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SKIP Celebrates 25 years on Guam



SKIP Entertainment Dance Company 2009



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Message

Many kids have come through the SKP doors FOR THE LOVE OF DANCE. Those who have the passion and persistence continue to DANCE everyday throughout their adult lives. They know they were meant to dance because every morning the first thing they think about is DANCE.

This concert is a reflection of Loving to Dance and is in celebration of 25 years of blood, sweat, tears, laughter, love and pride. Time sure does fly. However, we are reminded every day when we see the children of the former SKIP dancers walk into the studio.

21 high school graduations have been witnessed – and they don't get any easier!!! This year Heather Manley will be heading out to follow her dreams. Not only is Heather an incredible dancer, she is a "triple threat" with her singing and acting!

We have been so fortunate to work with some of Guam's most incredible kids because many parents see the value of this program. Everyone who has walked through the door wanting to dance has been a joy. Parents, thank you for sharing your kids with us!!! Look through this booklet and you will be able to get a glimpse of accomplishments of the SKIP dancers through the years. PRIDE is the only word that can describe these dancers and their accomplishments in their adult lives!

The outpouring of community support is overwhelming – thank you to all the companies who supported this concert. Your contributions make it possible for our 40 dancers to represent Guam at the National Dance Finals in Chicago and Dallas this year. Phil Flores, please take a bow. For the past 24 years you have been our rock and the reason we have been able to bring the quality of dance to our island along with a room full of trophies and awards! We would also like to take the opportunity to thank former Governor Joseph Ada and Tony Lamorena who provided us with the much needed support during the beginning years. A BIG Thank you to Evaristo and Helen Saymo who have produced the most dancers for the SKIP Family – one daughter and currently six grandchildren! We cannot forget the family who had sons competing and dancing for the most years: Pat and Vivian Wolff, from 1985 – 2007 for a total of 22 years!!! Thank you for the continued support of the Saymo and Wolff Families!!!! In addition, we are appreciative for the support from The Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities and the Guam Visitor's Bureau.

The program we offer would be impossible without the most incredible instructors on the planet. These choreographers have made a HUGE impact on Guam's SKIP Entertainment Company Dancers. Their schedules are extremely busy, yet they find time to come to Guam to choreograph and teach. **Tabitha & Napoleon Dumo** – judges and choreographers for the 2009 season of *So You Think You Can Dance*, and *America's Best Dance Crew*, **Tony Czar** - Season 1 of *Dance War: Bruno vs Carrie Ann*, assistant choreographer for New Kids on the Block and Britney Spears, **Tucker Barkley** – Producer/Choreographer for the movie, *SIDE STORY* and dancer for numerous artists including Britney Spears, Janet Jackson, Miley Cyrus, **Erica Sobol** – founder and director of collidEdance in LA, **Andre Fuentes** – choreographer for Britney Spears *Womanizer* and *Circus* – and original dancer for Britney Spears, **Chris Jones** – star of *You Got Served*, **Glenn Packard** – emmy award winning choreographer for Michael Jackson and reality television series *Brooke Knows Best*, **Ray Leeper** – national director of Nuevo Dance Conventions/Competitions, **Keri LaGrand** - assistant choreographer for the most recent Madonna Tour, **Tina D'Amato** – LA Master Teacher, **Al Bee** – numerous music videos, tour and films, **TJ Cruz** – (former SKIP dancer) - Disney's High School Musical in Paris. Other instructors who have worked with the SKIP Dancers on Guam include **Tovaris Wilson** – choreographer for Janet Jackson, **AC** – emmy award winning choreographer for Stars on Ice, **Jesse Lee Santos** – Manager for Super Cr3w. It is so exciting to flip on the television and see one of OUR choreographers. In addition we have great instructors who prepare the dancers for the choreography including Shannon Haigler from South Carolina and former SKIP dancers, Francine Fernandez, and Chad Knapp.

Congratulations to Brian Esperon, Kevin Gozalo, Heather Manley, Alyssa Mariano & Dareon Rios who will be a part of the SourceDance Hollywood Tour in July this summer and will be performing in LA's most elite dance show, Carnival at the Key Club.

Thanks to you to our audience – you play a huge role in why we continue THE LOVE OF DANCE.

Here we go again!

Teri and Lee

Who's Who in SKIP

Founders/Directors

Teri & Lee Knapp

Office Manager

Michelle Esperon

Guest Choreographers from

Los Angeles:

