

Stargazing...

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that I am walking the busy halls of ABS-CBN, trying not to trip from the cables and TV monitors that stand in my way, I knew I was so close to meeting and interviewing him. Once, while we were walking out from a dressing room after an interview with an young actress whose name I unfortunately forgot, my co-editor and I chanced upon him, going to the men's room. I had to get hold of myself and stop. I saw him pass by again when we were waiting by the door near the director's booth. He had that mysterious charm I could not fathom, his technicolored shirt aptly accented by deep black.

I was in the middle of an interview with PDA grand dreamer Yeng Constantino, who was as usual a rock and roll dynamo, when my other co-editor signaled to follow him. Since we were sort of on a series of on-the-loose ambush interviews, I didn't bother to ask who will we interview next. I was just surprised to find out that at the end of the door, there was a makeshift studio waiting, with all the lights on, oh well, John Lloyd Cruz. We were apparently given a measly three minutes to shoot questions since the show was still working on a commercial gap. I immediately took out my fountain pen, and my notebook. I was perspiring because of the heat the lights made, but I didn't care. I gave him my first question. How's work?

"There's just so many things happening. *Galing pa lang ako sa isang soap*, and then the film." He was talking about the recent sequel to *A Very Special Love*, *You Changed My Life*, where he teamed up once again with pop princess Sarah Geronimo. John Lloyd's stance is nothing but impressive, and when we were talking to him, he was not only confident about his thoughts. He was deep, and I am not even surprised why he gave out those fascinating performances in *Ikaw Ang Lahat*

sa Akin. "Sana huwag na muna magkaroon ng TV version, kasi baka magsawa ang mga tao. I want my team up with Sarah to be immortalized in film." I didn't rework these quotes, and I am putting them up here verbatim. I was stunned, not to mention surprised, with him uttering the word "immortalized". He was, to say the least, an intelligent actor, one that is quite uncommon in this song-and-dance industry. He's not only stunning, I must say. He has talent.

He talked about so many things, like the acceptance of his new team up, new projects and his show with the other 47 stars of *Star Magic* in America and in Canada. He was very proud to be part of ABS-CBN's stable of stars, and I guess he could not help it. After all, when a lot of them have gone to the other side of the fence, he stayed on and became a star in his own right, joining the ranks of the more senior stars like Piolo Pascual and Claudine Barretto. Three minutes was short, and he is definitely one interesting subject. He is very articulate, and came to me as very cerebral in those three minutes of lights, sweat and action. I couldn't extend the time because he was running around, and after the interview, would still move to another studio for a summer station ID shoot. That's how they live in these alleys, this is their life. Even if I had more questions, like you look really tired, are you happy?, I had to stand back again, like all reporters do. This is after all, a job. He's also at work. ■

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Talented actress, comedienne, and performer, Jaja Bolivar, is the host of the lifestyle magazine show *Adobo Nation*, and she admits that having flawless glowing skin is important because the competition is tough. With her busy schedule of hosting a weekly show, marketing and producing her lounge show, going to casting calls, and even honing her skills to prepare her for mainstream entertainment are certainly stressing and it shows on the skin.

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Reports have it that Sharon Cuneta revealed that losing weight and having a healthy body are two of the things she wants to achieve before this year's end, in time for her concert tour in the United States.

"My vow is that I want to look my best. I want to be healthy this year and I want to be best looking this year and feel good, that is my promise," Cuneta said.

Cuneta, who is reportedly now on a diet, said that although she is really hoping to lose weight, she won't be undergoing any cosmetic surgery. "Tapos na ang doctor noon pa eh, hindi naman tatalab, kahit i-vacuum

ang taba mo from your body hindi din magsa-succeed," Cuneta said.

The actress said she has accepted the fact that the road to her "dream weight" will be challenging. "It's a hard diet, difficult. *But nandoon sobra ngayon 'yong gana ko. Ganadong-ganado ako, nagmamadali akong maabot 'yong goal ko na weight kasi may concert tour ako gusto ko pag-uwi ay ma-surprise ang mga Sharonians at kayo,*" she said.

The Megastar revealed that aside from a diet, she will be starting a regular exercise regimen after shooting her newest movie *Best Friends Forever (BFF)* with Queen of Comedy Ai-Ai delas Alas.

Cuneta said she does not mind that the film pokes fun at her weight issues, adding that she is very open about her weight. "I make fun of myself and I allow them to make fun of me," she said.

After the success of Cuneta's film *Caregiver* and delas Alas's comedy flick *Ang Tanging Ina Niyong*

Lahat, *Star Cinema's BFF* vows to be another winning ensemble with its powerhouse combination and an excellent script by Mel del Rosario and superb direction from Wenn Deramas.

BFF, *Star Cinema's Mother's Day* offering, is Cuneta's first venture into comedy after a long hiatus and Delas Alas's first comedy film with one of the best dramatic in the Philippine cinema. The film tells the story of two best friends who are unaware that they are after the same man.

Cuneta plays the wife of a character played by John Estrada while delas Alas plays the role of a gym instructor, who helps Cuneta reduce weight. In the process, they develop a friendship that will last them "forever." But who knows what will happen to the pair when Estrada gets attracted to delas Alas, who is unaware that Estrada's husband is her BFF Cuneta?

The film also stars Joy Viado, Empress Schuck, Miles Ocampo, Enchong Dee, DJ Durano, Chokoleit and Ms. Gina Pareño. Watch out for *BFF* which is set to hit theaters nationwide on May 13. ■

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