

The Diva that is Kuh Ledesma: Her passion, her love, her music

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AN icon in the Philippine music industry, Kuh Ledesma, continues to share her love for Music for more than 25 years. Her achievements, numerous awards and recordings made her the undisputed 'Pop Diva' of the Philippines. She has conquered and continues to dominate recording, the concert stage, television, movies and musical productions.

While audiences have adored and loved her timeless and immortal songs, Kuh continues to strive for excellence in everything that she does up until now. Her passion and love for music remained as her key to bring forth the message of love, nationalism, and hope.

Through the years, Kuh's countless contributions in the music industry have influenced not only her own career but also helped jump start the careers of some new talents who wants to make their break in the music scene. Perhaps one the greatest contributions of Kuh is the Music Museum which continues to be the Philippines' foremost venue for quality concerts.

Kuh's love for performing led her to establish her own production company Headline Concepts. She produced shows that were deemed impossible to many. Unforgettable concerts that were an all time hit, and staged them on venues like the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), PICC, Folk Arts Theater and the Araneta Coliseum during the time when singers and producers shunned large venues because they were so hard to fill. She also bravely brought most of her self produced concerts to tour the USA and Canada some of which are *Power of 2* (Kuh Ledesma and Regine Velasquez), *Divas 2 Divas* (Kuh Ledesma and Zsa Zsa Pa-

dilla) and the phenomenal hit concert *Divas 4 Divas* that featured four of the Philippines' top divas!

Now the Pop Diva embarks on another concert that will give hope and inspiration to everyone. After years of conceptualization, Kuh has come up with a concert that she hopes would unify the Filipinos in the USA and Canada thus, the *Unity Tour*.

"I think it's a perfect time, and it's been such and need in our Filipino community *kasi* abroad and here to inspire people to unify because there is power there and so we need to be strong as a race," says Kuh.

The *Unity Tour* will feature seven (7) of the finest artists in the Philippines that were personally chosen by the Pop Diva herself. Joining the Pop Diva are: Asia's Pop Idol Christian Bautista, singer-comedienne Nanette Inventor and comedian 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. When asked why seven (7) artists, according to Kuh there is something that is unifying them, something that you will find out in the *Unity Tour*, but other than that, for Kuh "seven (7) is a complete number."

Kuh said that there is so much to look forward to in this



concert and people who will be watching will have loads of surprises.

"Well, Jograd and Nanette will be doing characters and monologues and I will be joining them, we will also be singing love songs as well as inspirational songs," says Kuh.

A timely concert during uncertain and trying times, a show that will help uplift ones spirit and will make one feel that in the midst of darkness, there will always be hope. A grand celebration of music, laughter and inspiration, *Unity Tour*.

You may catch the *Unity Tour* in five cities. The *Unity Tour* kicks off on October 16 at Montreal, Canada, followed by New Jersey on October 17, San Jose, California on October 20, Long Beach, California on October 24 and October 25 in Vancouver, Canada.

"It's going to be a fun show and inspirational!" says Kuh.

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