Erica Sobol

Tony Czar

Tucker Barkley

TJ Cruz

Instructors

Chad Knapp

Shannon Haigler

Francine Fernandez

Alicia Kasih

Hip Hop Teachers

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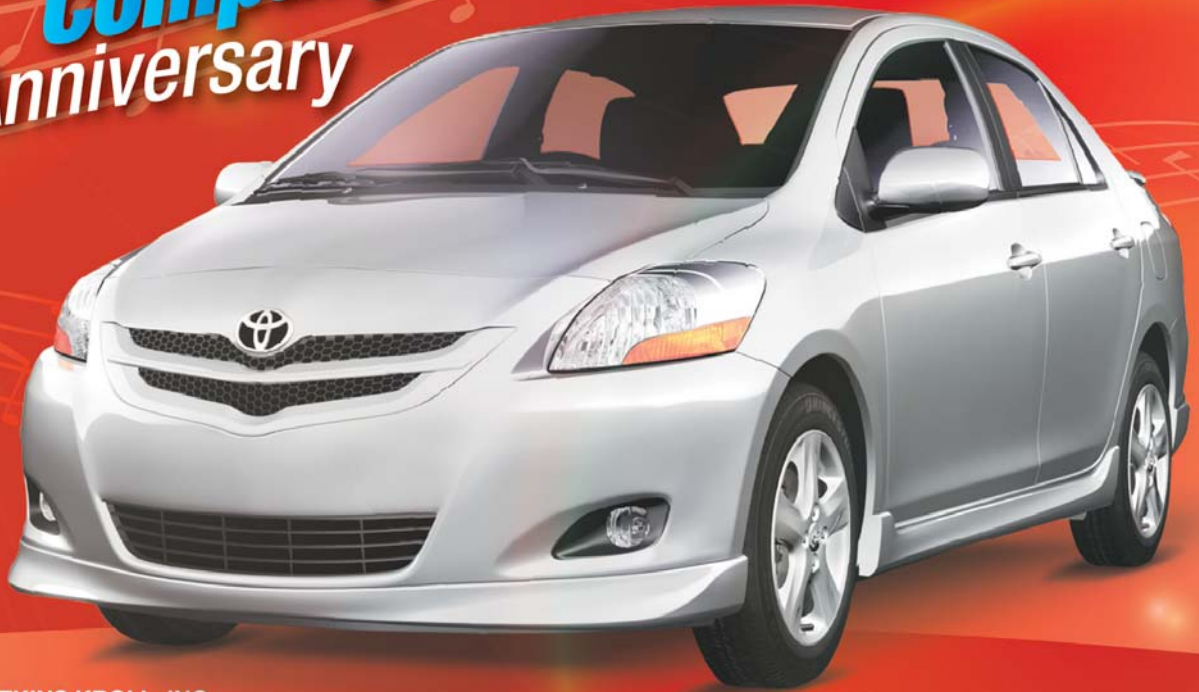
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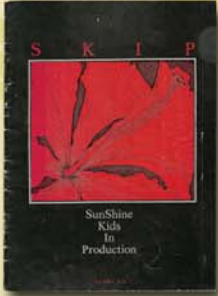


SKIP Early Years



1984 - Children's Productions, Inc. launches the dance program, "Sunshine Kids In Production" - SKIP

Memorable Milestones



1986

Selected to perform for the International Congress of Pediatrics In Honolulu



1985 - 1st US Mainland 20 City Tour

1988

- *Selected as Most Outstanding Off-Island Tour Promotion by GVB
- *Opening Act for Menudo on Guam
- *Sponsored and performed with the Manila Metropolis Ballet Dance Company

1989

- *Selected to perform at the 1st Guam Cultural Fair in California
- *Recipient of the Governor's Art Award for Contemporary Dance Group
- *Sponsored and performed with the San Francisco Jazz Dance Company

1987

- *Numerous Television Appearances in Manila, PI
- *Opening Act for Natalie Cole on Guam



1990

- *Name changed to SKIP Entertainment Company
- *Selected to represent Guam at the "First Night" celebration in Honolulu
- *Recipient of the Governor's Art Award for Contemporary Dance Group



1991

- *International Star Search
- *ShowBiz National Dance Champions
- *Regency National All Around Champions
- *Selected to represent Guam at the Chamorro Cultural Fair -CA
- *Recipient of the Governor's Art Award for Contemporary Dance Group



1992

- *ShowBiz National Dance Champions
- *ShowStopper National Small Group Champions
- *StarLight National Dance Champions



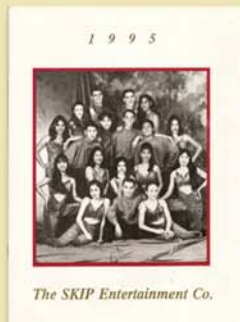
1993

- *Star Search
- *ShowBiz National Dance Champions
- *StarLight National Dance Champions
- *Recipient of the Governor's Art Award for Contemporary Dance Groups



1994

- *ShowBiz National Dance Champions



1995

- *ShowBiz National Dance Champions
- *StarPower National Dance Champions

1996

- *International Choreographic Champions Jazz Dance World Congress
- *Kennedy Center - Leo's Gold Award
- StarPower World Championships [Judge's highest score]
- *ShowBiz National Dance Champions
- *StarPower National Dance Champions





1997

- *Staged performances at the Jazz Dance World Congress in Germany, representing the U.S.
- *World Congress - People's Choice Award
- *Starbound National Dance Champions



1988

- *Regency National Dance Champions
- *StarPower National Dance Finals



1999

- *Selected to perform during the South Pacific Games Ceremonies
- *Sponsored and Performed with Gregg Russell from Los Angeles

- 2000
- *Showtime National Finals Runner Up
 - *StarLight "Battle of the Stars" National Champions



2001

- *Sponsored Mikhail Baryshnikov and the White Oak Dance Project on Guam
- *ShowStopper National Junior Dance Television Champions
- *StarLight National Junior 1st Runner-up
- *Recipient of the Congressional Record



2002

- *International Grand Prix Festival Champions Cesena, Italy
- *Recipient of the "Young Ambassadors" recognition by the Governor of Guam

