

# Top Teen Superstars Kim Chiu and Gerald to energize the Philippine Fiesta



*The Philippine Fiesta in America presents Philippines top teen superstars—Kim Chiu & Gerald Anderson, at its live concert segment on Aug. 15-16 at the Meadowlands Expo Center*

AFTER the very successful TV series *Sana Maulit Muli*, the duo has found themselves in an unbelievable level of popularity when they headlined the highest-rating ABS-CBN TV series *Tayong Dalawa*. With its top rating since its first telecast, the KIMERALD “tandem” (Kimerald the uni-name that fans have branded their pairing) has undeniably now considered the team to beat in terms of ratings and acting on television. Touted as the hottest young team-up that ABS-CBN has produced of late, Kim Chiu and Gerald Anderson were recently elevated to the A-list rank of artists in Philippine movie and television industries.

Kimberly Sue “Kim” Chiu, 16-year-old Chinese-Cebuano charmer, has become a household name since she joined the *Pinoy Big Brother: Teen Edition* and won over her 13 housemates after spending 42 days under “house arrest,” performing assorted endurance tasks like sticking out her tongue for an hour and braiding the other girls’ hair for six hours (can you top that?), as well as sharing her Cinderella-like, teleserye-worthy riches-to-rags tale. She was born in Xiamen, Fujian, People’s Republic of China and grew up in Cebu City.

She portrayed Poknat/Jasmine in *Sana Maulit Pa Muli*, considered one of the country’s most watched programs, which also co-stars Gerald Anderson. She is currently one of the 3 big stars in the high-rated ABS-CBN TV show, *Tayong Dalawa*, raking in millions of television viewers and considered the No. 1 TV

series in Philippine television today. The other two high-caliber artists in this show are Gerald Anderson and Jake Cuenca. Chiu and Anderson appeared together in several shows of ABS-CBN, bagged commercial endorsements, and was formally introduced in the silver screen via their first movie — *First Day High*. She was given a break in the recording industry under Star Records and her first album *Gwa Ai Di* was released mid of 2007.

Gerald Anderson Jr., rose to fame through the Filipino reality television series, *Pinoy Big Brother: Teen Edition* and TV drama *Sana Maulit Muli*, the same TV shows that brought Kim Chiu to her current stature.

Gerald was discovered by Joross Gamboa and introduced to Jhun Reyes, who then brought him to ABS-CBN Network to join in his first TV appearance

on the reality television first season of *Pinoy Big Brother: Teen Edition*. His appearance in the said show catapulted him to stardom and made him one of Philippines’ hottest male stars. He worked on a primetime television series *Sana Maulit Muli* which became one of the most watched TV programs in the year of 2007, appeared in movies *I’ve Fallen For You* and *Shake Rattle & Roll X*, as well as modeled for “Bench” clothing, “Jag” and “Colgate,” just to name a few. Gerald co-stars with Kim Chiu and Jake Cuenca in today’s Philippine television highest rated tv series *Tayong Dalawa*.

Philippine Fiesta in America is the largest indoor gathering of Filipinos in the east coast. Major sponsors are Northwest Airlines, Delta Airlines, Garden State Travel Corporation, ABS-CBN Global and Smart Pinoy in cooperation with Citibank,

Startec, Western Union, Citibank, Mama Sita’s, Philstar.com, Tancinco Law Offices, PNB and Inquirer.net. To sponsor, exhibit, advertise or purchase tickets (Gen Admission (\$18 & VIP\$50) please contact 212 682-6610, Email at [sepmgzn@aol.com](mailto:sepmgzn@aol.com) or visit [www.philippinefiesta.com](http://www.philippinefiesta.com).

Reserve Now! On August 8 at 7pm, the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel – proudly plays host to The Philippine Fiesta 2009 People’s Ball. The gala is a fund raising event to benefit the Simbang Gabi sa Katedral (SGSK). Dinner and ballroom dancing will be provided. The Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel is located at 2 Meadowlands Plaza, East Rutherford, NJ. For more information, contact Nanding or Mila Mendez (212) 682-6610; Ludi (201) 841-3070 ; Nonong (212) 961-6375. Email: [sepmgzn@aol.com](mailto:sepmgzn@aol.com).

