

Kuh and Christian all set to inspire NJ



Kuh Ledesma



Christian Bautista

ASIA'S Pop Idol and Romantic Balladeer, Christian Bautista, together with the Philippine's Pop Diva, Kuh Ledesma, along with Carlo Orosa and Isabella, will be sharing one stage on November 9 at The Bible Church International in Randolph, NJ in a concert entitled *An Evening of Inspiration*. This concert is for the benefit of The Bible Church International Philippines Medical Mission for 2009. This young balladeer is Asia's hottest singing sensation. Christian's singing career started after winning 4th Place in ABS-CBN's reality singing contest, *Star In A Million*. This only proved that he need not win the much coveted ti-

tle to become famous, catapulting himself to certified stardom with hit albums, TV series and a movie. After *Star In A Million*, Christian released his very first self titled album under Warner Brothers, Philippines, that created a phenomenal hit having *The Way You Look At Me* as his carrier single. This album garnered triple platinum in no time. The same song crossed borders and reached international airwaves making Christian an instant star in Indonesia. So popular, that Warner Music, Indonesia brought him to their local music scene where he was instantly accepted by the locals. His music went even as far as Thai-

land, Malaysia and Singapore. Soon after, Christian released his second album, *Completely*, with different packages for the Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore. The album attained platinum status in the Philippines and Indonesia. Because of his indomitable success in Indonesia, he was given his first-ever Indonesian TV special by RCTI, the Country's largest broadcasting station based in Jakarta, entitled *Completely*. This gave the young balladeer a chance to perform with famous artists in the Country. Currently, Christian is a mainstay of the hit Sunday variety show, *ASAP '08* in ABS-CBN. He also launched his newest album entitled *Captured* and has just finished Stages production of the Broadway musical, *West Side Story*. The proceeds for this concert will be solely dedicated to fund the Medical Mission of BCI for 2009. Through the years the Bible Church International has been sending volunteers from New Jersey to the Philippines to do medical missions to thousands of families in the poorest areas in Luzon. Come and be inspired by this concert and be a part of this noble task of reaching out to the less fortunate Filipinos. For ticket inquiries, log on to www.biblechurchinternational.com

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Two divas to rock Atlantic City!

by BOBBY T. YALONG

THIS early, the expectation is already heightening and the tension is building up to the brim as the red-letter day of the *BACK2BACK* concert draws closer, and the two most in-demand Philippine Divas perform on the same stage, sharing a common spotlight and above all, burdened by consciousness to win the audience's applause to their side.

Such a high-tension scenario unfolds soon at the Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City on Saturday, Nov. 29, 7pm, when sultry singer Zsa Zsa Padilla of *Zsa Zsa Saturnah* fame and *Divalicious* performer Pops Fernandez come face-to-face in the most touted all-star Filipino talent show with Phil. Cinema's Comedy King Dolphy brought to you by Special Edition Press, Inc., ERJ Productions, and Trump Entertainment Resort.

"Tension...? I don't think such thing prevails in the air between me and Pops. We've been together in a number of shows, and there was never a tinge of such kind. We're in a level of absolute professionalism unaffected by media hype or by any publicity slant. That's some kind of puerile and pugnaic rivalry which is not our cup of tea." Imperterbably commented by the Divine Diva as she tries to clear the air in a jestingly pouting manner...so divinely Zsa Zsa.

"Actually, that's true!" Butted the soulful-eyed Concert Queen. "We've our own individuality and peculiar style as performers. We just give the best we could to entertain and please our audience. Nothing sort of rivalry or exerted effort to overshadow the other...neither of these was an option."

Enticing Esperanza "Zsa Zsa" Padilla, that seductress of a singer known for her sensuous lips that congruously matched her hit song *Hiram*, has been relatively blessed in every aspect: as a respected multi-awarded dramatic-comedy actress, as an award-win-



Pops Fernandez

Zsa Zsa Padilla

ning songwriter-singer-record producer (having recorded more than 13 albums), an effective TV host, a recognized theater actress (via *Larawan*, a successful and critically acclaimed full-length play), a contented Dolphy's life partner (with whom she has two daughters, Nicole and Zia), and a convincing product endorser. Putting it modestly, Zsa Zsa Padilla is closest to an almost perfected paragon of muliebrity with profundity of expression and quiddity of woman pulchritude.

