands.

The site, a labor of love by Bianca Cristina Zobel, is her initiative to make high-end brands available throughout Asia and the rest of the world.

Never before has a Filipino fashion portal been able to bring all these high-end labels together. (Inquirer.net)

COUNTRY COOKING

Oxtail 'menudo' is fiesta fare in Pampanga

by MICKY FENIX
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WE were recently invited to Apalit, Pampanga, at the shrine of Apung Iro, the local name for St. Peter or San Pedro (Iro is the nickname), whose fiesta is on June 28.

Toto Gonzalez, descendant of a prominent family in Sulipan, Pampanga had taken over the task of celebrating the feast. He asked family and friends to come over on the eve of the fiesta for the rehearsal of his new role.

Gonzalez's relative, Nena Tayag, supervised the many dishes that would feed probably the whole barangay (village) and visitors from other places.

The brigade was preparing all the standard fiesta dishes like *menudo*, *mechado*, *lechon kawali* and *pancit bihon guisado*. The *bringhe* was steaming in a *caldero* on top of which were the banana leaves that would give off the aroma. For the *pancit*, a group started trimming the Bagoiu beans and another began slicing the carrots.

With all that going on, I wondered why Gonzalez said that the food hadn't arrived. Eventually, I realized that he had ordered food from his brother, Café Ysabel's Gene Gonzalez. His other brother, Ompong, brought the pastries from Pasteleria Mallorca, their family business.

And so what materialized on the table were mostly not what was cooked at the back of the house. There were roast turkey with bread stuffing, the family's *menudo* which everyone thought was *kare-kare* because of the oxtail (Gonzalez said it was like *rabo de toro*), *hamonado* (baked sweetened pork), *galantina* and *lechon*. Our host said by next year the *lechon* should be done at the place. ■

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