

PENGUIN CLASSICS ON AIR

An Exciting Feature on Penguin Group (USA)'s just announced New Online Network

Penguin Classics On Air is an online radio series devoted to the discussion and exploration of some of Penguin Classics' more than 1400 titles from many eras, cultures and regions of the world. Part of Penguin Group (USA)'s new From the Publisher's Office Online Network www.penguin.com/thepublishersoffice which went "live" on June 16, 2009, the program is hosted by Penguin Classics Editorial Director Elda Rotor. (direct link below). In addition to *Penguin Classics On Air*, the new Radio Room series also includes *Penguin Audio Book Break* and *A Cup of Poetry*.

Penguin Classics On Air features in-depth conversations on new, timely and rediscovered classics between Elda Rotor or Classics editor John Siciliano and scholars, translators, or experts of a specific Penguin Classic. The show wraps up with Associate Publisher Stephen Morrison offering a sampling of the Classic by reading the first pages from one of the works discussed. In addition, each episode of *Penguin Classics On Air* features a delightful review by Alan Walker, Senior Director of Academic Marketing, on one of the Classics he's recently read, as he fulfills his mission to read one Penguin Classic by an author per letter of the alphabet from A to Z.

Penguin Classics On Air is for students, academics, and general readers and enthusiasts of Classic Literature. Listeners will be engaged by the lively and entertaining discussions, which put the Classics into context for the contemporary reader. In addition the specific nature of the subjects discussed (see below) will appeal to a broad range of targeted interest groups, who may not be served by the general print, electronic, and online media. The first five broadcasts are:

Why We Love Jane Austen: Elda Rotor interviews Jane Austen scholar Juliette Wells, about Austenmania, what it means to be a Janeite, etiquette in Austen's time, and *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies*. Alan Walker, introduces listeners to *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym on *Reading the Classics from A to Z*. And Stephen Morrison offers up the opening to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in his segment, *First Pages*.

The Noli: Jose Rizal and the Novel that Sparked the Philippine Revolution: Elda Rotor interviews Rowena Jimenez about a Jose Rizal/Noli Me Tangere community read-a-thon organized through her nonprofit group Bagon Luturang Pinoy, and speaks with Harold Augenbraum, the translator of the Penguin Classics edition of this classic. Alan Walker introduces lis-

teners to *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene on *Reading the Classics from A to Z*. And Stephen Morrison offers up the opening to Jose Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere* in *First Pages*.

A Hero of Our Time: The First Major Russian Novel?: Elda Rotor introduces Penguin Classics editor John Siciliano and his interview with Natasha Randall, translator of Lermontov's *A Hero of Our Time*, about the invention of Russian roulette, the beauty of the Caucasus, the misery of a Russian soldier, and the inherent danger of dueling. Alan Walker introduces readers to *First Love* by Ivan Turgenev on *Reading the Classics from A to Z*. Stephen Morrison offers up the opening to Lermontov's *A Hero of Our Time* in his segment, *First Pages*.

Scholem Aleichem: Yiddish Classics by the Creator of Tevye from "Fiddler on the Roof": Elda Rotor introduces Penguin Classics editor John Siciliano and his interview with Aliza Shevrin, translator of Tevye the Dairyman and *Motl the Cantor's Son*, as well as *Wandering Stars*, about the life and works of Scholem Aleichem, the difference between *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Tevye the Dairyman*, Yiddish humor, life, and culture from Russia to the Lower East Side, and what to do with five daughters. Alan Walker recommends Kristin Lavransdatter: *The Wreath by Sigrid Undset* on *Reading the Classics from A to Z*. And Stephen Morrison offers up the opening to Aleichem's *Tevye the Dairyman* in *First Pages*.

The Birth of Knickerbocker: Washington Irving's A History of New York: Elda Rotor interviews Betsy Bradley, the introducer and editor of Washington Irving's *A History of New York*, Irving's popular first book is an early nineteenth century satirical novel of colonial New Amsterdam. It follows the fictional historian Diedrich Knickerbocker as he narrates the development of New York cultural life—from the creation of Wall Street. Alan Walker introduces listeners to *The Emigrants* by Gilbert Imlay in *Reading the Classics from A to Z*. Stephen Morrison offers up the opening to Washington Irving's beloved story *Rip Van Winkle*. in his segment, *First Pages*.

Upcoming Episodes: Coming up for next season, there will be a talk by Amelia Montez on *Who Would Have Thought It* by Maria Amaparo Ruiz de Burton, the first novel written by a Mexican-American woman; a discussion with Beena Kamrani, the editor who worked most closely with Saul Bellow in the last decades of his life; Selma Lagerlof, the first woman to win the Nobel in Literature;

Karla Garcia: Driven to Live Her Dream

by DIANA MAE FERNANDEZ
(Boogie Bots Manager)

KARLA Puno Garcia grew up in Oxon Hill, Maryland, a suburb of the Washington, DC Metropolitan area, where she trained at Fran's Studio of Dance. Her family had always supported and believed in her.