2003

- *Showstopper National Finals 6th Place Overall Myrtle Beach, SC



2004

- *Winners of the Overall Showtime Canadian Nationals - Junior & Seniors Champions Niagara Falls, Canada
- *StarPower National Jr. Small Group Champions Ocean City, MD
- *ShowCase Australian National 1st Runner-Up Gold Coast, Australia



2005

- *SKIP Dancers selected as Star Performers Club TV on ABC-5 Television - Philippines
- *ShowBiz Nationals Best Choreography Arlington, TX
- *StarPower Pre-Teen Small Group Champions New Orleans, LA
- *StarPower Nationals Best Choreography Award
- *StarPower Nationals Most Entertaining Award



2006

- *SKIP Dancers selected by DANCE SPIRIT MAGAZINE as one of the top 50 GROUPS ON THE MOVE for the entire United States

2007

- *Winners of the Overall Dance Championship at the International Grand Prix Festival
- *Overall Choreography Award Prague, Czech Republic



2008

- *Winners of the Overall Dance Championship at the Canadian ShowTime National Finals Senior & Junior Division Vancouver, BC
- *StarPower National "Battle of the Stars" 4th Place Small Group Junior & Senior Division Las Vegas, NV



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The SKIP History

The SKIP Entertainment Company (SKIP) is a GUAM SUCCESS STORY! SKIP originally started as a project of Children's Productions, Incorporated in 1982, known as the Sunshine Kids in Production (SKIP). Prior to the birth of SKIP, Children's Productions staged a number of children's musicals. Soon the focus turned to dance, giving thousands of Guam's youth an opportunity to excel. Instructors and choreographers continue to come to Guam from Los Angeles and New York City to work with Guam's best.

Last July SKIP competed against some of the most talented dancers in the US and Canada in Vancouver BC and won the **ShowTime Grand Championships** in both the JR and SR divisions. The group also won 4th overall in Las Vegas at the StarPower National Finals beating out thousands of dancers for this honor. This honor followed winning the **Crystal Cup 2007 Grand Prix**, awarded to the best dance company for all-inclusive performances at the Prague Dance Festival.

This international recognition was truly rewarding as SKIP was named as one of the top 50 dance studios in the entire United States by Dance Teacher magazine, the year prior. Thousands from around the world were able to read about Guam's very own, SKIP Entertainment Company.

The SKIP Dancers began touring in 1985 when the first group toured the U.S. Mainland and since that time have traveled to dance competitions and performances in the U.S. Mainland, Canada, Europe and Australia every year. In 1991, members of SKIP performed on International Star Search, aired in over 63 countries. Later that year, SKIP was once again selected to appear on Ed McMahon's Star Search. That same year, SKIP dancers appeared on the cover of PERFORMER'S EDGE, a national dance publication.

From 1991 through 2006, SKIP has won numerous National and International Dance Championships. One of the most exciting competitions was during the 1996 Jazz Dance World Congress held at the Kennedy Center where SKIP won the International Choreographic Leo's Gold Award. Due to this honor, SKIP was selected as featured performers at the 1997 Jazz Dance World Congress in Weisbaden, Germany. International recognition was brought back to Guam once again when SKIP was honored by winning the Overall Dance Championship at the International Grand Prix Dance Festival in Cesena, Italy in July 2002, the Canadian National Finals in 2000 and 2004.

THE SKIP STORY – MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Beyond the awards and honors.....are the dreams of hundreds of kids right here on our island. Dreams to work as a professional dancer, dreams to attend college on a dance scholarship, dreams to meet and be trained by some of the world's most famous dancers, dreams to perform on international stages, dreams to have your own television show..... and the dreams keep coming. These dreams have all come true! Many SKIP Dancers are or have been working as professional dancers including dancing in the King and I on Broadway, the Mikhail Baryshnikov White Oak Dance Tour, Celine Dion Show, Britney Spears Tour, Paulina Rubio Tour the Ricky Martin Tour, Celebrity Cruise Lines, Disney's High School Musical and as dance teachers. Many are or have attended colleges on dance scholarship to NYU, HPU and UH. SKIP dancers have met Mikhail Baryshnikov, and have trained with an Emmy Award winning choreographer (AC Ciula), an Emmy Award nominated and Michael Jackson's choreographer (Glenn Packard), the star of the movie, *You Got Served* (Christopher Jones), the choreographer for Britney Spears *Womanizer* and *Circus Videos* (Andre Fuentes), choreographers for *So You Think You Can Dance* (Tabitha & Napoleon Dumo), the assistant choreographer for *New Kids on the Block* and Britney Spears (Tony Czar), the lead dancer for many music videos including Britney Spears, Janet Jackson, Miley Cyrus, Ava, Sean Kingston, Cheetah Girls, Omarion, Sean Paul & more (Tucker Barkley). These young dancers have danced on the Star Search Stage, the Kennedy Center Stage where they won the International Choreographer Award, the International Theatre in Italy and the National Theatre of Prague. In addition, the SKIP dancers were the featured dancers in the Manila based television series, Club TV. Yes Dreams do come true!

