

# THE MAFFAA JOURNAL

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Foundation for Asian Artists

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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Welcome to **May 2016 edition** of the MAFFAA Journal! I hope your spring has been off to a great start! As we make the transition to **summer in the coming weeks** and begin making plans on how to spend the most of it I would like to cordially invite to include our organization among your anticipated activities. In celebration of **Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month** in the United States, MAFFAA is dedicated to highlighting artists of Asian and/or Pacific Islander descent and their respective contributions to the community. For those inclined in participating in the search, **please write to us either on your behalf or someone else's on why he or she should be spotlighted**. We ask that these nominations include a photo, brief biography and as number of links to their respective works, if available. A select number of aspiring artists will be featured in our next edition.

Furthermore, **MAFFAA continues to commend the work of key figures** who have shaped the history of the organization's founding, most notably **His Excellency Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. and his wife Madame Maria Victoria J. Cuisia**. With the coming farewell tribute at the close of this month, MAFFAA wishes to extend its gratitude for serving as Honorary Co-Chair for the organization's groundbreaking production of the first Filipino opera, Noli Me Tangere at the prestigious **John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts** in August 2014 and the succeeding production of Spoliarium, The Opera at the **Tribeca Performing Arts Center** in New York City last October. The unwavering dedication and **commitment to propagating, performing, and presenting** the diverse cultural artistic works associated with the Asia-Pacific region is once again a prime example of your demonstrated role and leadership in the Filipino and Asian-American communities.

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

**APRIL 2016 RECAP: COMMUNITY PRESENCE & PARTICIPATION**

**2016 MISA NG BAYAN (PEOPLE'S MASS) HOSTED BY MIGRANT HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA, BALTIMORE, MD**



Cebuano—Patrick Realiza—MAFFAA/MHC Organization Awardee/St. Jude Choir  
Kay ang mental ug pisikal sa mga masakiton ug sa mga sinakit ilabi na sa Dennis  
Michael Hano, Milson Silab, Javilyn Vallin, Regina Newman, Maria Balicoco, Jose  
Franco, Brian Smolens, Adelaida Velasquez, Celestina Bustamante, Miko Manzano,  
Josephine Estrada Brown, Emma Fernandez and Erlinda Quemel, nga si Hesus, ang  
Labing Mananambal, pagaoyohon sila ug magpadayon sa paghatag ilang kusog;  
nga ang tanan kanato gitigom dinhi sa pagpakita sa atong kaluoy ug gugma alang  
sa tanan sa atong mga paryente ug mga higala nga mga masakiton, mahimo nga  
ilang paglaom sa Ginoo ug sila mahimo nga makakaplag kaisog sa kaluoy sa Ginoo  
nga nagluwas kanato.



**SHRINE OF ST. JUDE MONTHLY FILIPINO MASS  
ROCKVILLE, MD**



**FORT WORTH OPERA FESTIVAL - PREMIERE OF JFK THE OPERA  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS**



**BUFFALO HISTORICAL SOCIETY - CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL  
 HOSTED BY JAPANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
 BUFFALO, NY**



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