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CECILE LICAD SUPPORTS ST. PAUL MUSIC THERAPY CENTER

Contributed by Marilyn Abalos

Acclaimed pianist, Cecile Licad, was featured at the St. Paul Manila Alumnae USA CD Launch of her latest CD, *American Dreams*, recently in Loida Nicolas Lewis's residence on Fifth Avenue in New York City. The event benefitted the St. Paul Music Therapy Center, along with education scholarships and more through the Fleur-de-lis Fund. David Dubal, noted music broadcast commentator of WQXR, spoke about Cecile's CD series.

To the delight of the guests, Cecile played in a short program of Chopin's "Etude Op. 10 No.3" (No Other Love), Gottschalk's "Souvenirs d' Andalousie," and "Larawan" by Francisco Buencamino Sr., noted Filipino musician and composer and her granduncle.

"Cecile Licad's three piano pieces played with gusto and delicacy were mesmerizing! Chopin's was romantic, Gottschalk's was combative, and Buencamino's was nostalgic," Mrs. Lewis said.

"What a memorable evening—the launch of Cecile's monumental CD with fundraising for St. Paul Music Therapy Center! The introduction by WQXR David Dubal gave gravitas to the event. Bravo to everyone involved."

The event promoted Cecille's unique selection of American piano music by Aaron Copland, Anthony Philip Heinrich, Percy Grainger, William Mason, Edward MacDowell, Arthur Farwell, Leo Ornstein, and William Grant. For more information about Cecile's CD *American Dreams*, visit www.spma-usa-inc.org.

Diamond Fleur-de-lis Donors were Lolita Compas, Lily Gamboa-O'Boyle, Jorge Ortoll, and Anonymous, with 40 Silver Fleur-de-lis Donors and Friends.

"Everything Paulinian" Silent Auction items were donated by Paulinians Cora Yabut-Custodio, Lily Gamboa-O'Boyle, Millie Reyes, Ester Resurreccion, and Patsy Schultz. Winning bidders included Maripaz Calero, Nieva Quezon Burdick, Antonio Del Rosario, Dr. Ching Baquiran, and Terry Gingold.

Paulinian Sister Priscilla de Guzman, former head of Mere Monique Home in Iloilo, Philippines, spoke briefly at the event. Visiting from Washington DC where she is currently assigned, she expressed her appreciation of the effort of St. Paul alumnae in supporting St. Paul

University and Mere Monique Home, a nursing home for elderly Paulinian nuns. She encouraged continued support of alumni giving back to St. Paul.

Dr. Angie Cruz cited her recent trip to Jamaica where she and others were serving patients suffering from multiple sclerosis. Reinforcing the positive benefits of music therapy, she shared the story about a number of children with MS became calm and peaceful at the sound of music.

Alumnae Chair Marilyn Abalos thanked Cecile Licad (who is not a Paulinian) for her generous support of St. Paul and music and expressed admiration of David Dubal's knowledge of Cecile's history and musicality, as well as of classical music. With special appreciation, Marilyn presented Loida Nicolas Lewis, who hosted the evening in her beautiful home with a sumptuous merienda-cena and champagne, with Pauline, the Paulinian doll (and the alumnae's mascot), representing music students of St. Paul.

Members of the Organizing Committee were Paulinians Patsy Santiago-Schultz, Leila Dizon-Sumulong, Marietta De Perio, Maripaz Calero, and Marilyn Abalos, with Tinette Azores-Villa, Edwin Josue and Dr. Angie Cru.



Paulinians at Cecile Licad's CD Launch in New York City. L-R Front: Leila Dizon-Sumulong, David Dubal of WQXR, Cecile Licad, Sr. Priscilla de Guzman, SPC. L-R Back: Nieva Quezon-Burdick, Marietta De Perio, Lolita Compas, Maripaz Calero, Patsy Santiago-Schultz, GUEST, Marilyn Abalos, Terry Gingold, Myrna Guia-Gutierrez, Carolyn Pena, and Maria San Agustin. Photo by Rolan Gutierrez.

L-R Front are Organizing Committee member, Maripaz Calero, Cecile Licad, Event Host Loida Nicolas Lewis, and Pauline the Doll. L-R Rear: Patsy Santiago-Schultz, Leila Dizon-Sumulong, Marietta De Perio, Marilyn Abalos, Edwin Josue, Dr. Angie Cruz and Cora Yabut-Custodio. Photo by Rolan Gutierrez.





**World renowned pianist,
Cecile Licad...**

**Guests in rapt attention
as Cecile plays...**



An informal and inspiring dialogue with Cecile...

College of Nursing Alumna Awarded One of the 100 Most Influential Filipino Women in the World

Contributed by Marichen A. Dychangco, PhD, RN

Dr. Maria Martina Geraldine Quisumbing-Dimalibot, better known to friends and colleagues as Gigi, a BSN 1990 and PhD Nursing Education 2015 graduate of SPU Manila, was awarded as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipino Women in the World. She received the award on 14 September 2018 in the St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel in London.

The Filipina Women's Network (FWN) is a San Francisco based 501 non-profit, non-partisan international advocacy organization that seeks to increase the power and influence of Filipino women as leaders and policy makers at all levels in corporate, government, institutions, and community organizations to achieve economic and social justice and women's rights.

Gigi was honored in the BUILDER award category. This category is explained as: *Builders have demonstrated exceptional organizational impact at a large workplace environment; displaying deep passion for a cause through collaborative initiatives or alliances with institutions, corporations or nonprofit organizations on behalf of her own company; demonstrates high potential and skill with measurable results at a government agency, higher education institution, nonprofit or an organization in the public and private sectors. "Buildership" is about building better organizations, leading broken organizations to adjust, repair, and re-align, including redefining traditional methods.*

Gigi is currently the Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer of St. Luke's Medical Center. She was a faculty member and Academic Chairperson of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences in 2004 to 2009. She is presently a part-time faculty of the graduate program of the same college.

SPU Manila is proud of Gigi, a Paulinian, a leader, and an educator. She is a living proof that the attributes of a Paulinian graduate are alive...truly a model of excellence. Congratulations.



Gigi showing her picture at the awards ceremony

GRADE SCHOOL ALUMNA HOLDS PAINTING EXHIBIT IN SPAIN



The Philippine Embassy in Spain announced the following:

The launching of the painting exhibit by Ms. Isabel Echevarría will be held on 04 December 2018, 7 pm, at the Centro Cultural Eduardo Úrculo, Plaza de Donoso, 5. Please confirm your attendance by sending us an email at cultural@philembassymadrid.com or events@philembassymadrid.com.

The exhibit will run from 04 December 2018 up to 04 January 2019.

Isabel is a Grade School 1968 graduate of St. Paul Manila. She will be remembered for the portrait she made of Father James B. Reuter, SJ, which she donated to the school.

ALUMNAE GATHERINGS

**High School 1965
Christmas Party
30 November 2018**



**High School 1968
Christmas Party**