EVERY accomplishment begins with a dream

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DREAM More than Others think is Practical - EXPECT More than Others think is Possible

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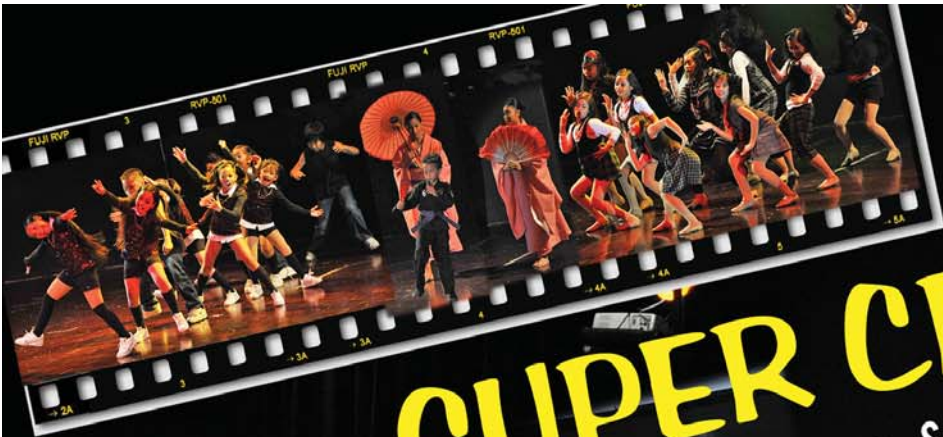
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SKIP SENIORS



*"And those who were seen dancing
were thought to be insane by
those who could not hear the music."*

-Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

ASHLEY ARIZALA



15 year old Ashley is a sophomore at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She is the daughter of Arnie & Vangie Arizala of Dededo. One day she wants to star in a novel by Stephanie Meyer as well as attend Berkeley. "Besides my mother, who I get my talent from, I am inspired by the rest of the SKIP kids because they push me to do my best... sometimes. I have no other hobby because SKIP takes up most of my time."

NIKKI CARLOS



15 year old Nikki is a sophomore at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. Her parents are Ana Cid and Robert Cruz of Tamuning. Nikki likes SKIP because it has made me a stronger more confident person. Her future goal is to make NHS, graduate with a good GPA, get into the college of my DREAMS, become a NURSE and be successful. Her hobbies include volleyball, free running, and reading.

BRIAN ESPERON



16 year old Brian is a junior at Father Duenas Memorial School. His parents are Marcelo and Esther Esperon of Dededo and brother to Michelle. SKIP has taught him a good sense of perseverance, commitment and leadership. Brian hopes to attend a prestigious college in New York or California and would enjoy being in show business as a producer, director, choreographer or performer. He is inspired by the success of others and his hobbies are bad singing, fun photography, watching movies, and, of course...reading.

KEVIN GOZALO



16 year old Kevin is a sophomore at George Washington High School. His parents are Ed and Mary Gozalo of Mangilao. Being in SKIP has kept him out of trouble and taught him to be very humble and thankful. Kevin plans to go straight to LA and pursue his dream to become a choreographer and own his own business. He is inspired by Tony Czar (Kevin Anthony) and he enjoys playing volleyball, football, chilling with friends and just having fun.

HEATHER MANLEY



17 year old Heather is a graduating senior at Harvest Christian Academy. She is the only child of Albert and Rellie Manley of Yona. As a dancer with SKIP for 6 years, "SKIP has made me a person who loves to perform." Heather's goal is to try to get on the Disney Channel and have her own tv show. She definitely plans to continue singing and dancing. Her hobbies are singing, hula, fishing and joining musicals.

ALYSSA MARIANO



16 year old Alyssa is a junior at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She is the daughter of Celine Perez of Ordot. The best part about SKIP is the opportunity to travel and dance, of course (but not all the time). Alyssa plans to go back to LA or somewhere in Cali and attend an art college (not performing arts). She is a very creative person that likes to design and put crafts together. She loves photography and can take many great pictures.

NIKKI QUINATA



15 year old Nikki is a Freshman at Guam High School. She is the daughter of Donna and John Quinata of Ipan, Talofofo. Being in SKIP has made her learn to use her time wisely and have time management. She has been a SKIP dancer for 8 years and enjoys touring around the world plus hanging out with the people that she loves. Nikki's future goals are to go to college and make it into a dance agency. Her other hobby besides SKIP is soccer.

TIANA TEDTAOTAO



14 year old Tiana is a Freshman at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She is the daughter of Joseph and Vanessa Tedtaotao of Malojloj. SKIP is her "second home and the people here are my family". Being in SKIP gives her the opportunity to travel around the world and do what she loves – dancing. Tiana's future plan is to be accepted into her dream college, and become a pediatrician. She is inspired most by her mom and she enjoys making people laugh, and being loud.

REGINE VIDA



14 year old Regine is a freshman at the Academy of our Lady of Guam. She is the daughter of Irving and Feroza (Fe) Vida of Dededo. Regine has been a SKIP dancer for almost 12 years and enjoys the friends and family she has made. She aspires to be a neonatologist, or at least be working in the medical field. Aside from dancing, her hobbies include singing, spending time with family and friends, just having a good time.

