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By Ferdie Villar

Gary V. and Martin Nievera in 'AS1' thrill US audience

San Francisco concert a great success, next stop —Pasadena Civic Center, Los Angeles

THE Nob Hill Masonic Center in San Francisco last Saturday, October 10, was packed with people from all over Northern California to watch the first-ever concert of two of the Philippines' music royalties — Concert King Martin Nievera and Mr. Pure Energy Gary Valenciano in their US concert tour, AS1.

Although the show started late to accommodate those who had a hard time finding a parking spot, Gary and Martin made up for the lost time by rocking the house with their first number. Singing *You're on the Right Track*, a song popularized by Martin, Gary was in his pure energy state gyrating and strutting his stuff sans back up dancers. Martin joined the dancing, but he seemed to be holding his energy, saving it for the rest of the show.

Martin, in his usual funny self, walked away with hilarious punchlines which sent the audience laughing. One of his many gifts is his witty way of bringing up topics that people are thinking but are wary to say. As a singer, Martin's voice is soulful and passionate, especially when he did his solo segment where he sang Broadway songs like *All I Ask of You* and other hits. The audience was so mesmerized that they gave the Concert King a standing ovation.

Gary did his solo segment performing his hit songs, prompting the audience to stand from their seats and dance. Undeniably, Mr. Pure Energy is still fit and fab for a 45-year-old and moves can still bring thrills to his audience. However, Gary also sings with his heart and faith that he silenced everyone when he sang *The Warrior is a Child*. He reminded the audience to hold strong to their faith in times of great storms, just like what our *kababayans* are facing today.

Other endearing moments during the concert include Martin's offer to the ladies a chance to kiss him in exchange for a

donation for the flood victims. The ladies took no time to waste as they all shriek in delight to fall in line and take the offer.

Both Martin and Gary brought the house down one production number after the other, performing theme songs of teleseryes like *Tayong Dalawa*, *Kahit Isang Saglit* and *Dahil May Isang Ikaw*. Martin even dared Gary to do his Michael Jackson moves, and let the latter wear the beaded jacket ala MJ. Closer to the end, the audience almost never wanted to leave—AS1 gave them a magical, comical and soulful night, one memory that can take with them when they go home.

AS1 is brought to you by Star Media headed by Ana Puno, with JS Camins Productions as line production staff for San Francisco.

Get the chance to watch these two phenomenal performers as AS1 Concert Tour takes the state at the Pasadena Civic Center in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 17 at 7:30pm.

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A grand three-day wedding celebration was held for newlyweds Fred Jaravata, Jr. and Sharon Tam recently. First was a rehearsal dinner held at the home of the groom's parents, Fred P. Jaravata Sr., a well known retired insurance agent and Eden V. Jaravata, a retired nurse from UC-Stanford Medical Center. Friends and relative traveled all the way from the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Canada, Costa Rica, as well as from other cities in the United States to attend the couple's memorable day.

The wedding was held at the University of San Francisco's St. Ignatius Church, officiated by Fr. Al Grosskopf, SJ. The newlyweds then welcomed their guests at their reception at the elegant Empress of China in San Francisco's Chinatown.

The next day, a sendoff lunch party for their guests was held at the home of the groom's parents.



Concert King Martin Nievera and Mr. Pure Energy Gary Valenciano, performed together for the first time 'AS1' last Saturday, October 10 at the Nob Hill Masonic Center in San Francisco. Shown in photo with Gary and Martin is beauty impresario Ferdie Villar, a pioneer in the Philippine recording industry and a long time friend of the singers.



Mr. Pure Energy Gary Valenciano is shown with Miss RP-International Marilen Bernardo during the fundraising dinner party hosted by Intramuros Restaurant for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy.



California State Commissioner for the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is shown with San Jose's fashionable lady Susan Pacifico during the fundraising event for State Senator Leland Yee held at Roberto's Restaurant recently.



Concert King Martin Nievera is shown with his colleague from ABS-CBN Channel 2, scriptwriter and director Noel Nuguit, during the meet and greet held at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco last October 6.

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The Empress of China in San Francisco's Chinatown was the setting for the reception of newlyweds Fred Jaravata, Jr. and Sharon Tam who recently tied the knot at the University of San Francisco's St. Ignatius Church. Shown in photo are (L-R) The groom's parents Fred and Eden Jaravata, the newlyweds Fred, Jr. and Sharon Tam-Jaravata, the bride's parents Betty and Yan Tam, Philippine Ambassador to the United States Willy C. Gao and his wife Linda Gao, Joame Santiago and Dr. Silverio Santiago.



Daly City Councilman David Canepa is shown congratulating Star Media president Ana Puno, executive producer of the successful concert, 'AS1' of Gary Valenciano and Martin Nievera last October 10 at Nob Hill Masonic Center in San Francisco.



Philippine Ambassador to the United States Willy C. Gao is shown with successful San Diego businessman Florino P. Agpaga, former PNB Executive Vice President Marie N. Jaravata, Jr. and Fred P. Jaravata during the wedding of Fred, Jr. and Sharon Jaravata in San Francisco recently.



Lyda Viray David, a well-known San Francisco community leader, recently hosted a get together dinner party with her family and other relative in Northern California at the Viray Residence. Shown in photo are (seated, L-R) Gabinita Ewart, Inday Sunga, Agnes Morando, Merle Matignas, Carlos Hernandez, (standing, L-R) Peter Guevarra, Romana Guevarra, Loyda Viray David and Albert Co.

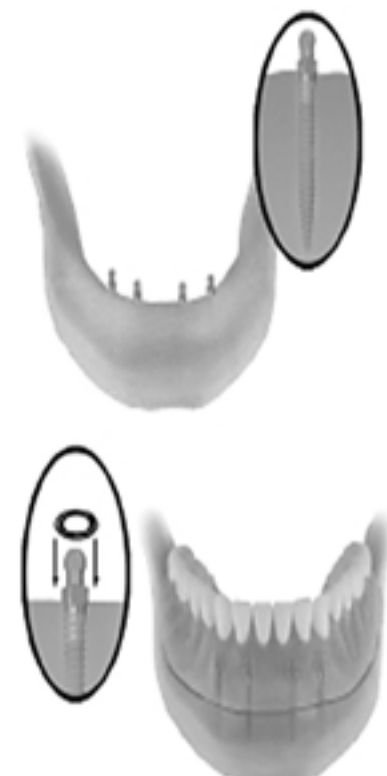
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