

Randy Gener wins 2008 Nathan Award

Fil-Am editor calls his award a 'validation'

by MOMAR G. VISAYA/ AJPress

NEW YORK—Randy Gener was preparing for his traditional turkey recipe for Thanksgiving last year when the phone rang. It was a representative from Cornell University telling him that he had won the prestigious George Jean Nathan Award for Dramatic Criticism.

Every year, the heads of the English departments of Cornell, Princeton and Yale universities select an American writer "who has written the best piece of drama criticism during the theatrical year (July 1 to June 30), whether it is an article, an essay, treatise

or book" to win this award.

Gener, a senior editor of *American Theatre Magazine*, was flabbergasted. He is the first Filipino-American winner of this award.


This is the 50th year of Nathan Award and it is considered the

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