KRISTINE VO

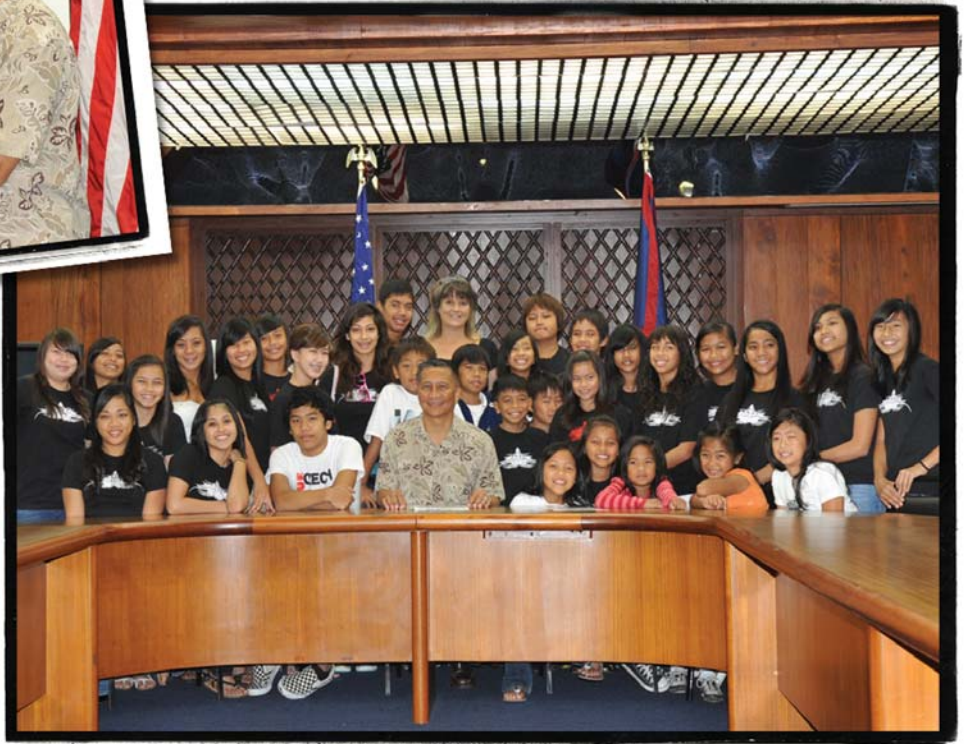


17 year old Krissy is a junior at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She is the daughter of Evelyn and Hank Vo of Barrigada Heights. Krissy has been a SKIP dancer for 11 years and enjoys the family-oriented atmosphere at SKIP – it teaches her time management and good-natured competition. Her goal is to get into a good college (preferably Stanford) so that she can become a well established pediatrician. Her hobbies are soccer and eating.

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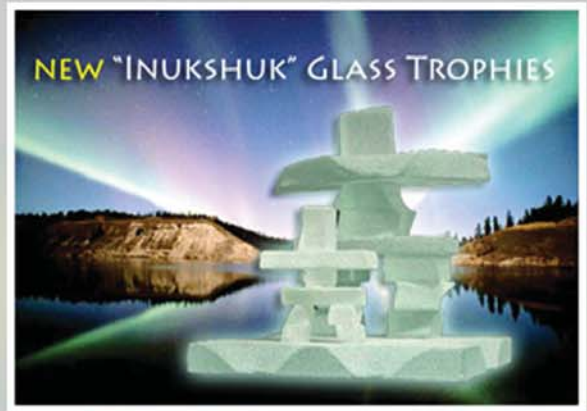
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Showcase of
2008 Competition Videos
& Presentation of
Legislative Resolution by
Senator Tina Muna Barnes





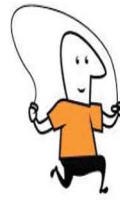
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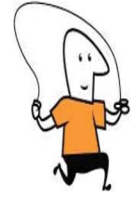




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INSTRUCTORS

TJ Cruz

TJ is a former SKIP dancer who moved to Los Angeles to pursue his dance career, however, always finds time each year to return to Guam to teach the touring company members. He has danced in numerous shows in LA and is currently in Paris with Disney's High School Musical Show. He was one of twenty selected out of four hundred who auditioned for this show.



Brian Esperon

Brian has been in SKIP for almost 9 years, and is currently in the Senior Touring Company. He has won top awards in Prague, Canada and Las Vegas. As Brian first featured his choreography in SKIP's 2008 Christmas Concert, he aspires to continue his dance career. He is also very active in his school being an officer of the National Honor Society and Junior Class President.

Francine Saymo Fernandez

Francine is a former SKIP dancer and danced at the SandCastle for six years. While at the SandCastle, she was named Entertainer of the Year. She is the choreographer for the GATE Secondary Theatre Productions and has choreographed High School Musical 1 and 2, Hairspray, South Pacific and more. She teaches the up and coming SKIP Dancers. She is the mother of two sons and two daughters. Two of her children are currently SKIP dancers.



Alicia Kasih

Alicia won the Hollywood Comps Australian National Solo Championship. She is currently choreographing DREAM GIRLS in Jakarta. In addition, she is the Assistant Director and Choreographer Coordinator for SourceDance/Carnival in Sydney.

Shannon Haigler

Shannon graduated from the College of Charleston where she was the captain of the Dance Team and toured internationally with the UCA All Star Team. She taught at Dance Explosion in Charleston and recently moved with her husband to Oklahoma.



