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First Ever San Francisco Filipino American Jazz Festival
-Event to take place on August 9th & 10th during the Pistahan Parade and Festival-

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22, 2008 – Get ready to tap your feet to the sounds of Pinoy jazz at the First Annual San Francisco Filipino American Jazz Festival on August 9th and 10th. The event is the newest feature of the 15th annual Pistahan Parade and Festival.

There will be afternoon performances at Yerba Buena Gardens on both days. The festival's lineup of renowned artists will include Melecio Magdaluyo, Los Angeles-based recording artist, Charmaine Clamor, Art Khu Quartet, Nerio DeGracia Mambo Jazz Quintet, Ben Luis Quintet, Lilly Alunan & After Hours, Little Brown Brother, and Prelude, featuring Jo Canion, Georgie Leong, Stevie Wallage, and Jody Ente. Pioneering Filipino jazz artists Flip Nuñez, Bobby Enriquez, Rudy Tenio, Boy Palacio, and George Muribus will be honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their musical contributions to the world of jazz.

Evening performances will take place at the Metreon Action Theater—Mission at Fourth Streets in San Francisco—from 5-9PM on both days. Ticket information is available at Brown Paper Tickets www.brownpapertickets.com; festival lineup and updates can be obtained by visiting www.sfpinoyjazzfest.com

In the United States, one can trace the roots of Pinoy Jazz to early Filipino immigrants in who settled in and around New Orleans, the "birthplace of jazz." Pinoy Jazz has been described by Filipino multi-instrumentalist, Bob Aves, as a "process of self-discovery of the various influences that Pinoy musicians are subjected to not only from outside but also from inside their own country and culture".

"The musical and personal freedom found in jazz is at the core of what inspires Pinoy Jazz," said Carlos Zialcita, the San Francisco American Jazz Festival Producer/Executive Director. "We have wonderful artists in our communities who today carry on the tradition and process of defining and re-defining Pinoy Jazz."

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About the San Francisco Filipino American Jazz Festival

The San Francisco Filipino American Jazz Festival promotes, preserves, and celebrates Filipino American history, art, and culture. The festival is a collaboration among the Filipino American Historical Society-SF Bay Area Consortium, the 15th Annual Pistahan Parade and Festival, the San Francisco Filipino Cultural Center, ABS/CBN Global Television, The Mission Hiring Hall, and JazzPhil USA.

www.sfpinoyjazzfest.com

About the 15th Annual Pistahan Parade and Festival

The Pistahan Parade and Festival was founded in 1994 and has been consistently held in the oval gardens of the Yerba Buena Center. The Filipino American Arts Exposition, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that contributes to the artistic and cultural pride of the Filipino community, organizes the annual event. This year the two-day event taking place on August 9th and 10th will feature the return of the popular Adobo Cook-off and balut eating contests, delectable Filipino cuisine and desserts, cultural exhibits, world class performances on 2 stages, 6 pavilions celebrating heritage, health, dance, creativity, culinary, and arts, and for the first time ever, the San Francisco Filipino-American Jazz Festival. Don't miss the Pistahan Parade, which takes place along Market St. from the Embarcadero to Yerba Buena Gardens on Saturday August 9th at 11 a.m.

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