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**BIG!WORLD!FUN! FAMILY SERIES “NATURE TALES”  
CELEBRATES PHILIPPINE MUSIC AND DANCE  
AT THE FORD AMPHITHEATRE AUGUST 16**



*Children admitted FREE to one-hour program. Arrive early to create your own creature puppet.*

**What:** Kayamanan Ng Lahi Philippine Folk Arts presents: **“Pagdiriwang! A Celebration of Philippine Music and Dance.”** This fun and energetic performance takes the audience on a journey through the many Philippine islands and the diverse cultures that inhabit them.

*Program highlights include:*

**Dinuyya:** A lively dance of a wedding couple who dance like the high flying *sakpaya* birds. The music is played by flat gongs, called *gangha*, an import to the Philippine from the Asian mainland.

**Lapay Bantigue:** An improvisational dance that was created as natives studied the peculiar movements of the seagull.

**Kalapati:** A mimetic dance that portrays the courtship of doves.

**Tinikling:** Probably the most well-known dance within the Philippine dance repertoire is this mimetic dance which takes its name from the long-legged *tikling* bird found in the ricefields of Leyte island.

Bamboo poles are used to represent traps, manipulated by tappers who play the role of farmers who try and catch the birds that eat their rice. The tempo of the music speeds up, requiring the dances and the tappers to work in unison so that the “birds” are able to escape the slamming of the bamboo traps.

**“Pagdiriwang! A Celebration of Philippine Music and Dance”** is part of the Big!World!Fun! family series that runs through the end of August. These family friendly, one-hour events offer popular multidisciplinary, multicultural programming, with an emphasis on animals and the environment. In keeping with the series theme of “Nature Tales”, patrons may arrive early (9a.m.) to create their own felt animal puppets to take home. In addition, all attendees receive coupons for discount admission to the L.A. Zoo courtesy of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association; the zoo is located in Griffith Park a short drive from the Ford.

**Who:** **Kayamanan Ng Lahi Philippine Folk Arts**, a critically acclaimed non-profit organization based in Los Angeles. Under the leadership of Joel Jacinto, Barbara Ele and Ave Jacinto, Kayamanan has been committed to presenting, promoting and preserving the richness and diversity of Philippine culture through dance and music, since 1990. In addition to performing and holding weekly workshops, Kayamanan also plays a leadership role in providing technical assistance, training, consultation, instruction and planning of innovative and culturally appropriate performances and programs in folk dance to many student and community folk dance groups across the United States. Kayamanan's many other accomplishments include being in the feature in the film "The Debut", organizing the nationwide Philippine Dance Gathering and Workshop Conferences, sponsoring specialized dance and music workshops, providing extended study courses in Philippine dance and conducting field research trips to the Philippines. For more information visit <http://kayamanan.org/>

**When:** Saturday, August 16th at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** **John Anson Ford Amphitheatre**  
2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Hollywood, CA 90068  
**FREE PARKING and HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**  
Food and Drink Available for Purchase

**Price:** **Children FREE, Adults \$5**  
**To reserve tickets call 323-461-3673 or visit [www.FordTheatres.org](http://www.FordTheatres.org)**

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