Younger sister Jitter says, "We always knew that Ate Karla had talent. Ever since she was little, there was something special about her dancing. I'm glad she's finally in the spotlight. Karla then received a scholarship to New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where she obtained a BFA in Dance with a minor in Journalism. During her final year of college, she landed a spot in the Broadway show *Hot Feet* through an open call for dancers in New York City.

In 2007, she was in the ensemble of the Rockettes show touring in Florida. From there, Karla immediately joined the National Tour of the Broadway hit *Wicked*, going on the road for seven months. Since then, she has performed at Carnival NY and LA with Yussuf Nassir, Jonathan McGill, and Bullytyme and appeared at a 2007 Rite Aid Industrial. She recently shot the latest Lucille Roberts Fitness commercial.

Now residing in Brooklyn, she teaches at select studios all over the east coast and continues to perform. She is a member of the

Boogie Bots crew (from MTV's *America's Best Dance Crew*, Season 2). Karla constantly strives for creative growth, as she aims to combine influences from her technical background with different textures of contemporary, jazz and hip hop. She believes that dance is an evolving art, with room for new ideas, bold innovation and a myriad of cultural influences.

Her friends look to her for inspiration. Close friend Ingrid Festin quotes, "I'm not a dancer, but I truly admire Karla and her endless talent. Watching her grow throughout the years into such a beautiful and accomplished dancer is truly inspiring. She is also a very fun-loving person and a good role model for other aspiring dancers."

Karla revels in the richness of her Filipino-American heritage and the friends who inspire her. Karla's natural charisma also elates everyone around her.

Cheryl Alejandro affirms that "Karla is one of the most genuine and sincere people out there—what you see is what you get, which is a rare quality to find. She puts her heart into everything she does, and that has always enabled her to shine on stage."

CEO of Busog Clothing line, Darwin Dion Ignacio believes that "Karla is a true inspiration to us all. I'm praying for her physical and mental health because her talent is completely natural without any boundaries." Karla's

optimistic attitude is quite contagious, and she is thrilled to be living her dream!

On FOX's reality series, *So You Think You Can Dance* this season 5, she conquered the Denver audition with a ticket straight to the Las Vegas semifinals. After demanding days of different genres of dance, the judges clearly had an eye for true talents by giving her an opportunity of a lifetime with a slot in the Top 20!

(Watch Fox every Wednesday at 8pm, to witness the beauty of Karla's craft. Voting lines open for



PAFCOM to celebrate its 19th Anniversary

THE Philippine-American Friendship Committee, Inc. (PAFCOM) will hold its Grand Parade & Festival on Sunday, June 28 in Jersey City to observe Friendship Day, as announced by Hector Magno, the 2009 Overall Chair.

The full-day long festivities start with the celebration of a Holy Mass at 8am at St. Bridget Church, located at corner Montgomery & Brunswick St. An ecumenical service at the parade reviewing stand, on the corner of Montgomery and Greene St, is also scheduled at 8am. Gospel music featuring different choirs is the highlight of the service.

The Grand Parade kicks off at 9:30am at Plaza Rizal following a short ceremony and the wreath-laying at Rizal monument. Government officials, PAFCOM members, and community leaders are expected to march together with floats, bands, and street entertainers.

A large contingent from Chinatown, the Falun Dafa Marching Band will add color to the parade. This year's Grand Marshal is Lorie D. Lizardo, MD, a practicing psychiatrist from East Orange, NJ. Expected guests will be Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy of Jersey City, Gov. Jon Corzine, Grand Marshal Dr. Lizardo, and Hon. Cecille Rebon, Consul General of the NY Philippine Consulate. The plaza is located on

the corner of Brunswick St. and Columbus Drive.

The Festival starts at 1 PM showcasing local artists in the tri-state area. Mig Ayesa, a 3rd placer in the reality show, *ROCK STAR INXS* will be the special guest singing songs that made him popular in Australia, and Great Britain. An added feature is the appearance of a dance group Point Blank from Delaware and Pennsylvania who made the finals of the *America's Best Dance Crew* on TV. People who will miss the parade are encouraged to proceed to Exchange Place Plaza, by the waterfront where the Festival will be held from 1 to 7pm.

