



Tanghalan ng mga Kampeon performers practice their big Hairspray dance number.

Champions Prepare to Take Over the Night

Preview to 'Tanghalan ng mga Kampeon'

By Will Tigley

Over 21 acts featuring over 50 performers will make up Balikbayan Entertainment and Production's presentation, "Tanghalan ng mga Kampeon", Night of the Champions, on October 20, 2007 at the Boyce Theatre.

This event will be Balikbayan's first big concert, a concert they have been planning for over a year since the group's inception. All of their events during the past year, including their "Don't Sleep", breakdancing competition, and "Art Tomorrow", art show, have been focused to build up and fund Tanghalan ng mga Kampeon.

"This is going to be such a great family show," says Justin Robles, Balikbayan Director of Events. "We'll have plenty of singing and dancing performances that should keep everyone entertained."

Balikbayan has recruited local Filipino talent to deliver the numerous performances scheduled for the evening. "All of our talent this year is mainly composed from the Filipino community," states Robles. "It's our first year and we've been most active and visible in the Filipino community, so that's why we've started here. Maybe in the future we'll expand to include other cultural communities."

Many of the singers will be performing popular hits by artists such as Pink and Fergie. Dances are expected to be huge with acts including a recreation of the Hairspray musical number, "You Can't

Stop The Beat." Practice for this dance alone has been ongoing every week since September.

With the stage set and the dancers diligently preparing to deliver an amazing show, the Balikbayan's organizers have high hopes when the curtain parts at the start of their evening. But they aren't the only ones who are excited for the show, as they've received some healthy community support from Ron Barnachea of Rolymie Homes (Maxwell Realty), Rolymie Bakery, Mabuhay Calgary, Dr. Christine P. Oriol, Pinoy Radio 94.7FM, CalgaryFilipino.com, Creative Factor, Chopstix Restaurant and even an anonymous Kris Kringle donation.

"We've received a lot of interest in our previous projects," says Robles. "This one is no different. Help us to support the artists and learn more about Balikbayan. Tickets are still available. If you don't have your ticket yet, give us a call."

Tickets for Tanghalan ng mga Kampeon are \$15. For more information about the event visit www.balikbayanep.com or for tickets contact Justin at (403) 400-2237, Maria at (403) 714-6855, or Jomar at (403) 870-6228.



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