CHOREOGRAPHERS

Tony Czar

Tony is a master teacher at Edge Performing Arts Center and Debbie Reynold's Dance Studio in LA. He was a regular on the ABC Television Series, DANCE WAR - BRUNO vs. CARRIE ANN. In addition he has toured with P Diddy, Ginuwine, and Yolanda Adams. Most recently he was the assistant choreographer and dancer in the Britney Spears Circus Video and also was the assistant choreographer for New Kids on the Block. He has been selected numerous times to choreograph for CARNIVAL LA and CARNIVALSYDNEY. Tony is a faculty member for SourceDance Australia and Spain.



Erica Sobol

Erica has spent a lifetime of studying performing arts in both New York and Los Angeles. She has earned a BA in dance-theater from Barnard College at Columbia University. Erica has worked as a master instructor at several dance studios all over the world, including Manhattan's Peridance, BDC in Tokyo, Japan. She is the founder and artistic director of collidEdance, an ever-evolving professional dance company dedicated to blurring the line between dance and theater.

Tucker Barkley

Tucker was recently featured on the cover of Dance Spirit Magazine as one of LA's hottest choreographers/teachers. He is a master teacher at the Millennium Dance Complex in LA. In addition, he has danced with Britney Spears, Janet Jackson, Miley Cirus, Ava, Sean Kingston, Cheetah Girls, Omarion, Sean Paul, Keyshia Cole, Disney's Corbin Bleu and Jordan Pruitt. He was on Dancing with the Stars and has been the assistant choreographer for SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE. Tucker is currently producing and choreographing the movie, SIDE STORY. Tucker is a faculty member of SourceDance Australia.



Chad Knapp

Chad is a former SKIP dancer. He is a graduate of San Diego State University with a degree in business administration. He is the assistant director for SourceDance Australia, New Zealand and Spain and was the director for Prime Time National Dance Competitions. Chad returns to Guam each year to get the dancers in top notch physical condition and to make sure every dance is ready for the National and International Competitions.

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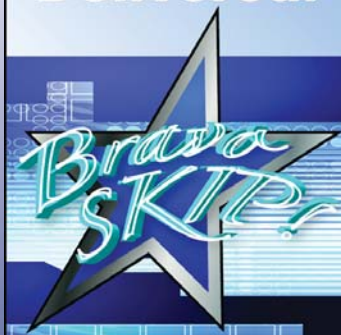
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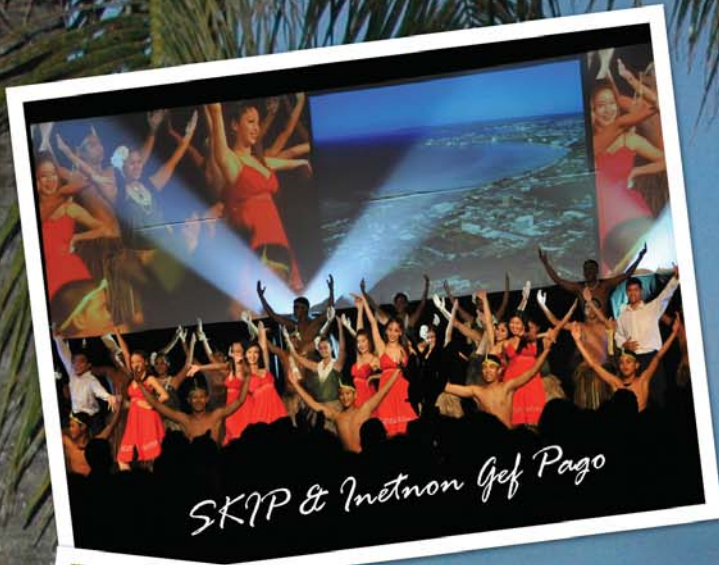
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SKIP takes top honors in Prag

By Sun Kang
Pacific Daily News
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After months of practice and an intense week of competition at the International Dance Grand Prix in Prague, Czech Republic, the SKIP Entertainment Company danced its way to the top, earning the Prix's two top honors — the Crystal Cup 2007 for best all-inclusive performances, and best choreography on July 7.

The troupe returned to Guam after an educational tour of Athens, Greece, with two crystal cups in tow, each embodying a different



Photos by James V. Mendosa/For Pacific Daily News

and dancers: The Skip Entertainment Company and family and friends pose for a photo at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, completing their 2008 Summer Competition Tour. This year's tour took the dancers from Las Vegas to Canada and finally to the United States, where they captured various awards and honors in multiple competitions.



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Guam wins at Prague da

By Mar-Vic Cagurangan
Variety News Staff

NOBODY had heard of "Guam" in Prague before. Some mistook it for Guatemala. But on one particular night, the tiny Pacific island popped up in the map in front of an international audience.

When the host of the international dance competition in Prague asked the audience who they thought deserve to walk away with the Crystal Cup 2007, the crowd began chanting "Guam!" "And when the host said, 'you're right, it's Guam,' it gave us goose bumps," said Matthew Wolff, one of the 23 dancers of Guam's SKIP dance troupe, which beat 11 countries in the weeklong International Grand Prix Festival held at the Theatre Broadway in Prague on July 6.

Besides the Crystal Cup, SKIP also bagged the Overall Choreography Championship

award and three of its dancers received individual awards. Brian Esperon was the recipient of Senior Overall Modern Talent Award; AJ Arizala received the Junior Overall Modern Talent Award; and Patrick Wolff Jr. won the Outstanding Performance International award.