## Archie D’s ‘Built to Sound Good’: A perfect easy-listening package

by BOBBY T. YALONG

THERE is always something about music that penetrates through the heart and uplifts the soul especially when rendered by award-winning composer-music arranger and singer Archimedes Dairocas, more popularly known as Archie D. After releasing two albums while under contract with Vicor Music Corp (Phil.) where his 1991 *Pakita Mo* album turned Gold, then later with OctoArts and a third here in the East Coast, this recipient of the 1998 Katha Award (for composing the Alternative Song of the Year *Changing and Giving Ways*, and successfully collaborating with Rachel Anne Wolfe in Gretchen Baretto’s *Complicated* album), has re-surfaced with another potential hit album, *Built To Sound Good*. Archie D’s latest “baby” features 14 remarkably composed tracks which formal launching is slate soon.

### The cover

*Built To Sound Good* prides itself with a modernistic cover that vividly reflects Archie D’s multi-faceted talent and strongly manifests his innate aesthetic diversity. Conceptualized with a multi-layered collage of shapes and figures profusely mounted against a sea of blue tints, randomly complimented with streams of burnt orange hues for contrast, the album cover has successfully accomplished a designed-to-look-good appeal so indicative of the current digitally creative trend.

### The cuts

The first track, *How Can I Love You*, breathes of an

intense plea with audibly heartfelt vocals that echo angst and pains while his interpretation of Loretta Collins’ *Girl* has perfectly soothing vocal nuances in an unusual up-beat tempo with an infectious rhythm. *Can You Wait?* resonates with earnest plea emanating from the singer’s heart and a soulful devotion delivered over a pulsating riff. *Built To Sound Good*, the carrier title, is predominately influenced by the prevailing beats that shaped the present-day musical genre ably injecting an effortless rendition of a brand new kind of danceable piece that could easily replace any top favorite line-dance music.

The line-up segued to track 5, an Ed Sunico-Archie D collaboration, *Di Pa Rin Nagbabago*. Easily a potential hit, the said cut showcases Archie’s passionate interpretation of Sunico’s plaintive lyrics that is bound to simultaneously achieve commercial success and mainstream critical recognition. If only for this piece, Sunico should keep on writing and pouring out more emotion-filled sentimental lovesongs.

“Techno Intro” has some unexpected harmonic progression occasionally coupled with some alternative vocal techniques while *Blue*, a Giorgio Morader original, features some vocal mix and reverbs that sounded so akin to the Beatle’s *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Heart Club Band*-kind-of-music.

Arguably, one of the best tracks is Archie’s own re-arranged interpretation of *Never Gonna Give You Up*, an original recording by English singer Rick Astley (from the words and music by Stock, Aitken and Waterman), which delivers an effortless husky rendition that gives away his intense penchant for love songs. Archie’s interpretation of George Benson’s *Fly* has a good-time mellow rock sound in an incredibly harmonious fusion of soul and disco which is in a stark similarity to *Pamela Carmen* which dwell in an almost the same beat but rendered with rather huskier vocals and a folk-tinged melody.

Already a certified 1992 hit single, *Mahal Na Mahal* rightfully claims its due slot that it deserves. After 18 long years, this sentimental novelty-like piece proves to be timeless even more so with its up-dated re-mastered treatment and sullen charm.

*Built To Sound Good* boasts of three cuts performed by Archie’s close pals Lloyd Umali, who did *The Only Reason* and *I Just Wanna Be Your Everything* and Rachel Anne Wolfe, who dished out *In My Heart*. Both talented artists in their own right, Lloyd and Rachel inspiringly delivered drop-dead vocal renditions worth-listening to.

Distinctly recognizable is Robin Macatangay’s wizard on the guitar. Once again, Macatangay effectively injected his impeccable mastery in strumming and plucking the stringed instrument delivered in a totally high-strung level without becoming exaggerated or under-toned. He’s got perfect control of every musical situation and, of course, his guitar.

