

## SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 8 & 9, 2024

Wilson Middle School 3838 Orange Ave San Diego, CA 92105

### MABUHAY FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

Welcome to our Summer Arts Festival + "Bayanihan: For Life, For Blood."

It's incredible to see how much we've grown since our festival's inception. This remarkable progress is a testament to the deep need for what we're doing in our community and the generous support from people like you.

The title of our jukebox musical holds profound significance for me. As a firstgeneration Filipina-American, South Bay native, and leukemia survivor, I owe my life to the generosity of blood donors. According to the San Diego Blood Bank's 2021 Impact Report, "the best blood type matches are often found between people with shared ethnic origins." Additionally, the American Red Cross reports that the U.S. blood supply has dropped by 25% since August 2023, reaching critically low levels. This urgent need fuels my dedication to partnering with the San Diego Blood Bank to educate Filipino-Americans and other diverse San Diegans about the importance of contributing to our region's blood supply through our project, "Bayanihan: For Life, For Blood."

Growing up as a child of Filipino immigrants in a military family, I watched my parents chase the American dream while adapting to a new culture. Despite challenges in accessing high-quality arts experiences in our under-resourced South San Diego neighborhood, my parents instilled in me the value of the arts.

Born in this land of opportunity, I feel a duty to give back. I uphold my family's ideals of self-empowerment and kindness, reflecting the Filipino custom of 'bayanihan,' which means communal unity and cooperation to achieve a common goal. My mission is to continue my cultural traditions and my family's pursuit of the American dream. I envision a society where compassionate individuals ensure everyone has access to enriching artistic and cultural experiences, with opportunities to learn and thrive, and I'm committed to using the arts as a catalyst for positive social change.

My experiences have shown that the arts and creative self-expression are crucial for dealing with trauma and understanding our complex world. Growing up, I lacked mentors and role models who looked like me in the arts. Few women of color hold leadership roles in this field, making it hard to find role models. As a result, I have made it a point to be available to young women of color interested in arts careers. I aim to be the change I wished to see and serve as a role model, providing youth with positive and creative paths to achieve their dreams.

Thus, Maraya Performing Arts was born in 2020, amidst a global pandemic and at the end of my three-year battle with cancer. I survived. We survived. But we are still desperately trying to recover from those tumultuous times.

With an open heart, I ask for your generosity in supporting Maraya's vision and future. Your financial donation will help us continue creating happier and healthier individuals and communities through the transformative power of the arts. Please consider donating to ensure we can provide a safe haven for creative expression for our youth, elders, and communities of all abilities and walks of life.

Maraming Salamat (many thanks in Tagalog), Anjanette (Miss AJ)

## Thank you for attending Maraya Performing Arts' 2024 SummerArts Festival!

Approximate Run Times:

June 8th -90 minutes

June 9th - 2 hours

Join us for a reception in the lobby after the show!

## \*NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS DURING PERFORMANCES\* \*STROBE LIGHTING WILL BE IN USE\*

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# Saturday 6/8 Student Showcase MINIS: AGES 3-7

Snoop Dogg's "Affirmations" – Mini Broadway Bound Corinne Bandonell, Riley Barker, Ann Frankenberger, Minerva Leon, Elliana Mireles, Siciliana (Sici) Rivera, Jonah Sainz

"Friend Like Me" – Mini Hip Hop Azad Alborzian, Kai Perez, Siciliana (Sici) Rivera, and Reagan Cituk (Jr. Asssitant)

Maybe (from Annie) – Mini Broadway Bound Corinne Bandonell, Riley Barker, Ann Frankenberger, Minerva Leon, Elliana Mireles, Siciliana (Sici) Rivera, Jonah Sainz

Spotlight Performer –
"Santa Fe" (from Newsies)

Sól Tan

"Reflection" (from Mulan) – Mini Ballet Ella Rae Aguon, Andrea Ashurst, Alexandra Gomez, Corinne Bandonell, Riley Barker, Ann Frankenberger, Minerva Leon, Elliana Mireles, Siciliana (Sici) Rivera, Jonah Sainz, Noelle Conway, Walter Conway.

Special Guest Performance – "Child of the Philippines" from Here Lies Love

Vincent Rodriguez III



**BOOK BY HORTENSE GERARDO** 

DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY **ANJANETTE MARAYA-RAMEY**SPOKEN WORD POETRY & DJ BY **KANDI CUSTODIO-TAN** (**DJ KUTTIN KANDI**)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1-5PM

### Production Team

Music Director: Stephen Evangelista

Costume/Wardrobe Supervisor: Diana Nicasio

Seamstress: Diana Nicasio Sr.

Wardrobe Stylist: Jesie Harris

Sound Mixer: Cassidy Tolbird

Lighting Designer: Michael von Hoffman

Stage Management Team: Jay Sheehan, Samantha Espino, Diana Nicasio,

Leif Pearson

House Management Team: June Barreras, Alicia Ricafrente, CK Suero-

Gabler, Dennis-Michael Broussard

## Actors & Performers

Mena Eve Telmo Young Ajay (Age 8)

Madeline "Maddy" Alegado — Teen Ajay (Age 14)

Emily Agustin JoAnne (Ajay's Older Sister)/Teen Friend

Kaya Telmo Jackie (Ajay's Younger Sister)

Dey Fernandez Adult Ajay

Andrew Paiva Matt (Ajay's husband)