The same qualities could also be attributed to the perennial Queen of the Philippine Concert stage. Although the "Divalicious" Pops Fernandez embraces her love life in a rather different situation but, just the same, her career remains unaffected and profluent. With a multi-faceted talent and a persistent spirit incessantly on-the-go, the ruling planet in Pops Fernandez's career never fails to surprise her with a slew of assignments even when offers come in dearth for others. With her two sons, courtesy of her male counterpart-husband Martin Nievera, Pops Fernandez lives a life as placidly contented as a pond in springtime and as colorful as a kaleidoscope against a summer light.

Treat yourself and your loved ones to a Thanksgiving Weekend and experience a rare kind of entertainment package inclusive

of songs, dances, comedies and special production numbers from Phil. Showbiz "King of Comedy" Dolphy, *Star In A Million* champ Kris Lawrence, the "Oomph Performer" Geneva Cruz, the Prince of R n' B" Jay R, actor-director Eric Quizon together with his equally talented siblings Jeffrey, Ronnie, Boy2 and Vandolph.

The all-star *BACK2BACK* concert is brought to you by Trump Entertainment Resorts, Special Edition Press, Inc. and ERJ Productions in cooperation with TFC/ABS-CBN Global, Western Union, Philippine Airlines, Tancinco Law Offices, The Garden State Travel, Northwest Airlines, Asian Journal Publications, Inc., United Staffing Registry, Inc., Perlas Ng Silangan, Tiketan Online (Carouselpinoy.com), PNB Remittance Centers, Inc. and Direct TV. The event is also supported by many Filipino stores, restaurants and business establishments.

For show information and details, call (212) 682-6610 or (973) 641-5665. For ticket sales and reservations, call: Ticketmaster at (800) 736-1420. Tickets are \$48, \$68, \$88, \$108, and VIP \$128. Tickets are also available at most Filipino stores in the tri-state area. For show info: pls. call (212) 682-6610 or e-mail: sepmgzn@aol.com and online orders: www.specialeditionevents.com.

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Manila sound is back and alive with The Hotdog Band Concert

At the Landmark Loews Theater in Jersey City

BECKONING instantly without any premeditation or choice to the call of charitable deeds is an innate nature to this group, who believed that bands have their designated slot in the local limelight when solo performers were solely dominating the music scene... making this group, the Hotdog, truly a rare breed.

Hotdog's response to the earnest request of St. Anne's Special fundraising committee for a fund-raising project that's primarily banking on their talent is a noteworthy act of charity itself. The certainty of reviving the never-fading songs like *Manila*, (the iconic song that thrusts deep into the hearts of Pinoys who were long gone away from home), *Pers Lab*, *Annie Batungbakal*, *Bongga Ka Day*, *O Lumapit Ka*, *Miss Universe*, and many other of their hit ditties, is excitingly rising to a new height beyond expectations.

Enjoying the popularity of a career that spanned almost four decades since they helped innovate the so-called "Manila Sound," the Hotdog's music is an enticing and addictive as their moniker's derivation and as sentimentally nostalgic as any plaintive native song specially among *balikbayans*.

This long-lasting group of bi-lingual songwriter-singers has threaped their demanding popularity up to this date when a great number of diverse

genres have mushroomed incessantly and constantly prevailed.

Get nostalgic...be sentimental once more! Enjoy the Hotdog's brand of music when they perform for the benefit of the St. Anne's Church on Sunday, November 23, 2008, 4pm to 7pm at Landmark Loews Theater along 54 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey with the special guest appearances of Ocean of Mercy Choir of Jersey City and the Urban Echo of Queens, New York.

The Hotdog Band Concert is sponsored by Twin Peaks Inc., Oscar Printing Services, *Filipino Times* and *Asian Review*, *Global Philippine Magazine*, *Philippine Chronicle USA*, *Asian Journal*, Planet Philippines and Newstar Philippines. Tickets are at \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35 with parking available at Square Ramp Garage.

For more information, details and ticket sales, please contact Be Jensen at (201) 653-8964; Vicky and Ver Aguillon at (201) 736-4735; Danny and Celia Morales at (201) 963-5030; Rick and Milot Rivera at (201) 673-8679; Gemma Silva at (201) 658-9790; Dolly Nacario at (201) 456-3000; Aniwai Olaya at (201) 792-3759; Tina Edelmann at (201) 653-4785; Virgie Cuaton at (201) 876-1919; and Weng Yaptangco (201) 993-2843.

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