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PHILCONGEN LA SUPPORTS PHILIPPINE BALLET THEATRE'S “SARIMANOK” AT UCLA ROYCE HALL



The Philippine Ballet Theatre performing at the UCLA Royce Hall

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles proudly supported the Los Angeles stop of the Philippine Ballet Theatre (PBT) U.S. performance of *Sarimanok*, at the UCLA Royce Hall on 25 October 2025 in celebration of Filipino American History Month.

Presented by LXV Enterprises, LLC, the ballet showcased Philippine culture, particularly Mindanao folklore on the mythical bird, *Sarimanok*. Under the direction of Ronilo Jaynario, PBT's Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer, the twenty-member company depicted a love story between a mortal and a moon goddess.

Joining the PBT on stage were acclaimed pianist Raul Sunico, award-winning singer-songwriter Odette Quesada, the Holy Family Filipino Choir and the Holy Family Children Concert Chorus. The collaboration reflected the collective artistry of Filipinos both in the Philippines and abroad.





Prior to the
ballet
performance,

Consul General Cruz leading the ribbon-cutting ceremony for *Prelude to Pinagmulan*

Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz led the opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for *Prelude to Pinagmulan*, a free pre-show exhibit and fashion showcase held at the UCLA Royce Hall. The exhibit featured masterworks by iconic Filipino designers Christian Espiritu, Ramon Valera, Pitoy Moreno, Ben Farrales, and Aureo Alonzo.



Consulate personnel and organizers at the *Prelude to Pinagmulan*

Complementing the fashion showcase was an interactive cultural exhibit featuring live demonstrations of traditional Filipino weaving. Guests witnessed artisans from the Philippines transform raw materials into intricate textiles, offering a glimpse into the country's living traditions and indigenous craftsmanship.

In his message, Consul General Cruz commended the organizers and performers for their dedication to promoting Filipino heritage and artistry on the global stage. END



L-R: Deputy Consul General Maria Alnee A. Gamble delivering remarks at the PBT show; performers posing during curtain call