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FILIPINO DESIGNERS CAP LOS ANGELES FASHION WEEK



Creations of Filipino designer Rocky Gathercole (above) and Resty Legare (below) are featured in the much-applauded finale of the Art Hearts Fashion LA Fashion Week.

Los Angeles, 17 March 2017 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, along with prominent members of the local Filipino-American Community, attended the closing of the Art Hearts Fashion LA Fashion Week held in the evening of Friday at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills.

Two of the three designers featured for the grand finale catwalk event were up and coming Filipino couturiers who have begun making a mark in the mainstream and celebrity fashion scenes, Resty Legare and Rocky Gathercole.

Mr. Gathercole who has a “rags to riches” life story has designed for Hollywood superstars, like Beyoncé, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Gwen Stefani, Britney Spears, Jennifer Lopez, Nicky Minaj, Ariana Grande, Tony Braxton and the likes. He is now the official designer of Carrie Underwood.

Mr. Gathercole was once a street kid who peddled “tapsilog” from food carts after running away from home. He met a Korean in his church who gave him a job as a waiter in Makati. He used his earnings to buy pencils and paper to practice his gift of drawing. In 1989 his job sponsor in Saudi Arabia saw his talent and sent him to the fashion district in Saudi Arabia to further enhance his talent. There, he met Filipino

designers who taught him to bead and cut fabric. He went on to Dubai to start his career in designing, which put him on the road to becoming a world-class fashion designer.

Founded in 2011 by Philanthropist Erik Rosete, Art Hearts Fashion (AHF) events are leading platforms for designers and artists to showcase their collections in a contemporary fashion week setting. AHF events have been held across the United States as a national platform for designers to showcase in New York, Miami and Los Angeles. END.