Besides the Crystal Cup 2007, Guam SKIP dance troupe also bagged the Overall Choreography Championship award and three of its dancers received individual awards.

SKIP defeated delegations from South Korea, India, Spain, Turkey, Mexico, Israel, Switzerland, Japan, USA, Russia, Italy, Slovakia and Belgium.

"The competition was based on all performances staged during the week. According to the organizers, this is the first time a group has won the overall championship and the

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SKIP shines during competition to

Dance group garners top



By Faith V. Realica
Pacific Daily News
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The award-winning SKIP Entertainment Company has done it again. Recently, the dance troupe competed in several competitions in Vancouver, Canada, and left the country with one more trophy to house at its studio. SKIP claimed the top slot, winning the Overall Dance Championship at the Canadian ShowTime National Finals for both junior, ages 12 and below, and senior, ages 12 and above, divisions — a phe-



Canadian competition: The girls of the Senior Touring Group perform "E" at the Canadian World Cup in Richmond, Canada. Heather Manely, Tiana Tedesco, and Dominique David-Felix.

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SKIP's 'Polar Express' today and tomorrow

Photos by Jacquiline Hernandez/
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Left: The full cast of SKIP Entertainment Company's "Polar Express" — This Holiday Season ... Believe" Christmas Concert gathers for the finale during the dance group's dress rehearsal at the GATE Theater in Tiyan on Wednesday.

Left: Members of the SKIP Entertainment Company's junior group perform the "Hot Chocolate" dance number during the dress rehearsal of the dance group's "Polar Express: This Holiday Season ... Believe" Christmas Concert at the GATE Theater in Tiyan on Wednesday. The group will perform today at 7:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



Members and other members of the Guam delegation pose for a souvenir shot at the Theatre Broadway in Prague where they won the top award and other honors in the weeklong International Grand Prix Festival.



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Rio Aoki

12 year old Rio is a 7th grader at the Japanese School. She resides in Dededo with her parents Keiko and Yuji and brother Jion. Rio has been with SKIP for 5 years. Her family and friends inspire her and her future plan is to attend college.

AJ Arizala

12 year old AJ is a 7th grader at Andersen Middle School. He resides in Dededo with his parents Arnold and Vangie Arizala and siblings Ashley, Aaron, Asia (all SKIP dancers) and Aiden. AJ's future plan is to attend Arizona University. He is inspired by the guy he sees in the mirror.



Alyssa Balbastro

13 year old Alyssa is an 8th grader at Oceanview Middle School. Her parents are Geralyn and Joel Balbastro of Agat. Alyssa has been a SKIP dancer for 5 years. She enjoys swimming, reading and being a good role model to her siblings.

Alexio Cadiz

13 year old Alexio is an 8th grader at St. Anthony School. His parents are Theresa and Henry Cadiz of Barrigada. Alexio's goal is to get into a good college and still dance in his spare time. He is inspired by his family and friends.





Dareon Rios

13 year old Dareon is an 8th grader at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School. She is the daughter of Ron and Rhea Rios of Chalan Pago. Dareon loves the people in SKIP and loves touring and meeting new people. She also enjoys sports.

Amber Tenorio

15 year old Amber is a freshman at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. Her parents are Walt and Valerie Tenorio of Mangilao. "SKIP has played a big part in what molded me into the person I am today." Her future plan is to be successful and rich and be forever best friends with the SKIPPERS.



Chaunese Valencia

15 year old Chaunese is a freshman at Notre Dame High School. She is the daughter of Charlene and Joel Valencia of Dededo. Chaunese has been with SKIP for 5 years. Her goal for now is to find a new boyfriend. She enjoys hanging out with her friends on the weekends and watching her brother's baseball games.

"Dancing can reveal all the mystery that music conceals."

- Charles Baudelaire

Gabby Cruz

Soon to be 13 Gabby is a 7th grader at Bishop Baumgartner. Her parents are Vinessa and Gabriel Cruz of Mangilao. SKIP keeps her in good shape, thanks to the long practices and the never ending shows. She plans to attend a performing arts university to pursue dance. Her hobbies are texting, rugby, shopping and spending time with friends and family.



Monique Guevara

15 year old Monique is a freshman at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. She is the daughter of Geralyn and Gregory Guevara of Mangilao. Monique has been in SKIP for 8 years. Her goal is to get good grades and develop her dancing skills and just enjoy life.

Jamie Javellana

13 year old Jamie is a 7th grader at Harvest Christian Academy. She is the daughter of Josie and Joseph Javellana of Barrigada. Her future goals include graduating from college and be a professional chef or a fashion designer. She enjoys listening to music and reading books.



Gabbie Lagutang

13 year old Gabbie is a 7th grader at Harvest Christian Academy. She is the daughter of Nobu and Herb Lagutang of Tamuning. Gabbie enjoys meeting new people and hanging out with her SKIP friends and traveling. Her goal is to be successful in life.

Janae Leon Guerrero

13 year old Janae is an 8th grader at Bishop Baumgartner. She is the daughter of John and Leona Leon Guerrero of Agana Heights. Meeting new people and going to new places has allowed her to open up easily to others. Janae is inspired most by her friends.



