



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
NEW YORK

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Dear Kababayan:

It gives me great pleasure to join the Hiraya Foundation for Filipino-American Heritage Preservation, Inc. in inviting you to the Sininglahi Filipino Heritage Ball to be held at the historic Plaza Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan on Monday, 17 October 2022.

This event is in line with the efforts of the Consulate General of the Philippines and the Hiraya Foundation to raise appreciation and understanding of Filipino culture and to promote heritage conservation efforts in the United States and the Philippines.

Sininglahi will feature the Philippine Ballet Theater (PBT), the resident ballet company of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), which will be performing for the first time in the East Coast. The PBT will interpret the songs of popular Filipino singer and songwriter Jose Mari Chan. The excerpt, "Love Soars High," will be the main feature during the event.


In addition to this main feature, master artists and tradition bearers representing indigenous communities from Mindanao who will be in New York under the auspices of the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA), the Consulate, and Sentro Rizal-New York, will also perform at Sininglahi. Members of the Filipino Community will also perform the Rigodon, a Filipino-Spanish period dance.

Sininglahi will also provide an opportunity for kababayan and friends to support the long-term goal of the Hiraya Foundation, a newly organized, tax exempt (501(c) 3), non-for-profit organization, and the Filipino Community to establish the first Filipino Heritage Center in the East Coast.

I look forward to your participation in Sininglahi.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



**ELMER G. CATO**  
Consul General