

# THE MAFFAA JOURNAL

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Foundation for Asian Artists

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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



**Summer has arrived!** Once again, welcome to another edition of the MAFFAA Journal! This past month, we celebrated **Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in the United States, celebrating the contributions our fellow artists of Asian and Pacific Islander descent. Dr. Edward and Lorna Imperial Seidel kicked off the month through attendance at the **Society of Cincinnati's Triennial** meeting, followed by **La Marseille in Colonial Williamsburg**, Virginia. This soon included attendance of the Richard Wagner Opera at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Furthermore, I had the pleasure of participating with the **Shrine of St. Jude Filipino Community** for their annual **Flores de Mayo/Santacruzán** celebration in Rockville, Maryland. We closed out the month with a special tribute to His Excellency **Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. and wife Madame Maria Victoria J. Cuisia** at the Manor Country Club in Rockville. This event was hosted by the **Philippine Humanitarian Coalition (PHC)**, one of the major initiatives of Ambassador Cuisia himself led throughout since tenure as the Philippine Ambassador to the United States.

**Indeed this summer has been off to a great start!** We are grateful for the continued support of our various partners and supporters. Furthermore, **we salute the contributions of our artists** who **continue to shine** in their respective communities. Thank you for your hard work to maintain our visibility in **mainstream America**, yet staying grounded in **your Asian and Pacific Islander roots!** We wish you the best and hope continued success through this summer and beyond!

Respectfully,  
Patrick Realiza  
Editor-in-Chief, The MAFFAA Journal

## MAY 2016 RECAP: **COMMUNITY PRESENCE & PARTICIPATION**

SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI TRIENNIAL MEETING  
**MAY 5 - 6, 2016**



**LA MARSEILLE IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**  
**MAY 7 - 8, 2016**



**RICHARD WAGNER OPERA - JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER**  
**MAY 13, 2016**



**FLORES DE MAYO/SANTACRUZAN - ST. JUDE FILIPINO COMMUNITY (ROCKVILLE, MD)  
MAY 15, 2016**



**PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR CUISIA TRIBUTE - MANOR COUNTRY CLUB - ROCKVILLE, MD  
MAY 20, 2016**



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