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Message from Editor-in-Chief



Welcome to December! Hoping you all had a **nice and peaceful Thanksgiving holiday** last week! More importantly, on behalf of our Executive Board of Directors, I would like to **extend our sincere gratitude for your attendance and support at our inaugural Ilustrado Ball** at the start of November in Silver Spring.

This ball was based on the **Spanish colonial period** in the Philippines where the "Ilustrado" class sought to in support of the liberal Spanish and European **nationalistic ideals** that eventually set forth democracy in the country.

Nearly two centuries later, **MAFFAA marked this momentous time by aiding to those affected by the conflict in Marawi City** in the Southern Philippines. This event was presented in collaboration with the **Philippine Humanitarian Coalition (PHC)**.

Be sure to read the full recap in this edition of the MAFFAA Journal!

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

RECAP OF MAFFAA ILUSTRADO BALL
Saturday, November 4, 2017 | Sheraton Hotel
Silver Spring, Maryland



The **Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Asian Artists (MAFFAA)**, a non-profit organization, wanted to give back to the community. The **historic inaugural Ilustrado Ball celebration** was very well-attended. MAFFAA co-founder **Dr. Lorna Imperial Seidel** collaborated with the **Philippine Humanitarian Coalition (PHC)** to raise funds for the displaced victims of the Marawi conflict in the Philippines. At the same time, **MAFFAA wanted to celebrate the successes of the initial series of the Le Opera Noli Me Tangere US Tour.**

Thus, The Ilustrado Ball was conceptualized. One of the highlights of the evening was the revelation of Mr. Ilustrado. Flying trans-Pacific and across the United States, **Mr. Ilustrado was Ramon Sumibcay** himself.

Other featured performers that evening were MAFFAA's opera singers.

Juditha Seghers, a Soprano, impressed and amazed the audience with her unique vocal styling.

John Clayton, Tenor, is described as dynamic singer who performs gallantly with Tagalog songs.

Allan Palacios Chan, a Philippine-born American Tenor brought musicality and attractive flexible "leggiero" sound. Allan is well- accomplished and well-educated with his Doctorate in Musical Arts. Recently, he was a scholar fellow at the Berlin Opera Academy in Berlin, Germany.

MAFFAA recognized outstanding citizens and organizations, Modern Day Ilustrados, for their altruistic and philanthropic activities throughout the United States.

The three individual awardees were: **Eric Lachica, Anjana Bordoloi and Ramon Calalang.**

The two organizational awardees for their sustained volunteerism were:

Bicol Association of Metropolitan DC (BAMDC)

St. Jude Filipino Community Ministry of Rockville, Maryland

Dr. Seidel officially announced Le Opera Noli Me Tangere (LONMT) Hawaii scheduled to take place on June 8 and 10, 2018 as the triumvirate of MAFFAA, KGB Productions, and Island Living Productions and Entertainment.



MAFFAA received special recognition for preservation and encouragement of heritage, from Maryland State Delegate Aruna Miller (Montgomery County, District 15) following the conclusion of the inaugural Ilustrado Ball.

To view more photos captured that evening, please [click here](#)

NOVEMBER 2017 COMMUNITY RECAP

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA PARTICIPATES
ON GLOBAL EDUCATION PANEL AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
UN ASSOCIATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. LORNA IMPERIAL SEIDEL ATTENDS
PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (PNA) GALA
EMBASSY SUITES | BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA SPEAKS
AT JOINT NETWORKING SOCIAL WITH GREEN DRINKS DC
BARCODE | WASHINGTON, DC**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR. LORNA IMPERIAL SEIDEL ATTENDS
PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION - EASTERN REGION CONFERENCE
WITH DR. LOIDA LEWIS AND DR. ORPHELIA FRASER**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA SPEAKS
ON IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY AND THE UN GLOBAL GOALS AT
LAUNCH OF LOCAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE -- GENERATION E**



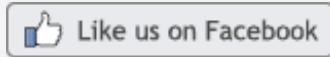
**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA EMCEES
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP ON NETWORKING
DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA LEADS
SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN WITH DC-BASED GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERS
UN ASSOCIATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**



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