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Message from Editor-in-Chief



Greetings! Humbled to **continue to serve as Co-Executive Director** of the **Mid Atlantic Foundation for Asian Artists, Inc.**, I am grateful to my fellow director, Dr. Lorna Imperial Seidel and the rest of Executive Board for entrusting to fill such imperative role.

I promise to **uphold the dedication and passion** set forth to date and to further **preserve and present** the diverse cultural artistic works from the **Asia-Pacific region** here in the United States.

In continuing MAFFAA's legacy of service, I cordially invite you to join me and the **Doer and Naturally Caring Foundation** next month as we launch our inaugural **Asian Heritage Day** in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

With special invitations **from Maryland and beyond**, the event will include **free cultural performances and presentations** from various participating Asian communities.

Lastly, as noted in the last edition **our next major installment of Le Opera Noli Me Tangere** will be held at the Strand Theater in **Boston Massachusetts** from June 16 - 18, 2017. Be sure to check out the complete details by visiting the following link: www.nolimetangereopera.com.

Respectfully,
Patrick Realiza
Co-Executive Director, Mid Atlantic Foundation for Asian Artists, Inc.

ASIAN HERITAGE DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 | 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
PHILIPPINE CULTURAL CENTER
7500 LIVINGSTON ROAD | OXON HILL | MD 20745

ASIAN HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2017

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Philippine Cultural Center

7500 Livingston Road | Oxon Hill | MD 20745



Varcora Orphans Foundation



AMERICAN DIVERSITY GROUP

3:00 pm

Opening Remarks

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Light Refreshments

5:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Preview Performance by Ms Sue Boonchoo



Le Opera Noli Me Tangere

<http://www.nolimetangereopera.com/>

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Invited Guests:

*Mrs. Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland

*Kris Valderrama, Maryland State Delegate

*Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines

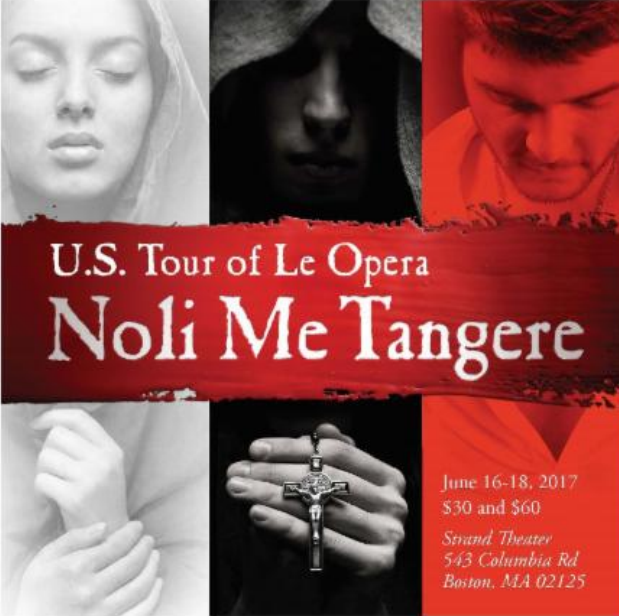
LE OPERA NOLI ME TANGERE

JUNE 16 - 18, 2017 | HISTORIC STRAND THEATER

543 COLUMBIA ROAD | BOSTON | MA 02125

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U.S. Tour of Le Opera
Noli Me Tangere

June 16-18, 2017
\$30 and \$60
Strand Theater
543 Columbia Rd
Boston, MA 02125

THE U.S. TOUR OF LE OPERA
NOLI ME TANGERE
BY FELIPE DE LEON

At the Historic Strand Theater, 543 Columbia Rd, Boston, MA 02125
Valet Parking available

Friday, June 16, 2017 at 7 pm
Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 7 pm
Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 3 pm

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Noli Me Tangere was one of Asia's first artistic manifestation and a rare classic masterpiece that will be brought back to the stage by powerful voices of young and talented roster of diverse artists of Opera Brittenica, melding youthful energy and fresh insight together that will bring life to Felipe de Leon's opus through the transcending power of music.

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Dr. Jeanette Livelo 718.824.3359
Dr. Lorna Seidel 443.240.5713



COMPLETE DETAILS: www.nolimetangereopera.com

FEATURED ARTIST: SUE BOONCHOO, MEZZO SOPRANO



Sue Boonchoo is a graduate of the **University of California, Santa Cruz** where she received her bachelor's degree in theatre and performed in numerous plays, musicals, and dance productions.

Sue was also a member of the Filipino choir at **St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church** in North Hollywood, California, where she sang as a soloist and cantor.

Her **love of acting, singing and dancing** began at age 5 when she starred in class plays and musicals in elementary school.

From then on she knew that she wanted to pursue a **career in the performing arts**.

She is excited to be performing at **Asian Heritage Day** and is very thankful to Dr. Lorna Imperial Seidel for allowing her this opportunity.

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