

ALFA's 'Ebullience, The Maiden Journey' takes off with much aplomb

By GEM YATCO

IF ONLY the full-to-capacity crowd that attended the recently celebrated formal opening of *Ebullience, The Maiden Journey*, ALFA's (Associated Liaison of Fine Artists, Inc.) initial group show at the Lobby of the Philippine Center New York, would serve as the barometer to measure its success, the high spirited affair easily was indeed a rousing one.

Leading the guest list that composed the distinct line-up of the ribbon-cutting ceremony was the Hon. Con. Gen. Cecile B. Rebono, together with H.E. Ambassador Hilario Davide, Jr., fashionable socialite Luchie Vivas, RML Construction's VP Rochelle Luz Cole, Philippine Fiesta's Mila Mendez and Mr. Jun Policarpio.

The supposedly short program that ensued was stretched considerably to cover more relevant matters... and was made even much more interesting by the commanding presence and able hosting of Rene Ballenas who was inarguably a delight to listen and visualize, as well... while fashionable Marietta Lamar delivered the welcome address.

Like sparkling gems, innate talents uncontrollably surface despite all odds... and so are ALFA's participating artists Cesar Delos Santos III, Dave Temperante, Joel Gaeta, Ronald Cortez, Al Perez and Bobby T. Yalong. Their peculiar painting styles and techniques, perfect choice of subjects and the right use of painting medium created incredible masterpieces that could be at par with the world's most established and renowned masters.

Guests were treated to a sumptuous assortment of foods and drinks catered by Christy Alcantara of Christy's Kitchen with additional native delicacies like puto (white steamed rice cake) and cassava cake baked to perfection by Cesar's wife, Jocelyn Delos Santos. With the more than extra servings of finger foods and

overflowing of drinks, ALFA's reception truly lived up to its ebullient title.

Some outstanding figures spotted engaged in some kind of *tete-a-tete* and socializing with the rest of the crowd were Dep. Con. Gen. Millie Sta. Maria-Thomezcek, MPG Productions' Jojo and Bing Gabriel, Group Ole's Dr. Ramon Legarda, Loudette Avelino of Building Futures Together, ace make-up guru Imogene W. Raypon, Ric Isip, Rick Respicio, Ronnie Rivera, Dino Rivera, Ogie Saliva with buddy Steve in tow, Joel Picache, Benny Somera, Herbert Y. Magtoto, Imelda Romero, Paula Tormito, Carol Talatala, Mila Brillantes, Zeny Avila, Cecile Dumdum, Coring Policarpio, Marivic Dimaculangan, Gerry (Dave's Friend), Ruel Paclar, Mac Manicat and Rev. Fr. Francis Garbanzos.



Award-winning artist and ALFA Pres. Bobby T. Yalong receives congratulatory praise from co-ALFAs Dave Temperante (in white long sleeves) and Cesar Delos Santos III (in barong) while emcee Rene Ballenas looks on.

Other guests include Dr. Leo Dela Cruz, PROFILES Int'l. teen model Keith Santos with mom Cathy, Wynonna Luz, PIDCI Pres. Gerry Austria, Gani Puertollano, Art Zamora, Menchie Peralta, SAWADEE Restaurant owner Allan Hau with mom

and brother Albert, lensman Jeff Hutchison with gf Theresa, Nanding Mendez, exotic beauty Aurora Aquino, *Asian Journal's* Ria Marquez,



During 'Ebullience, the Maiden Journey' ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Philippine Center New York photo shows (L-R) ALFA Founding Chairman-Pres. Bobby T. Yalong, Mr. Jun Policarpio, Mila Mendez of Phil. Fiesta, H.E. Ambassador Hilario Davide, Jr., Hon. Con. Gen. Cecile B. Rebono, ALFA Founding Secretary Cesar Delos Santos III, Luchie Vivas of Assured Guaranty, Rochelle Luz Cole of RML Construction, Inc., and ALFA member Dave Temperante.

Cris Campomanes, Claire McDougal, Rev. Dr. Joseph G. Marabe (JCD), Norie Teruel, Nancy Cruz, Daisy Cordenera, record producer-singer Archie D, Medy Taea,

ALFA wishes to extend its profound gratitude to Mr. Romulo M. Luz of RML Construction, Inc., for being a major part of the event, ditto to Marietta Lamar, Christy's Kitchen, all media partners for the publicities, the security force and maintenance staff of the Philippine Center New York, and to all those who, in one way or another, contributed to the success of *Ebullience, the Maiden Journey*.

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