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Ruffa & John Lloyd: Love under fire?

It seems my friend Ruffa Gutierrez is in the entertainment headlines once again. People have always been so fascinated with her love life or lack thereof.

You may have heard that she's celebrating her birthday with her US-based fans and friends on Sunday, June 28 at the CBS Lot in Studio City.

I've been receiving not only inquiries about the event but also questions concerning the hot "issue" between Ruffa and young actor John Lloyd Cruz or Lloydie.

Much to my amusement, people have been offering their opinion about the issue with a tone of concern, as if Ruffa was their own sister or best friend. Nakakutuwa.

Personally, I can't comment because there's been no confirmation from both sides. But I can say that my stand is, whatever makes Ruffa happy—I'm there!

In the middle of the issue is, of course, the protective mother hen of Ruffa, Annabel Rama. Bisaya is understandably concerned, having seen Ruffa go through struggles in past relationships.

I've decided to share several comments from different people who cared enough to email me their views.

Rowena, West Covina:

So what if Ruffa and John Lloyd are dating? If they love each other, that's what matters. I don't think age or status is an issue.

Ruffa deserves to be happy. I think John Lloyd is a sweet guy. We've seen Ruffa struggle with her marriage before. She deserves this. She needs romance in her life.

Alina, El Monte:

Ano ba yan?! We love John Lloyd! We want him to be for Sarah Geronimo or Bea Alonzo only! Mas ka-level niya ang dalawang dalagang ito. Ruffa is a little more advanced na compared kay John Lloyd.

Sherry, Long Beach:

Tama naman si Annabel. Concerned siya sa anak nya. She's

also been traumatized sa mga pinagdaanan ni Ruffa noon.

You can't blame a mother for reacting this way.

Madam Eliza Blue; fortune teller, Glendale:

Nau-

ulit na naman ang destiny ni Ruffa sa love. Tulad ng kay Dennis Da Silva na ngayon ay nasa katauhan ni John Lloyd Cruz. Mukhang gayon, hindi na mapipigilan ito. Kahit pa ng kanyang ina. Ito na ang nakakatak sa kanyang palad.

Oliver Carnay, talent manager, Los Angeles:

Why not? I think it's exciting for Philippine movies. As a love team, Ruffa and John Lloyd make a great pair. We all know na pigilan mo man, mangyayari pa rin ang mangyayari. The heart wants what it wants.

Kath, Cerritos:

Ruffa is an independent, strong woman. She should follow her heart. She still looks youthfully beautiful! Bagay sila ni John Lloyd. We should let them be, if the rumors are indeed true.

News flash:

Annabelle R., hinamon si John Lloyd

Controversial celebrity mom Annabelle Rama finally let the cat out in the bag. She has acknowledged that indeed her daughter beauty queen/actress/TV host Ruffa Gutierrez is into a relationship with popular Kapamilya heartthrob John Lloyd Cruz, and a steamy one at that!

After many weeks of speculations on the impact of the rumored relationship on the mother-daugh-



John Lloyd Cruz

ter that lead to Ruffa's alleged storming out of their house, with her kids in tow, a calm but serious Annabelle intoned:

"John Lloyd, umamin ka na. Sa totoo lang, hindi naman nakakahiya ang anak ko. Kung mahal mo talaga siya, gagawin mo ito. Ganyan ang lalaking tunay na nagmamahal."

Now that the challenge is out, usap-usapan sa showbiz circle na malamang sumunod si John Lloyd kay Ruffa sa Amerika, where she will celebrate her birthday.

Will John Lloyd make a surprise appearance on Ruffa's fund-raising event, "The Beautiful Life Celebration," a fashion soiree cum fund-raising for the benefit of the actress' Roof-A-Child foundation, on June 28, 2009 (Sunday), 4pm at the CBS Studio lot, 4024 Radford Ave., Studio City, CA 91604.

Umamin na nga kaya si John Lloyd sa relasyon nila ni Ruffa sa event na 'yon, kung dumating man siya, at sa harap ng mga tao roon ay ihayag ang pagmamahal niya kay Ruffa, in front of her family and some celebrity friends, who are expected to all be there to support her?

