

People and Events

UST singers in a series of shows in SoCal

AS Philippine cultural ambassador to countries around the globe, the University of Santo Tomas Singers or the UST Singers from Manila, Philippines is scheduled to do a series of concerts in Southern California as part of its 16th International Concert Tour from May to July 2009.

The concert tour, which covers different states in the USA including Hawaii, is the group's way of promoting Filipino culture in the form of musical arts. The choir, which has represented the Philippines in various international choral competitions and festivals is consists of students and some alumni from the many faculties and colleges of UST. The singers, who share the same love and passion for music, are trained and directed by the group's conductor and founder - Prof. Fidel G. Calalang Jr.

In its 17 years of existence, the ensemble has achieved more than 45 top prizes in prestigious international choral competitions in United

Kingdom, Italy, Bulgaria, France, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland. The group's accomplishments have earned them a reputation of being one of the finest mixed choirs in the Philippines.

The UST Singers, which continues to strive for choral excellence has also performed in distinguished choral festivals in Spain, Germany, Mexico, Taiwan, and France to name a few. With its wide exposures and highly noted performances, the chorale has been invited to sing before prominent people all over the world including Luciano

Pavarotti, Pope John Paul II, King Juan Carlos I and Queen Sofia of Spain, Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya of Thailand, Philippine Presidents Diosdado Macapagal, Corazon Aquino, Fidel Ramos, and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. During its concert tour last year, the group received an Audience with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in Rome, Italy and

with President Juan Jose Ibarretxe of the Basque Autonomous Community in Spain.

Catch the UST Singers as they perform on June 19 (Friday, 8 p.m.) at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (525 E 7th St., Long Beach, CA 90813), on June 20 (Saturday, 7 p.m.) at St. Bernard Catholic Church, (2500 W Avenue 33, Los Angeles, CA 90065), and on June

21 (Sunday, 7 p.m.) at St. Genevieve Catholic Church (14061 Roscoe Blvd., Panorama City, CA 91402).

The UST Singers' performances will feature guest sopranos Joan Cano and Marcialyn Lopez on June 19 and 20. Cano and Lopez are both alumni of the UST Singers and graduate of Masters in Vocal Performance from Bowl-

ing Green State University in Ohio. On June 21, the group will be joined by a group of young Filipino men who share a common love for music and ensemble singing called the Harana Men's Chorus of Los Angeles.

For more show information, please call Froilan at (310) 8013263 or email at froi12@yahoo.com ■



FAL yard sale fundraiser

To benefit FAL's collection & programs

Saturday, June 27, 8am - 2pm
1500 S. Stoneman Ave., Alhambra, CA 91801

WE are accepting donations of items that are in good or working condition for sale at this event. Please bring your donations to FAL (135 N. Park View St., Los Angeles) during Mondays-Fridays 1:00-5:00pm. To visit outside these hours, please schedule an appointment at filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net or 213-382-0488.

Founded on October 13, 1985 by "Auntie Helen" Agcaoili Summers Brown, FAL is the earliest and largest Filipino library in the country with a collection of more than 6,000 titles. Along with books, the collection consists of magazines, student papers, posters, DVDs, and CDs. The various sections include children's literature, the history of Filipinos in Los Angeles, and Jose Rizal. FAL also features a permanent exhibition on its founder Auntie Helen, a variety of paintings by renowned artist Eliseo Art Silva, and Filipino books available for sale. Whether to browse or conduct research, FAL's visitors include students, teachers, writers, families, and tourists.

FAL also advances its mission with its many programs. The Children's Reading Program promotes the value of diversity to families in Greater Los Angeles through the reading of Filipino children's books. In Bus Tours of Historic Filipinotown, a guide narrates the significance of sites, events, and individuals in and around the area to present an historical overview of Filipinos in Los Angeles. Authors also introduce their Filipino works of literature with residents of Greater Los Angeles through Book Launches. Finally, FAL has a benefit gala every October to commemorate its anniversary and Filipino American History Month.

If anyone would like to give a donation online, please feel free to visit www.filipino-americanlibrary.org. FAL is located at 135 N. Park View St., Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles, CA 90026-5215. It is open Mondays-Fridays 1:00-5:00pm and by appointment. For more information, please contact filamlibrary@sbcglobal.net or 213-382-0488. ■

Carson Philippine Independence Day Chess Tournament

THE Philippine Independence Day Committee in Carson announced that a chess tournament will be held on June 6 at 10 am at the Veterans Park, 22400 Moneta Ave. in Carson, Ca 90745.

Alex Cainglet, chairman of the committee said that chess players who are interested in joining can come to the Veterans Park this coming Saturday and register on site at 9:30am.

The Philippine Independence Day chess tournament is sponsored by the CHESSLAND Foundation and the Philippine Independence Day Foundation.

The tournament which is non-USCF will have three sections: youth, K-12; under 1800 and open (USCF and non-USCF players). All sections will have 4 rounds, Swiss system pairings and game in 20 minutes. Players should bring their own boards, sets and clocks.

Registration for the chess tournament is FREE. There will be trophies for first, second and third place in each section.

For registration call Bill at (310) 513-1030 or (310) 809-6520. ■

Philippine Independence celebration in Carson

ON Saturday, June 6, from 8am-8pm, join us for the City of Carson's Annual Philippine Independence Day Celebration held at Veterans Park, located at 22400 Moneta Ave.

The celebration features unforgettable entertainment as we celebrate the beauty and diversity of the Philippine culture thru art, dance, and music.

There will be a children's area with games, jumpers and crafts.

There will also be a variety of food and display booths for shopping.

Don't miss this festive event! If you have questions or need further information, please call Veterans Park at (310) 830-9997. ■

CITY OF CARSON PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION!

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Saturday, June 6, 2009 • 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Veterans Park
22400 Moneta Avenue
Carson, CA 90745

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Special Guest Nora Aunor

For more information, call
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