



Hi! Society

By MONET LU

Ruffa's 48 Hours in LA

friends including yours truly. She had to take care of some important papers at the Philippine Consulate General here concerning the dual citizenship of daughters Lorin and Venice. Immediately after, she had to pick up a birthday present for her beloved dad Eddie and then on to meet with friends at the swanky SLS hotels in Beverly Hills.

Her first day in LA, we hung out at the Sky Bar on Sunset Blvd to catch up. While lounging by the bar, we were joined by a handsome gentlemen called John, a name that may or may not become famously linked to our dear Ruffa in the future. The juicy details will be covered by Hollywood entertainment writer Oliver Carnay. Again, stay tuned!

Civil Leader, Haute Designer-Mul Tayoba

I wish to shine a spotlight on another talented Fil-Am who puts us in the world-class department because of his excellent work.

If you're a fashionista, you may have already heard of Mul Tayoba. He is an accomplished fashion designer who formally trained in fashion computer-aided design at the California Design College, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

I first met him through a common client, the timeless Ms. Rosemary Gecosala. I was commissioned to do the beauty styling of Rosemary's grand 50th



Mul Tayoba

birthday celebration at the Universal Sheraton Hotel.

Mul, the designer of Rosemary's gown, had a vision of how the celebrant should look in the fabulous golden opera dress he created specially for her. Taking some notes from Mul's ideas and interweaving them with my own, I was able to execute a flawless hair and make-up look for Rosemary to complement the magnificence of her gown. In this case, two artists working harmoniously together were better than one.

Mul and I clicked right away because we both strive for perfection. Rosemary was a vision that night. I have to compliment Mul for a neatly done creation that still looked grand without overwhelming the overall design.

Besides being a passionate



Rosemary Gecosala wearing Mul Tayoba

designer, Mul is also committed to community building and volunteerism. He was an active member of the Board of Directors of Negrenses of America, Inc. in 1996 and is currently the elected President of his home town non-profit organization, Townsfolk of La Castellana-USA since the year 2000. With his leadership, the organization was able to raise funds to implement various infrastructure projects and extend socio-economic assistance to his homeland.

Mul is incumbent president of the Fil-Am Association fo Santa Clarity Valley, Inc. According to Mul, "if we bring and connect our enthusiastic ideas together with an unselfish commitment and perseverance to the association, we will all help achieve its goals



Ruffa and Monet



L-R Weng, Ruffa, Congen Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon and Monet

and objectives and make a big difference . . . together, we stand much stronger."

Thank you Mul for inspiring us with your art and community serve! *Mabuhay ka!*

for reading my weekly column.

The author is a Marikina-born, award-winning celebrity beauty stylist with his own chain of salons across Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada. Ultimately, Monet is known as an all-around artiste who produces sold-out fashion and awards shows, as well as unforgettable marketing campaigns. Monet is also the founder of the revolutionary all-natural beauty products available at www.skinbymonet.com. He supports many humanitarian efforts to include projects in his native Marikina, The Bantay Bata Foundation, and many more. To contact Monet, please visit www.monetsalon.com for more information.

My warmest greetings to an outstanding couple—and avid readers of Hi! Society—Letty and Nelson Yapana. Because of kindness and generosity, they are well-loved by everyone who knows them, including famous doctor to the stars Vicki Belo. I just want to say hello to you Letty and Nelson and thank you

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