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## 'Boses' screening resonates in New York

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Filipinos in New York had a rare chance to watch one of the best films that came out in the Philippines in 2008, through the fund-raising project / movie premiere staged by the Assumption Alumnae Association Abroad recently.

The film is called *Boses*, and its director, Ellen Ongkeko-Marfil and star Ricky Davao graced the event at the St. Paul the Apostle Church near the Lincoln Center in Manhattan.

"This film project fell on my lap. It won in a script-writing contest and I found out that it was written by a friend. I asked him to show me his script because the deadline for Cinemalaya was fast approaching," Ongkeko-Marfil told the Asian Journal.

The director has been behind films and documentaries that focused mostly on the lives of people who have been marginalized.

"*Boses* is about the power of art to transform lives. This is my luckiest, of all the ones that I have done. Financially, I was able to gather funds. I was also able to get the boy. I was about to give up. I told myself, if I don't find a young boy who can act well and play the violin as well, forget it. It's going to look so fake. And I found him," Ellen shared.

By him, the director meant Julian Duque, the real-life child prodigy who is the central character of the film. Duque effectively portrayed the role of Onyok, a mute, battered boy who had a hidden talent despite the fact that he has no acting experience prior to the film.

Born to a family of musicians, Julian's father is a guitar teacher at a special educational school for gifted children, and many of his cousins and uncles are also in the field of music.

Julian trained at Casa San Miguel in San Antonio, Zambales, a place for the children of fisher folks, farmers, mango pickers and other rural inhabitants of nearby towns to discover their varying talents and skills in music and the visual arts.

The family of Coke Bolipata, who also plays a crucial role in the film, established Casa San Miguel in 1993.

"He [Bolipata] contributed a lot to the script. He knows the life of an artist so the angst was there. And he was the one who recommended the boy," Ellen shared.

Ongkeko-Marfil doesn't veer away from the traditional way of story telling, which made the film much simple. She took the story of a battered child and combined it with classical music, a combination that is rarely seen onscreen.

"I am not so much into experimentation. I am focused on the material but I am also focused on reaching the audience and making my film accessible," she explained.

Veteran thespians like Ricky Davao and Cherry Pie Picache shared their talent by essaying roles that ably supported the characters of the non-actors – Bolipata, who played Picache's reclusive brother Ariel and Duque, who played the role of abused child Onyok with such intensity.

The film established that Onyok's character is unable to speak due to a physical trauma that damaged his larynx so he barely spoke a word in the entire film. What his character could not express in words, he relayed through his eyes and his music.

Duque's effective portrayal of Onyok earned him a Breakthrough Actor award from the recently concluded 6th Golden Screen Awards, handed out by the Entertainment Press Society (Enpress). *Boses* also brought home a lion's share of the awards: Best Film-Drama, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Musical Score.

### Not bad for an indie film.

"*Boses* is a blessing. There were other materials that I submitted to Cinemalaya last year. This was the one which got the blessing of the universe. I am an advocacy filmmaker. I really believe in my messages. I believe in the power of art to be a tool in education," Ellen said.

Indeed, *Boses* has come a long way. The film has earned sought-after endorsements from film review boards, garnered critical acclaim from film critics and received popular praise from moviegoers and the film is now the advocacy film for UNICEF Manila's "Children Against Violence" campaign. Internationally, it screened at the Louis Vuitton Film Festival in Hawaii and at the Women's Film Festival in Los Angeles. ■



Ricky Davao sings the classic song "Manila" with the band members of the Assumption Alumnae Association Abroad.

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