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The excitement runs high for the coronation of winner of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009

BEAUTY royalties and supporters of the Best of the Fairest annual contest continue their tradition with the Carnival of Philippine Beauties on Saturday, May 30, 6pm at the historic Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco. Attendees in their formal best will watch the highlight of the biggest beauty, personality and popularity contest in the Bay Area.

In an afternoon will be brimming with fashion glam, song and dance numbers and a whole lot of talents, the candidates simmered the heat of summer last May 24 at the pre-pageant held also at Cathedral Hill. The large group of supporters and VIP guests crowded the banquet hall of the hotel as the 17 candidates from all over the Bay Area showcased their penultimate best to bag the major titles. The titles to be filled are Mr. and Miss RP-USA, Mrs. RP-USA, and Little Mr. and Miss RP-USA. The program was ably hosted by Mrs. RP-USA International 2007 Marilen Bernardo and the very dashing Councilman of Daly City, David Canepa.

The competition started with the high fashion category, the Formal Wear or Long Gown category. A colorful array set the tome for the said category as the candidates for Mrs. RP-USA paraded in their vibrant-colored gowns, particularly Lydia Humphrey in here intricately accented midnight blue gown, the highly embellished golden ensemble of Anita Dungca, and the simple but elegant bohemian gown of Sheila Borillo. As for the Little Miss RP-USA candidates, the white ball gown of Clarina Camicia and the bejeweled fuchsia gown of Anna Amador were among the standouts. In the Miss RP-USA roster, the mermaid gown in orange of Jhasmin Toledo and the Hollywood-inspired asymmetrical gown of Trina Dimaranan set off the energy in the house. While the sole candidate for Mr. RP-USA, Joshua Farinas caught the hearts of almost all girls in the audience.

In the question and answer portion, most of the candidates were not able to control their

nerves but among those that impressed the audience were Ceres Delapaz who maintained her poise when she was thrown with the first question, and the very cool projection but brilliant answer of Mylah Spears. In the Miss RP-USA, Ranesa Gomez made a good mark with her opinionated answer to the question about same-sex marriage.

During the Talent showcase, among those who sparkled are Mylah Spears in her ballroom dancing routine, Luriline Ladera Ortiz in her martial arts exhibition, the Itik-Itik folk dance of Anna Amador, the spirited song number of Karen Jabson and the fairy moves of Jaylynn Narayan.

It's hard to predict who will bag the major titles and the judges enjoyed the challenge of assessing the candidates' performance. All the suspense will end on May 30 at 6pm at the Coronation Night of the Carnival of Philippine Beauties which will be a gala dinner-dance at the same hotel.

Candidates will be parading in their lovely formal wear, the minor awards will be given as well as the proclamation of the new beauty titlists. At the same time, recipients of Celebrity Star Awards will also be given. Entertainer of the Year Divo Bayer will serenade the audience and big names in the Bay Area community will be there to have a piece of the eventful evening. Frank Sityar of the 60's and 70's band will provide the live music. Guests who paid for the dinner tickets will have the chance to rub elbows with the beauty titleholders and special guests who are celebrities themselves.

So to all candidates, enjoy the ride! ■



Lyn and Sweet Valencia of Golden Touch Production are shown dancing a Hawaiian hula number as a dance offering to the participants of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties 2009 during the Grand Finals held last May 24 at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.



Gil Navarro, president of Club Royale International Foundation, is shown congratulating Daly City Councilman David Canepa, who hosted the grand finals and talent competition of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties last May 24. Also in photo is Jett Viray Navarro, the grand dame of Club Royale.



Floren Flores, an orchid and flower grower in San Jose, was chosen as Florist of the Year for the annual Celebrity Star Awards 2009. Awards will be presented on Saturday, May 30 at the Gala Dinner and Dance at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco at 6pm.



Anna Alberto Amador is shown dancing the 'Itik-Itik,' a Filipino native dance during the Little Miss RP-USA talent competition. Together with Anna are members of the YaYo Children's Dance Group of Richmond.



Anita Quiambao Dungca is shown doing a ballroom dance number with her partner Rolando Rovidillo during the talent competition for Mrs. RP-USA 2009.



Six lucky finalists for Miss RP-USA 2009 are shown wearing their fashionable evening gowns for the Best in Long Gown competition, (L-R) Luriline Ortiz, Karhisa Medina, Jhasmin Toledo, Rachele Joy Narayan, Ranesa Gomez and Trina Dimaranan. The winner for the special award will be proclaimed at the Coronation Ball this May 30.



Shown in photo are six of the finalists who were selected during the grand finals in swimsuit category of the Miss RP-USA (L-R) Ranesa Gomez, Trina Dimaranan, Rachele Joy Narayan, Jhasmin Toledo, Karhisa Medina and Luriline Ortiz.



Jaida Marinas, the reigning Little Miss RP-USA (3rd from left) is shown with the finalists for Little Miss RP-USA 2009 (L-R) Anna Amador, Jaylynn Narayan, Karen Jabson and Clarina Camicia.



Five finalists for Mrs. RP-USA 2009 are shown in photo wearing their evening gowns, (L-R) Sheila Borillo, Mylah Spears, Anita Dungca, Lydia Humphrey and Ceres Delapaz. The lucky winner will be proclaimed and crowned on Saturday, May 30, at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco at 6pm.



A galore of Filipina beauties that participated in the five-in-one beauty and popularity contest are shown in photo in their formal attire during the finale number of the Philippine Carnival of Beauties. The lucky winners will be proclaimed and crowned on Saturday, May 30 at the Red Fantasy Formal Ball at the Grand Ballroom of the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco at 6pm.

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