

## Press Release

### APCO all set for 2015 Freedom Ball

The annual super celebration of Phil Independence called “**Freedom Ball**” by the Alliance of Philippine Community Organisations Inc (APCO) will be held on Saturday night, 13 June at the newly renovated Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club from 7:00pm -12:00 pm.

Annually, every Ball is presented with a new spectacular format under the banner of APCO’s consistent brand of excellence. This year, it will feature an international theatre artist, the current most popular balladeer and a sexy chanteuse, a fashion parade of local beauties featuring the artistic creations of Fil-Aussie fashion designer extraordinaire, Claudio Javellana and of course the very prestigious quest for the Best Classical and Modern Filipiniana and Barong.

New stage partners, cute but witty Michelle Baltazar and very versatile theatrical talent Marcus Rivera will emcee the program organised by the creative Filipino Lesbian and Gay Community and Friends (Flagcom) crew of Albert Prias and Charles Chan. Because this Ball is the main fund-raiser for APCO’s many charities and community development projects, all the artists and performers are donating their time and talents free.

This year’s Freedom Ball like the previous four organised by APCO, will again electrify the guests and participants alike with the unbridled exuberant display of artistry, natural talents, joyful company and camaraderie within the ambiance of nationalism and traditions. After all, this is a celebration commemorating the 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Philippine Independence and significantly, also **APCO’s historic break-away and eventual formation five years ago – hence the title of “Freedom Ball”**.

Ruben Amores, APCO president and 2015 NSW Premier’s Lifetime Community Service awardee, explained that the theme for this year’s Freedom Ball: “**Promote Peace Founded on Justice**”(Isulong ang Kapayapaan Batay sa Katarungan) was chosen by the general membership because it is a universal desire of the times, including the Philippines.

He earnestly encourages those who wish to see Filipinos at their best should attend this Ball because it is lovingly organised by very dedicated and socially committed community volunteers from organisations throughout the state!