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them sung different Tagalog songs to the tune of their own genre of music like R&B, bossa nova, soul, ballad, and standard.

According to *Sunstar Daily*, Aiza started the press conference by sharing how the Sessionistas were formed. She recalled that ASAP Sessionistas was a brainchild of Dido Camara, ASAP creative director, who will also be directing the concert.

Sessionistas is intended to gather the best and highly-popular performers in various music genres into one jamming group.

"We were first seen in ASAP during their first show last January," Aiza said. "It was a great idea to pool together artists from different music genres and be in one group."

Working together in a group has not been difficult for the Sessionistas. They said their gigs in several metro bars have helped them in getting to know each other's company.

"We all really know each other since we sometimes have shows together," said Nina.

For Richard, he said Aiza has greatly helped in bringing them closer. "*Dati may ilangan din pero nung pumasok na Aiza siya na yung pampasaya namin. Siya talaga nag-umpisa (ng camaraderie sa amin)* (Before there was aloofness but when Aiza entered the group, she always makes us laugh. She started the camaraderie within us)," the Big Band crooner said.

Duncan meanwhile said it is a great factor that they are all musicians. "Somehow, we connect with each other in terms of music." The Concert

Nina shared that the concert will be sort of same as what they were showcasing in ASAP every Sunday but it will definitely have more entertaining numbers.

"We will have two spot numbers just like how you see us on TV but this time you will be seeing the best of the best. There will also be mix matches in our individual music genres. Like I will be doing bossa while others will sing other genres too. There will be duets and dance numbers which we are not doing in ASAP," the Soul Siren said.

Sitti also had a little revelation as she inadvertently divulged that they will be doing some Madonna and Ricky Martin medley.

She added that they will be arranging the Araneta into a more comfy venue where the viewers

could "feel that they are connected to us." "They are going to dance with us," the bossa nova diva assured.

As a group of established singers, issues on outshining other group members are inevitable. But Sessionistas' members have defended that they have learned to respect each other's fame and singing expertise.

"We help each other rather than overpower one another. We have our own style in singing and we know our capacities. We have different range of voices... Like Nina is our belter so the higher are for her. Juris has an angelic voice while Sitti is the best bossa nova that you think of so our chemistry is really different. The friendships and camaraderie are there so no overpowering others," Richard said.

MYMP female vocal Juris, in addition, said that "I think it's good that we do our best in our performance I don't think the intention is to outshine others but to be good in your own genre. That is your forte so you are supposed to be good at it."

For Sitti, she said it is a great factor that they all came from being a nobody to somebody. She said it is easy for them to under-

stand and respect each other as musicians. "If it's her or his turn to shine, segunda lang kami." Billing Issue

Asked if there is an issue with them in terms of billing since they are all recognized singers, "There is no issue on billing because we enjoy what we are doing," Aiza candidly said.

She said they obey whatever decision the director and production has decided for the show and the poster. "Sabay sabay kaming papasok (in the concert) at sa closing lahat din kami (We will start the concert together and end it together also.)"

Don't miss the best performance of the Sessionistas at the Heritage Forum on Nov. 6, Friday at 8:30pm. Executive produced by KATZ Entertainment and presented by Seafood City Supermarket. Also brought to you by 2HeavenMedia, Asian Journal, Tribune USA, Brookshire Dental Center, The Green Banana Leaf Restaurant. For concert info you may call KATZ (562) 219-7235; Jackie (562) 787-9030 ; Kaye (562)881-9712 and Gerry (562) 787-9031. You can also log onto [www.katzentertainment.net](http://www.katzentertainment.net).

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ishable goods, towels, blankets and bedding to the Knights of Columbus/Archdiocese of Los Angeles which in turn, will handle shipping and distribution to affected areas in the Philippines through the Caritas Foundation.

Filipino-Americans as well as non-Filipinos from all over Los Angeles County came in droves, lugging donation items in their cars or pick-up trucks. Goldilocks volunteers sorted out and packed the donated items in boxes onsite. The packed boxes were promptly delivered to the Knights of Columbus warehouse in Artesia where they are being loaded in containers for shipping and distribution to the typhoon victims in the Philippines.

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