

## **RADYO PILIPINO cultural presentation with a difference**

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Adelaide's Ethnic Radyo Pilipino Incorporated better known as Radyo Pilipino won accolades during its 2015 Fund-Raising Dinner-Dance to help keep the program on air. It presented a creatively choreographed 30-minute Show that featured two cultural segments termed "*Evolution of Filipino Costumes*" and "*Rigodon de Honor*". The short colorful evening presentation was held on Saturday, 19 September 2015, at The Marche Club, in Paradise, S.A.

Special guest of honor and speaker for the evening was South Australian Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon. Zoe Bettison MP. In her brief remarks, she gave tribute to the pioneering spirit of persons behind the first Filipino language radio program aired in Australia. Minister Bettison extolled the resilience of *Radyo Pilipino* and congratulated it for marking this year its 37 years of continuing service to the community in Adelaide, highlighting values of education, current news and information, Filipino language and culture within and outside of the studios of Multicultural Radio 5EBI.

Other invited special guests were the Mayor of West Torrens City the Hon. John Trainer OAM, also the Mayor of Campbelltown, Mr. Simor Brewer and wife Nina, a member of SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission Ms. Gosia Skalban, the Chief of Staff in Ms. Bettison's office, Mr. Paul Tsoundarou, the Philippine Honorary Consul General Mr. Mark McBriarty and wife Lirio, and a Member of SA Legislative Council, the Hon. Tung Ngo.

Close to 400 guests filled the hall to capacity. To the delight of the audience, particularly to many with limited knowledge about the country, segments of Philippine history and its people and some selected scenic spots of the Philippines were shown on a large screen in sequence accompanied with narration.

Participants came out to the stage on cue from the Narrator and did their cultural numbers. All were dressed up in costumes to depict the times in Philippine history – tribal, pre-Hispanic, Spanish era and contemporary period. Rudina "Nini" Sielaff's own collection of fashion dresses she herself designed and created put color and splendor to the evening cultural show.

The show was a team effort. The cast was a good mix of community members residing in various suburbs around Adelaide. Radyo Pilipino executive members, broadcasters and a host of volunteers did it together!

**Radyo Pilipino Executive Members:**

- Celia Guillermo – President
- Rose Howland – Vice President
- Juanita Lacar Portman - Secretary
- Marita Macalalad – Treasurer
- Executive members
  - Sonny Directo
  - Luzcel Camacho
  - Ester Wenzel

**Evolution of Filipino Costumes**

Rudina “Nini” Sielaff – Fashion Designer

Lourdes Duenas Blinco – Director

Rose Howland – Master of Ceremonies, Narrator

Juan Paolo Legaspi – Narrator

Jayson Celerio, Rommel Olson - choreographers

Jun Macalalad – sound and light

Darren Smith – Videographer

Francis Faurtorilla, Zeev Cossid – Photographers

Siony Gardiner, Mary Jane Hallam - Wardrobe assistants

Edith Morales Jackel - Hair and Makeup

**Evolution of Filipino Costumes Presenters**

1. Abigayle Mamauag
2. Angelo James Velos
3. Celeste Mercado
4. Celina Mercado
5. Cherry Velos
6. Chris Velos
7. Christina Lien
8. Cielo Mercado
9. Cynthia Vallejo
10. Daniel del Pilar
11. Gita Cruz
12. Guillaume Leroux
13. Hanna Hallam
14. Inday Allen
15. Isabel Cruz
16. Jayson Celerio

17. Jessica Cruz
18. Jomar Mata
19. Jon Scott Nairne
20. Joseph Soliven
21. Juan Paolo Legaspi
22. Justin Reeve Mata
23. Lourdes Duenas-Blinco
24. Marlou Smith
25. Maura Gray
26. May Ramirez
27. May Soliven
28. Maya Razon
29. Nica Razon
30. Nicolas Juanta
31. Nila Thiele
32. Norm Rathman
33. Rhyni Razon
34. Rica Mata
35. Rommel Olson
36. Rose Demeo
37. Sally Seaton
38. Teresita Burrell
39. Wanika Gordo

**Rigodon de Honor Performers**

**Cabeceras or head pairs:**

- Dr Reynaldo and Mrs Corazon Juanta
- Mr and Mrs Jun and Marita Macalalad
- Celia Guillermo and Rommel Olson
- Juan Paolo Legaspi and Christina Lien

**Costados (side pairs):**

- Mr and Mrs Louie & Cynthia Vallejo
- Mrs Violie Leslie and Jayson Celerio
- Ester Wenzel and Roger Domingo
- Lourdes Duenas-Blinco and Daniel del Pilar





Presenters of Evolution of Filipino Costumes and Rigodon de Honor  
with special guests and Fashion Designer, Rudina "Nini" Sielaff



L-R Rose Howland (ERPI Vice Pres), Celia Guillermo (ERPI Pres), Minister for Multicultural Affairs Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Fashion Designer Rudina "Nini" Sielaff



The Cordillera Suite



The Lumads



The Malong



Singkil



Maria Clara



Rural Suite : children danced to the tune of Leron Leron Sinta



Modern Ethnic and Filipiniana



Performers with Fashion Designer, Rudina "Nini" Sielaff

## Rigodon de Honor