Behind his legitimate contributions to the music scene, Archie D’ has always maintained a budding career ably resuscitated by his constant public appearances either as a galliard host, a lively performer or as an effective musical director or talent coach. With his latest release, it won’t be surprising if he receives the long over-due ultimate accolade he truly deserves.

Archie D’s *Built To Sound Good* album is, without any doubt, a perfect package for one great easy-listening pleasure that induces a restful respite and rewarding moments... you won’t want to miss a cut or two. Cora T. Rivera of Bona Tierra Realty made the right decision to be involved in music production by sponsoring a quality recording project and a singer of Archie D’s caliber. If their intention is primarily to have the album sound really good, undeniably, they attained their objective three-folds... or much more... for *Built To Sound Good* could have been built even to make it sound the best! ■



## THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 11 | Saturday AYALA LAND PROJECT PRESENTATION (Extended Run)

By popular demand, Ayala Land will hold another event following its successful presentation of May 23 & 24. Presentation will feature Serendra East Tower, Red Oak, Aston, The Columns, Anvaya Cove, Greenfield Estates, Avida San Lorenzo, Avida Settings Nuvali.

### July 11 | Saturday and July 12 | Sunday Date and Place

10:00am- 5:00 pm  
131 Barrow St., Suite 2B (Washington & West Streets) Greenwich Village, New York City 10014.  
Refreshments served.  
How to get there: Take #1 subway to Christopher, walk west to Hudson River; left on Washington; right on Barrow. From Jersey City or 33rd, take Path to Christopher; follow above.

For more information, please call:  
Francis M. Tayag at 917-498-3428  
Steve Derodar at 646-249-1126

### July 17 | Friday 2009 BIKOL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA CONVENTION

From July 17-19, 2009 The Bicolandia Association, Inc. of the Eastern Seaboard USA will host the 2009 Bikol National Convention at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel in Newark, NJ.

All Bicolanos, friends and supporters are invited. The convention will start with a Welcome Reception/registration on Friday, July 17; All day convention on July 18.

The Gala Night Dinner Dance on July 18 will be the highlight of the convention; and whole day picnic at the Liberty State Park, NJ on July 19.

For details, please call Linda Arellano at (973)662-1165; Lita Pena (201)432-2144; Nita Burgos (917)291-4001; Carmen Rances (718)271-6957; Baby Baquiran (201)387-0566 ; Adela Quisumbing (201)993-5023 & Gidget Revilla at (201)983-1335

### July 18 | Saturday Picnic at the Park

The De La Salle Alumni Association-Metro New York invites everyone to join a day of fun with family & friends! Picnic at the Park by the Pool (Central Park West 100th to 103rd Street, NY) from 9am to 4pm. \$10/head. Participating Alumni Groups include: Ateneo, Assumption, Holy Spirit, San Beda, St. Scholastica, and St. Theresa’s. For more info. contact Archie Alvarez (516)301-7091 or Jenny Niguidula (917)678-0309

### July 25 | Saturday Chokwang!!! A live comedy show

MPG Global Productions, LLC proudly presents A Live Comedy Show titled CHOKWANG!!! Featuring Pokwang & Chokoleit...an evening full of laughter and songs with special guest: Yeng Constantino. This will be on July 25, 7pm at Christ The King Performing Arts Center, Christ the King Regional High School (68-02 Metropolitan Ave. Middle Village, NY 11379).

Tickets: \$78, \$58, \$38. Contact Bing: (732) 668.8892; (732)533-8880. Log in to: [www.mpg.globalproductions.com/www.tiketanonline.com](http://www.mpg.globalproductions.com/www.tiketanonline.com)

### August 2 | Saturday Feast Day

Save the date! Featuring the Enshrinement of the Icon of God the Father on August 2, 2:30pm at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Sebastian (58th Street & Roosevelt Ave. Woodside, NY 11377. For more info. contact (646) 508-4871



FIVE STAR CARGO TEAM. Always ready to serve you! Fast and Reliable door to door Balikbayan box service to anywhere in the Philippines. Also offering Travel Services with low fares!