This we have to see...

All we can do now is stay tuned, if or when there are developments to this speculated love



Ruffa Gutierrez

story.

In the meantime, I'm inviting everyone to attend Ruffa's birthday bash on June 28 at the CBS Lot—New York St (4024 Radford Ave Studio City CA). It's a fashion soiree and fundraising event for Ruffa's Roof-A-Child Foundation. There will be world-class performers, celebrity guests and great food. Tickets are selling fast. Reserve yours now by calling 1-888-MAGANDA.

LA-based celebrity stylist Monet Lu was born in Marikina, Philippines. In the 80s, Monet left a thriving salon chain business in his hometown to migrate to the US. He had the vision to recreate his success in the US by building a beauty business that served the needs of Filipino Americans. Currently, Monet is the proud owner of four salons with branches in Van Nuys CA, Panorama City CA, Los Angeles CA and Las Vega NV. He has since branched out to event productions through his events and marketing company, Events Specialists International, producer of the longest-running [20 years!] and most prestigious Filipino-American awards/fashion show in SoCal. In 2006, Monet kicked off another passion to develop his own line of all-natural, beauty care products, Skin By Monet.

Monet is also a humanitarian and has supported many charitable organizations such as the Marikina Revitalization Project, AIDS Center in Pasadena, Alab Ng Puso, Every Nation Ministries, Gawad Kalinga, Bantay Bata 163, and many more. To contact Monet, please visit his site: www.monetsalon.com.

DOLLYWOOD

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Geoff makes mom Gina real proud

PROUD mama Gina Alajar is ecstatic that her son, Geoff Eigenmann, has been tapped to portray Fernando Jose in *Rosalinda*.

"I told him to keep in mind that Fernando is a hunk," she relates, "and not a chubby boy."

Any apprehensions about Geoff taking on a major role? "I'm no stage mother," Gina says. "I have full confidence in Direk Maryo J and Ann Villegas."

Would she approve if Geoff fell for his leading lady, Carla Abellana? "I haven't met her so I can't say anything. When it comes to love matters, I try to be more of a friend to my son so I can understand him more. I never want to cramp his style." Gina is never too much of a mother to be a friend to her kids.

Sad Pokwang

Pokwang is more sad than hurt that her name got dragged in the issue about Cristine Reyes' return to GMA 7. There's talk that Cristine might play Pedra in *Rosalinda* or Valentina in *Darna*, and that she's at odds with Pokwang and her other co-stars in *Banana Split*.

"I just want to make it clear," Pokwang says, "na 'di siya pinaalis sa *Banana Split*. Siya ang gustong umalis. Three weeks na kami nag-te-taping na wala siya. Ewan ko kung babalik pa siya. Kahit dati pa, nabalitaan ko nang may pagkamood siyang katrabaho. Kung may pinagdadaanan siyang problema, 'wag na sana niya kaming idamay. Bakit ako ang mag-a-ayos ng gulo na di na-



Geoff Eigenmann

man ako ang nagsimula? [She wasn't booted out of *Banana Split*. She wanted to leave. She has been absent for three tapings. I don't know if she's coming back. I heard before that she's moody. If she has a problem, she shouldn't involve us. Why will I fix I mess that I didn't start?]"

Knowing how good-natured

Pokie is, it's impossible not to get along with her. Perhaps Cristine is just going through a phase. When I asked, Cristine replied, "Saka na ako magsalita 'pag plantsado na lahat [I will speak when everything is fixed]." She has split from *Banana Split*. Wonder if rumors about her split personality have anything to do with it?

Another split-up

After I wrote in a previous column that Abby Cruz and Paolo Bediones have split up, Abby sent me this text message: "Honestly, I don't want to talk about it, especially since Pao's not here. Just ask him when [he'll be] back. He's shooting for *Survivor* Season 2." Will Pao and Abby's survival rate diminish without each other.

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