

Sharon - KC Conquer Crowds in Mega30 USA Concert Tour

REPORTS have it that megastar Sharon Cuneta continues to draw in crowds in her concert tour from Las Vegas, Reno, New Jersey and Toronto. From Toronto, Sharon goes live on stage with KC Concepcion on June 12, Friday, 8 pm at The Shrine Auditorium. After Shrine LA, both mega mom and daughter go for their last stop in Houston on June 14.

For all her eager followers, Sharon remains to be their idol. The pop icon delivers a most memorable performance where she sings songs from *Mr DJ* to the latest movie theme songs she recorded. Gifted with gab, wit and charismatic stage presence, Sharon exchanged repartee with the crowd. With numerous signature songs, Sharon who worked closely with musical director, Louie Ocampo - was able to come up with a show outside the Top 40 box. It was one hit song to the next so the crowds enjoyed it more. The show is not your "usual- pop hits- from -the- USA" concert.

KC, on the other hand is the most exciting new female star to watch. Although she depends on mom

for professional advice, KC can actually stand her own ground and entertain the crowd. More than just a pretty face, KC is dedicated in her cause in the World Feed the Poor Program of United Nations where she is appointed Ambassadors from the Philippines.

Also featured in the concert are LA's fast rising stars, RJ dela Fuente and Duche Ferrer.

The concert at the Shrine Auditorium is executive produced by KATZ Entertainment, the Southland's leading concert professionals led by Jackie Regala and Gerry Katigbak. The concert is co-produced by Kaye Morales and Ellen Sarmiento as well as Fernando and Annie Bernabe of FLB Corporation and Brad Dizon of Brad's Entertainment.

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Take a bow

by LOU CABALDE

IT WAS half past 10 in the evening at the Terrace Auditorium, Long Beach California. The curtains rolled down as the Four Divas took their Final Bow to conclude what was dubbed as the Concert Event of the Year, *Divas 4 Divas!*

After at least 2 months of touring the United States. Pop Diva Kuh Ledesma, Divine Diva Zsa Zsa Padilla, Concert Queen Pops Fernandez and Asia's Song Bird Regine Velasquez, bid Farewell and thanked the thousands of supporters who attended their Concert and made it an event that will never be forgotten.

As early as 530 pm, their fans started to arrive at the Terrace Theater at Long Beach. The almost four thousand seating capacity of the theater was filled with family, friends and supporters. At exactly 7 in the evening, the show started. The crowd roared as the Four Divas walked on stage wearing their gallant costumes and opening the show with the song *Queen of the Night*. Not only were the fans in awe, but the Divas as well, after seeing that the venue was jam packed.

The 3-hour concert was filled with laughter and memorable moments. One of which was when each Diva sang their first ever hit that catapulted them to superstardom. The Pop Diva sang her first hit song *Dito Ba?*, everyone was just in tears when the Divine Diva sang her George Canseco Classic, *Hiram*. The Song bird, then gave her own version of the song *Kailangan Kita* that possessed her wide vocal range; and the Concert Queen lived up to her title and made the audience dance as she sang Concert Highlights from the 70's.

What left the audience gaping in awe was their rendition of Christina Aguilera's *Beautiful*.

The Divas did not forget to pay tribute to the real Divas of their lives...their Mothers. In this segment of the show, they showed a collage of pictures of the Divas with their Moms while singing Kuh Ledesma's version of *Sa Ugoy ng Duyan*.

One of the Concert's highlights was the Divas Exchange, where the Divas gave their own rendition of their greatest hits. Regine started the number by singing Kuh Ledesma's *Paano Kita Mapasalamatan*, followed by Kuh singing Zsa Zsa Padilla's *Ikaw Lamang* then Zsa Zsa sang Pops Fernandez' *Dito* and Regine ending this unforgettable number by belting out her own Song *Kailangan ko'y ikaw*.

