

# THE MAFFAA JOURNAL

Mid Atlantic  
**MAFFAA**  
Foundation for Asian Artists

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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



**Welcome to November!** In our last edition, I noted our upcoming **Ilustrado Ball** taking place **this coming weekend on Saturday, November 4th** at the Sheraton Hotel in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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

Today, nearly two centuries later, **MAFFAA will transport attendees** to this **historic time in Philippine history** with a connection to the present-day altruistic and philanthropic activities **to aid those affected by the conflict in Marawi City** in the Southern Philippines.

This event is presented in collaboration with the **Philippine Humanitarian Coalition (PHC)**. For more information, please see the **full details in this edition** of the MAFFAA Journal.

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

## MAFFAA ILUSTRADO BALL - NOV. 4, 2017



COME AND JOIN US  
ON OUR  
FUNDRAISING  
GALA



*The Inaugural*

**ILUSTRADO BALL**

Featuring Allan Palacios Chan and MAFFAA's Artists

"The Ilustrados constituted the Filipino educated class during the Spanish colonial period in the late 19th century. They were the middle class who were educated in Spanish and exposed to Spanish liberal and European nationalist ideals. They established the foundations for Asian first democracy. Fast – forward 200 years a modern day, I L U S T R A D O S, we all trenched back altruistic, philanthropic activities to our motherland, Philippines. Indeed, we are grateful for the continued opportunity to elevate the salience of the arts, sciences, and humanities and every facet of our society."

Patrick Realiza and Lorna Imperial Seidel, MAFFAA Co-Executive Directors

*Portion of the proceeds to benefit Philippine Humanitarian Coalition Fund for the refugees and orphans of the Marawi Conflict.*

Attire: Formal  
Black Tie or Barong  
Evening Gown or Terno

Sheraton Hotel  
8777 Georgia Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Saturday, November 4, 2017  
6:00pm to 11:30pm

Tickets & RSVP:  
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Patrick Realiza 202-735-4301  
Carol Robles 240-481-1048  
Lorna 443-240-5713  
\$80.00 must be paid by Oct. 15, 2017  
\$90.00 after Oct. 15, 2017

To purchase tickets, please contact MAFFAA's Co-Executive Directors:  
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**OCTOBER 2017 COMMUNITY RECAP**

**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LORNA IMPERIAL SEIDEL  
ATTENDS KABABAYAN MASQUERADE BALL**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LORNA IMPERIAL SEIDEL ATTENDS  
HAWAII PRESS & MEDIA CONFERENCE LAUNCH  
2018 NOLI ME TANGERE PRE-PRODUCTION**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA WELCOMES DELEGATION OF ARTISTS FROM BAHRAIN**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MEETS WITH  
HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR CANJURA OF EL SALVADOR**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PATRICK REALIZA MODERATES  
PANEL DISCUSSION ON MILLENNIAL ACTIVISM AT  
6TH ANNUAL DARFUR WOMEN ACTION GROUP SYMPOSIUM**



**Ryan Brenner**

Ryan became interested in the Save Darfur movement in high school after her English teacher gave her the book "Not on Our Watch." She started a student activism group there and when she went to George Washington University she continued to look for ways to get involved.



**Patrick Realiza**

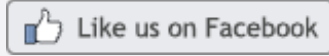
Mr. Patrick Realiza is a seasoned strategic communications and public relations professional based in Washington, DC. His portfolio of accomplishments include work in a number of key industries including the international diplomatic community, the Government of District of Columbia and the non-profit world.



**Tomi Sodimu**

Simisola Tomi Sodimu was born in Columbia, Maryland but moved to Lagos, Nigeria after the first grade. She lived and schooled in Nigeria for nine years and then proceeded back to the US where she finished her high school education.

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