

# THE MAFFAA JOURNAL

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**MAFFAA**  
Foundation for Asian Artists

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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Welcome to May! **MAFFAA continues to make strides** to elevate the arts through **newly formed partnerships** in this new season.

One of these groups is the **American Diversity Group (ADG)**. Based in Maryland, ADG is **dedicated to bringing and building sustainable healthy communities**. We cordially welcome this partnership and look forward to with like-minded individuals and groups. **To learn more about this dynamic group visit:**  
[www.amdivgroup.org](http://www.amdivgroup.org)

Furthermore, this month we look forward to your attendance at our **first annual Asian Heritage Day celebration** at the Philippine Cultural Center in **Oxon Hill on May 13th**. With invited guests from local **diplomatic community** and government agencies, we are confident that all audiences will be sure to enjoy this day.

Looking beyond this month, we also hope that you will **join us in Boston, Massachusetts** from June 16 to 18, 2017 for the **next installment of Le Opera Noli Me Tangere** at the Strand Theatre. **Be sure to check out the following link for complete details:**  
[www.nolimetangereopera.com](http://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



Varcara 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/>

To RSVP, please contact:

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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

**A NEW CITY, A NEW OPERA PRODUCTION**

164 years since *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was released, comes a great musical masterpiece that inspired a people's movement in the east, which forever transformed a gentle nation. It's an idea that started the American Civil War, which inspired Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Act to free the slaves and eventually changed the world.

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.

For ticket information, please visit our website [DiversityThroughTheArts.org](http://DiversityThroughTheArts.org)  
or call Arty, Leticia Hermosa 617.388.6078  
Dr. Jeanette Livelo 718.824.3359  
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**COMPLETE DETAILS: [www.nolimetangereopera.com](http://www.nolimetangereopera.com)**

**APRIL 2017 RECAP**

**DC COMMISSION ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES - SITE VISIT  
FOLGER SHAKESPEARE THEATER**



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COMMITTEE MEETING - WASHINGTON, DC**



**UN ASSOCIATION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CAREER DINNERS  
UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION - WASHINGTON, DC**





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WATER AND IMPACT ON BIODIVERSITY PANEL  
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