Of course the most awaited part of the show was the *Biritan* portion where each Diva showcased their vocal caliber. Kuh gave her own version of *I will Always Love You* while Zsa Zsa sang Celine Dion's Titanic Hit *My Heart Will Go On* Pops performed a Whitney Houston classic *The Greatest Love of All* while Regine soared with her impressive version of Mariah Carey's *Butterfly* and all four Divas ended this portion with the song *When You Believe*.

During the show, Stars were not only seen on stage, but some were a part of the audience as well. Some celebrities were present to give their support to the Divas. Some of them, Charice Pempengco, Eric Santos, Robin and Ram Nievera and Kuh Ledesma's daughter, Isabella were invited to the stage and danced with the Divas as they sang their closing song *We are Family*, *I love the Nightlife* and *Shake the Groove thing*. The Audience couldn't have enough of the Divas that they asked for more.

The Thousands in attendance left the venue with high energy and having the feeling that they got even more than what they paid and hoped for. Some of them even received gifts and souvenirs that were given away by the Divas during the Show. Most of their fans waited patiently for their turn to have another glimpse of the Divas during the Autograph Signing that was done after the Show.

The *Divas 4 Divas* concert was conceptualized by none other than the Pop Diva, Kuh Ledesma. It took her at almost 5 years to

plan and have the four of the finest talents in the Philippine Music Industry join together and stage a show that will make a mark in the Music History. What was then deemed to be impossible was made to reality by Kuh. When the promotions started for the *Divas 4 Divas* US tour, the Long Beach Concert was not promoted as compared to the other cities, since there was already a show that will be staged at Pasadena. Many feared that the turn out of ticket sales would not be big. Nonetheless, the producers and Kuh were surprised to see how their fellow *Kababayans* showed their love and support to them that made the Long Beach show a phenomenal hit! It was an event that truly left a mark on the hearts of those who were present. Indeed, it was a show that will never be forgotten.

However, this will not be made possible without the efforts of Caselin Production, headed by Bennie Lagos. Watch out for more spectacular and momentous events that promises nothing but the best shows that only Caselin Productions can offer. ■



Pops Fernandez, Kuh Ledesma, Regine Velasquez and Zsa Zsa Padilla. AJ Press Photo by Miko Santos



Nora Aunor, Anthony Castelo, Jasmine V., headlines at the star-studded HPMC Independence Day Variety Show

Philippine SuperStar, Ms. Nora Aunor heads the star-studded cast at the Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center Independence Day celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Cecilia Ramos, notable community leader in Los Angeles, confirmed the stars' participation according to Errol Santos, HPMC Independence Day Event Coordinator. Aside from Ms. Aunor, the Variety show also includes multi-awardee Anthony Castelo, together with Jasmine Villegas - the 15 year old International Music Sensation. Other stars on parade during the HPMC variety show are - up-and-coming child singer Ms. Aria Clemente, who won the Junior division of the 2007 World Championship of Performing Arts, Asia's Elvis Tribute Artist, Alfred Sanchez, International artist Ava Johnson, Ram Lopez, rock instrumentalist Jigger Gaza, Jamie Bacani, and the special participation of Butch Lara - 70's rocker and renowned band singer who will keep the attendees entertained. Also scheduled to perform are the Maranaos in America Dance Ensemble who bring with them the colorful spectacle of dance numbers from the Southern Philippines.

The HPMC Independence Day celebration begins at 9:00 am with the symbolical flag-raising, after which the whole-day variety show begins. Lots of prizes await each attendee including more than 40 - \$200.00 gift certificates which will be raffled during the whole day. Services will also have a chance to win the Grand Prize of a FREE Trip to Manila. Everyone who wants to be eligible to win the raffle prizes are required to be at the HPMC complex at 8:30 am where raffle stubs will be given.

The whole-day celebration also brings together partners in the community who will showcase their products and services. Food booths are also part of the Independence Day celebration where attendees can sample the best of Philippine cuisine.

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