

# SHOWBIZ & STYLE

## JOURNAL

# Sharon looks back — and pays it forward

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**M**ANILA—Last Sunday, September 21, Sharon Cuneta was the subject of a long retrospective documentary on her 30 years in show business. We kept watching the show even if it ended pretty close to midnight, because we wanted to get the full measure of its intent and achievement.

After all that, what's the verdict? There were long stretches of disinterest, but looking back and everything considered, we were glad we had caught the program, because it did manage, after all that detail and dither, to share some fresh takes on the Megastar with viewers.

For instance, at one point, Sharon forthrightly revealed that she had been really ticked off by her ex-hubby, Gabby Concepcion. Now, wives get mad at their husbands all the time, so this really isn't all that big a deal—but, for “pluperfect” Sharon, it is.

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### Rare glimpses

Sharon is so nice that she tries not to offend or say anything bad about anybody all the time. This time, however, she allowed her “sweet” veneer to crack, and viewers got rare glimpses of her vulnerable, wounded and “mad as heck” side.

This penumbra to her perfect full moon has taken a long time to reveal itself, which makes it all the more welcome.

Also decidedly upbeat is Sharon's decision to pay it forward and produce indie movies, so that good stories can benefit from her clout and end up on the big screen.

The production's best technical suit was its ac-

cess to a lot of photo and video material from the past, enabling the show to graphically chronicle Sharon's rise from political “princess” to overnight adolescent star, starting with her hit recording, *Mr. Deejay*, and her blockbuster launching film, *Dear Heart*.

## [Showbitz!]

### Judy Ann addresses network transfer rumors

**W**HILE busy promoting her upcoming film under Regal Entertainment, *Mag-Ingat Ka Sa... Kulam*, Judy Ann Santos is also busy responding to rumors of an impending network transfer from ABS-CBN to GMA-7.

In an interview with Philippine Entertainment Portal, Judy Ann clarifies the rumors that have hounded her since



Judy Ann Santos

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