The climax of the festival is the annual selection of the Filipino Idol, chaired by Rosemarie Flores. Fourteen finalists will be competing for the top honor with cash prizes at stake. Professional artists from the field of music and arts were invited to judge the contest. They are Dennis Bernardo, MD, a choir conductor and classical pianist; MaryJo Palencia, a noted mezzo soprano; and Luis Pedron, an award-winning movie director and producer.

This event is sponsored by Western Union, PNB, CLO Funding Corporation, Rosalinda-Medina-Rupel, Diamond Hut Jewelers, and Capital One Bank.

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an episode on Tolstoy's last days; and an in-depth discussion of the Baghavat Gita.

Penguin Audio Book Break will give readers the opportunity to discover a new author and hear audio book excerpts, introducing new literary voices from across Penguin Group (USA), including new voices in fiction such as Wang Gang and his current title, English, voted "Best Novel of the Year" in China. Each weekly segment 10 to 20 minutes and there are 6 segments per novel.

A Cup of Poetry, inspired by Penguin's poetry campaign for National Poetry Month, features exclusive recordings of contemporary and classic poems published by Penguin, showcases a new poem every week, with single poems recited by Penguin readers and, once a month, a reading by the poets themselves, as a 'brief break of poetry in your day.'

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Ten websites every healthcare professional should know

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Career Resources Page of JUNO Healthcare (<http://www.junohealthcare.com>); **click on Career Opportunities Career Resources)**

JUNO Healthcare's new website features an exhaustive list of websites for healthcare professionals. From Nurse Associations to State Boards and links to government agencies and licensure sources, the Career Resources page has everything there. This is especially beneficial for healthcare professionals living in places where JUNO Healthcare has a presence—currently they're in New York, New Jersey, California and Arizona.

About.com: Health Careers (<http://healthcareers.about.com/>)

The official section of Health Careers in About.com is one of the most useful sites on health career development. Updated two to three times a week, the site directs you to valuable articles by Andrea Santiago, a medical recruiter with more than a decade of experience helping experienced and newly grads find a job. Her site serves as a significant knowledge guide for people deciding if a health career is right for them, rules on succeeding as a healthcare professional. The section's Education division is well-organized, from the basics of a health career to entry level resources for the job hunter; Andrea Santiago covers topics that will substantially assist you in finding or enhancing a healthcare profession.

Nurse.com (<http://www.nurse.com>)

Nurse.com is the portal for every nurse in the United States and those aspiring to work here. The site is the official electronic version of the magazines Nursing Spectrum and Nursing Week, which serves as a national career resource for thousands of nurses. The site boasts of more than 550 course topics, all in an organized, searchable format convenient enough for users to navigate and receive information. Aside from the educational meat of the site, there is also a news section featuring the latest on the industry. A regional news section is also available covering updates on key regions in the US. Like other sites, but more extensive and in-depth, Nurse.com has events, community and resources section containing specialized knowledge on specific fields of nursing, as well as a list of when and where the latest career fairs, tours, chat and seminars will be held.

ExploreHEALTHCareers.org (<http://www.explorehealthcareers.org>)

If you want to know the 101 on almost every single healthcare profession in the world today, this is the site to visit. The website provides career profiles, working conditions information, academic requirements and supplementary links on literally hundreds of different medical and dental careers today. From covering detailed career information on allied health professions to veterinary medicine, this website is a vital starting point in any research involving a specific health career. A Getting Started guide is provided for students or aspiring health

career persons to assess if a health career is right for them. An Issues in Healthcare section discusses key policy and social concerns in the industry today. The ExploreHealthCareers blog also shares intelligent information analyses, commentaries and updates on the state and future of healthcare in America.

allhealthcare (<http://www.allhealthcare.com>)

A highly interactive online community focused on assisting the healthcare pro in "making it in medicine." The site offers a suite of free resources from humorous career-oriented articles like the popular 15 Stupidest Ways to Lose Your Job to a variety of videos covering General Healthcare, Education/Training and even Politics and Research. Its interactive community allows you to share group photos and videos to other members. The site also has Healthcare Career Quizzes, which serves as amusing tools in evaluating personality types, professional skills and competencies. There is also a dedicated section for current healthcare professionals where the goal is to help them keep their job (e.g., What Healthcare Professionals Should Never (Ever!) Wear) and become very good at it (e.g., 6 Tips to Get Noticed in Your Healthcare Job).

Healthcare Career Education Center of World-WideLearn (<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/healthcare/home.php>)

The website is a niche-oriented virtual hub for individuals seeking a healthcare education. Whether you're in search for associate, undergraduate and graduate degrees, or a continuing education class, there are descriptive links to schools offering various academic programs on nursing. Educational training towards becoming a medical assistant, nutritionist, or occupational therapist can also be found on the site. Most of the links contain the name of the school, a short description of what they offer and a list of related programs for the prospective healthcare student.

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