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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC HONORS THE PHILIPPINES

Los Angeles, 12 May 2009 – The 58th Annual International Ball of the International Committee of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association honors the Philippines on Saturday, 16 May 2009, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the Music Center in downtown Los Angeles.

The event entitled “Sights and Sounds of the Philippines” showcases the country’s fascinating culture, many treasures and artistic traditions.

The gala evening begins with a silent auction followed by a cultural presentation, dinner and dance. The cultural presentation will feature excerpts from Dr. Ramon Geluz’s first Filipino opera “Karim at Jasmin.”

The main goals of the gala evening are:

- To support and raise funds for the Los Angeles Philharmonic;
- To honor the Chefs de Poste of the Los Angeles Consular Corps and their spouses;
- To build bridges between cultures and countries through an annual event at the Benefit Stall by highlighting a selected country – a true tribute to international understanding, peace and harmony.
- To provide sponsorship to children and their families to attend concerts at Walt Disney Concert Hall

Raffle tickets are likewise sold to benefit the Los Angeles Philharmonic. The grand prize includes round-trip tickets for two (2) to Manila (either from Los Angeles or San Francisco) courtesy of Philippines Airlines; two nights stay at Peninsula Hotel in Makati, round trip domestic tickets from Manila to Cebu, and two nights stay at Shangri-la Hotel at Mactan Island courtesy of the Philippine Department of Tourism.

To purchase tickets to the benefit ball and raffle, interested parties may call Ms. Aida Gaona at 1-818-363-1003 or email: agaona@socal.rr.com. ###end