Sarah Jane Salonga Josie/Gradschool Classmate

Patrick Mayuyu Romy

Vincent Valle Professor/Tito/Dancer

Rachelle Grace Mohsali Tita Primo/Doctor

### Music:

Han Han, PINK, Ciara Princess Harris, Missy Elliott, Phalon Alexander, Adam David Messinger, Alexander Vincent Tanasijcuk, Benjamin Spivak, Mark Richard Pellizer, Nazzri Tony Atweh, Philip Lawrence, Ari Levine, Hernandez Peter Gene, Joel Little, Ella Yellich O'Conner, Adele Emily Sande, Benjamin Alexander Kohn, Iain Jamess, Peter Kelleher, Stephen Manderson, Thomas Andrew Searle Barnes, Jason Mraz, Michael Lee, Coldplay, Joshn Bronleewe, Vanessa Campagna, Wayne Starks, Glen Ballard, Siedah Garrett, Michael Jackson, Allan Pineda, Will Adams, Black Eyed Peas



#### Dancers

Laurie Muniz Dancer # 1 (Featured Soloist)

David Wornovitzky Dancer # 2

Jade Primicias Dancer # 3

Melissa Adao Hip Hop Breaker # 1

Eddie Styles Hip Hop Breaker # 2

## Filipino-American Samahan Heritage \*(FASH) Senior Dancers

Rory De Lima Josie Maraya

Elsie Mislan Matet Dalindin

Tess Lumba Menchie Morales

Virgie Langit Imelda Concepcion

Linda Caragan Jocelyn Caragan

Letty Sullivan Connie Bernard

Connie Mosses Mary Abille

### MPA's Youth Touring Company

Reagan Cituk McKinley Ellison

Jordyn Flores Donavan Hash

Breen Johnston Sól Tan

Maddy Alegado

## ACT 1

# Maraya Performing Arts Sunday 6/9 JUNIORS/TEENS STUDENT SHOWCASE



Opening Act –Santa Fe Vincent Rodriguez III

Acting - Monologue Sól Tan "Jack Kelly"

Broadway Bound –
"Seize the Day"
\*Soloist

\*Donavan Hash, Mena Eve Telmo, Breen Johnston, Gemma Ramirez, Terra Ramirez, Angelisa Romo, Sienna Webb, Aria Hiort, Lia Aguirre, Kaitlyn Ashurst, Violet Brownstein, Reagan Cituk, Sól Tan, Jordyn Flores, Zalaia Johnson, Aveah Merino, Jasmine Wysoczanki

Mia Aguirre, Mia Cortes, McKinley Ellison,

Acting - Monologue Susy Diaz Jr.

"Circle of Happiness"

Acting – Monologue London M. Ward "The Audition"

Spotlight Performance – Breen Johnston
"World Burn"

Acting – "Countdown" Gian-Micah Riggott, Emily Agustin, Maddy Alegado, Fernanda Huizar

Spotlight Performance – Sienna Webb
"Part of Your World"

Acting - Monologue Fernanda Huizar
"I'm Not Coming Out of this
Tree"

Ballet – Coppelia-Waltz Part I Lia Aguirre, Kaitlyn Ashurst, Mena Eve Telmo, Violet Brownstein, Reagan Cituk,

Sól Tan, Jordyn Flores, Zalaia Johnson, Aveah Merino, Jasmine Wysoczanki

Spotlight Performer – Maddy Alegado "Once Upon A December"

## ACT 2

## Maraya Performing Arts Sunday 6/9 JUNIORS/TEENS STUDENT SHOWCASE

Youth Touring Company – "Revolting Children"

Donavan Hash, McKinley Ellison, Maddy Alegado, Reagan Cituk, Jordyn Flores, Sól Tan, and Breen Johnston

Acting - Monologue "First Day of 9th Grade"

Logan French

Acting - Scene "Left Behind"

Susy Diaz Jr. and London M. Ward

Spotlight Performance – "Dead Mom"

Jordyn Flores

Acting - Monologue "No More Barbies!"

Reagan Cituk

Acting - Scene "The Game"

Logan French, Maddy Alegado, Donavan Hash

Acting - Monologue "Rules"

Sienna Webb

Acting - ABC Game

Violet Brownstein, Jordyn Flores

Acting - "Pan Left Pan Right"

Aria Pflueger, McKinley Ellison, Breen Johnston, London M. Ward

Solo Dance - "All We Do"

Kaitlyn Ashurst

Acting - "Freeze"

London M. Ward, Donavan Hash, McKinley Ellison, Maddy Alegado, Logan French, Aria Hiort, Breen Johnston, Julie Rojas

Acro Dance – "This Is Me" (from Greatest Showman)

Mia Aguirre, Mia Cortes, McKinley Ellison, Donavan Hash, Breen Johnston, Gemma Ramirez, Terra Ramirez, Angelisa Romo, Sienna Webb, Aria Hiort, Lia Aguirre, Kaitlyn Ashurst, Violet Brownstein, Reagan Cituk, Sól Tan, Miracle Tan, Jordyn Flores, Zalaia Johnson, Aveah Merino, Jasmine Wysoczanki,

Cali Wilson, Cayla Wilson



# STAFF, PRODUCTION TEAM & TEACHING ARTISTS



#### ANJANETTE MARAYA-RAMEY

Founder, CEO & Producing Artistic Director

#### SAM ESPINO

Production Manager & Teaching Artist

#### STEPHEN EVANGELISTA

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Ballet/Jazz Movement for Musical Theater

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#### DIANA NICASIO

Office Manager, Stage Manager & Fine Arts Club Teaching Artist

#### NAHLA VALDEZ

Teaching Artist

#### **CHARLIE VAN VECHTEN**

Business Development Consultant

## OUR PARTNERS

Creating happier and healthier people and communities.









#### **SUPPORTING ARTS**

#### SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Donations provide arts scholarships to deserving youth; and meaningful and relevant productions to communities most at need.

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Wear comfortable clothing, clean sneakers, water bottle, & sweat towel.



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## and watch them flourish this summer!



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