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FILIPINO-AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DEBUT



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Los Angeles, 19 May 2009 – The Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra (FASO), the first Filipino symphony orchestra outside of the Philippines, held its first concert on 17 May 2009 at the Saban Theatre (formerly Wilshire Theatre Beverly Hills) located at the heart of Beverly Hills, California. Co-produced by the Asian Journal Foundation, Inc. and the Beverly Hills Performing Arts Center. The gala night performance was attended by a jam-packed crowd of Filipinos, Filipino-Americans and mainstream Americans. FASO, which has Robert “Bob” Shroder as music director, is composed of around 60 musicians, all of Filipino descent.

Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon (2nd from left) was at hand to witness the performance of FASO. Also present during the reception was American composer and pianist David Benoit. Also in photo are Ms. Mylah de Leon (left) and Ms. Thelma Calabio, Editor-in-Chief of Philippine Times and Publisher of Famegate Magazine, respectively. ###end



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