



AN ATE'S DILEMMA ON THIS SUNDAY'S CITIZEN PINOY! What do you do when your beloved little brother is in danger of having his case denied, shattering his "American Dream?" Dr. Frieda V. Brookshire (left), the Orange County dentist responsible for the dazzling smiles of divas Pops Fernandez and Kuh Ledesma, joins her brother Frederick (right) and "attorney-to-the-stars" Michael J. Gurfinkel (middle) for a heartwarming and informative episode. The most popular immigration program on television, Citizen Pinoy - airs this Sunday, at 5:40 pm (PST) with a replay on Wednesday, at 12:15 am (PST) on TFC. Citizen Pinoy also airs on ANC-US every Sunday at 12 am with replays on Sunday at 8 am and Thursday at 7 pm, all PST; and on ANC - Philippines every Sunday at 4 pm with a replay at 12 am every Monday (Manila time).

Prepare for a different kind of magic

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ON JUNE 27, prepare for magic to happen. Not the hocus-pocus David Copperfield or David Blaine kind but equally—if not more—entertaining as well.

On that day, Star Magic talents such as Claudine Barretto, Piolo Pascual, Carlos Agassi, Bea Alonzo, John Lloyd Cruz, Diether Ocampo, Kristine Hermosa-Angelica Panganiban, Sam Milby, Jon Avila, Kitkat, Yeng Constantino, Jed Madela, Jake Cuenca, Kim Chiu, Gerald Anderson, Shaina Magdayao, and Nikki Gil will turn in a concoction so mesmerizing it will surely leave audiences breathless via the Star Magic Concert Tour.

The Asian Journal had a chat recently with a few of the talents who will perform at the concert, and it seems that these talents all agree on one thing: the concert will be surely be one heck of a show so the *Pinoys* in the US should prepare themselves.

One of the performers is Grand Star Dreamer Yeng Constantino who has proven she is a seasoned performer in the short time she has been in the industry. Performing with the likes of Gary Valenciano left her completely overwhelmed. "Sana maging ganoon din ako someday." Obviously, it is music that gets her pumped up, sharing that she was blown away by the Eraserheads take-two reunion concert last March 7.

Maja Salvador, on the other hand, believes she has still a lot to learn when it comes to singing and would rather concentrate on her dancing come concert time. This is a bit of a surprise since she charmed audiences with her small but pivotal role

in *One More Chance* as a singer who caught John Lloyd's character's attention. Nevertheless, she is looking forward to the show. "Sobrang excited syempre," she quips. "Kumbaga, mapapakita namin kung paano kagaling ang mga Filipino sa mga kababayan natin sa States at saka mabibigyan namin sila ng saya."

Pinoy Dream Academy Season 1 finalist Ronnie Liang has showed he has what it takes to be at par with the current crop of male singers, and he is only too happy to be given a chance to be part of the concert. He performed with his fellow *Pinoy Dream Academy* alumni before at a series of concert in the US, but he claims this one is different. "I'm very, very excited," he says. At times, he says he feels like pinching himself because all the things coming his way seem surreal. "Masayang-masaya ako kasi natupad na ang mga dreams ko," he says. "I was able to buy my own car, I was able to buy my parents a house and lot, and I was able to release two albums." Ronnie is currently working on his next album.

Nikki Gil is one who's known to work on a lot of things all at the same time. She is a VJ for the Myx music channel, an ASAP co-host, an actress and a recording artist. Last March, she graduated from the Ateneo de Manila University with an English

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Sharon, Ai-Ai's 'Best Friends Forever' to screen in 8 US cities

REDWOOD CITY- On TFC's 15th anniversary and Star Cinema's 16th year, ABS-CBN International's Starry Starry Store brings to the US the one and only Megastar Sharon Cuneta and the one and only Comedy Queen Ai-Ai Delas Alas come together for the first time in *Best Friends Forever (BFF)*.

The stellar combination, made even brighter by the skillful talents of top comedy director Wenn V. Deramas and excellent scriptwriter Mel Del Rosario, is set to be one of this year's top-grossing and funniest movie team-ups.

The film revolves around the lives of two women who despite their differences have developed a strong bond that made them commit to become each other's best friend for life. As the story progresses, the women will be seen falling for a common love interest. One of the country's most versatile young actors, John Estrada, plays this role. As to how long their friendship would last, only the man who won both their hearts could say.

Off-screen, Sharon and Ai-Ai have very different personalities but they share the same knack for comedy that shines throughout the movie. And as they spend days and nights working on the project, the two became close friends.

Last year, they rocked box office statistics with their respective projects - Sharon in the critically acclaimed Chito Roño masterpiece *Caregiver* and Ai-Ai in the MMFF runaway winner *Ang Tanging Ina N'yong Lahat*. Without doubt, *BFF* will be another winner and blockbuster this year.

This is Sharon's first venture into comedy after a long, long time, and for Ai-Ai, this is also the first time that her comedy skills will be pitted against one of the best dramatic actresses.

A surprise guest appearance in the film by Gabby Concepcion had the fans shrieking in delight at the very successful movie premiere in Manila last May 12.

"We're entering the happy season of summer pretty soon, so we wanted to give our viewers a quality comedy full of fun, laughter and star power," said Kerwin Du, ABS-CBN International's head of theatricals. "With the Megastar and RP's Comedy Queen under the direction of comedy master Wenn V. Deramas, expect a laugh-a-minute movie with *BFF*."

BFF also stars Chokoleit, Joy Viado, Empress Shuck, Enchong Dy, Miles Ocampo, DJ Durano, and the award-winning veteran actress Gina Pareño.

The screening schedule is as follows:

LAS VEGAS (May 22-28)
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