Nathan Lizama

14 year old Nathan is an 8th grader at San Vicente Catholic School. He is the son of Beth and Ron Lizama of Barrigada/Latte Heights. Nathan has been dancing with SKIP for over 6 years and enjoys going to competition. His future goal is to become a veterinarian. He is inspired most by his family "because they always support me".

Dominique Mendiola

14 year old Dominique is an 8th grader at St. Francis School. Her parents are Clarinda and Dominic Mendiola of Asan. She has been dancing with SKIP for 7 years and is inspired by Regine. Dancing is her passion and would like to major in science and become a science professor.



Reiana Mendiola

14 year old Reiana is an 8th grader at Bishop Baumgartner. She is the daughter of Denise and Nobert Mendiola of Mangilao. Reiana enjoys touring and meeting new people. SKIP has made her more open and has helped her with time management. Aside from dancing she enjoys sports.

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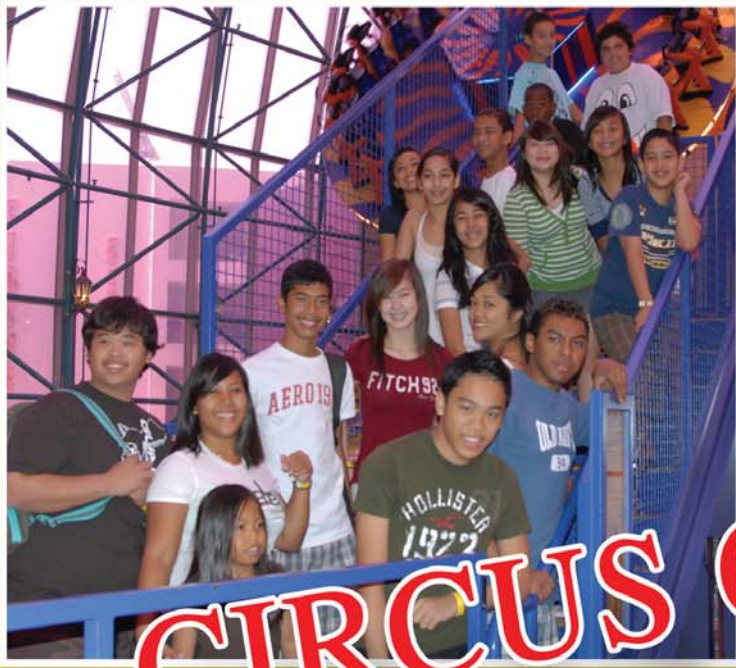
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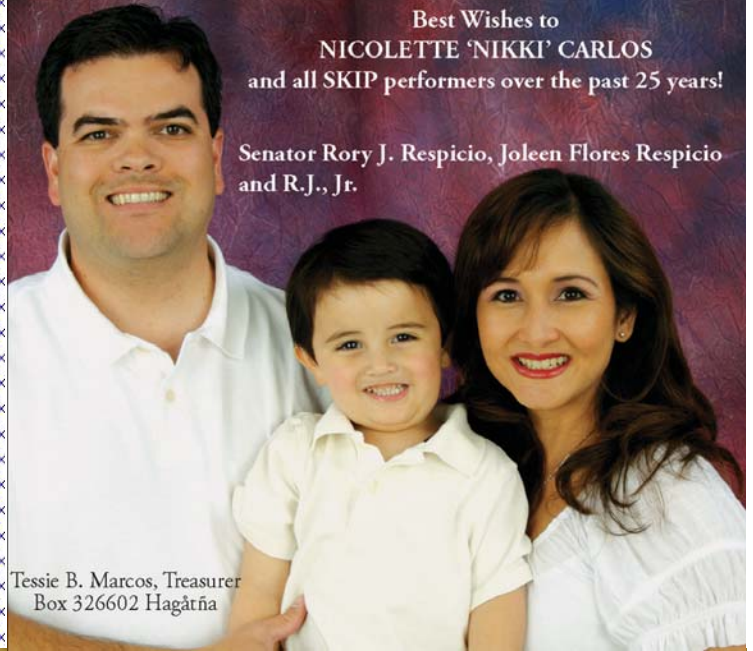
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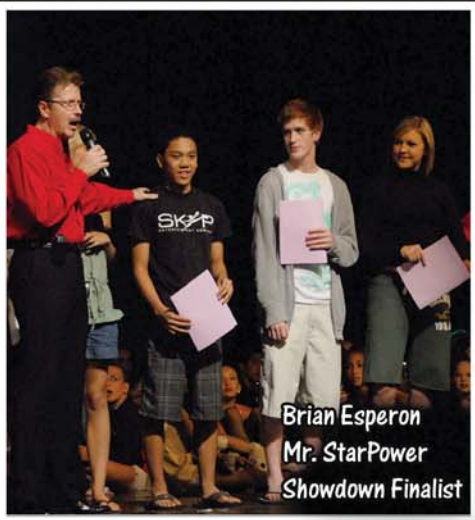
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Michelle Ancheta

13 year old Michelle is an 8th grader at Untalan Middle School. Her Parents are Jun & Oly Ancheta of Mangilao. She would like to teach the art of dancing and pursue a college education.



Erin-Joy Dela Cruz

12 year old Erin-Joy is a 7th grader at Agueda Johnston Middle School. She is the daughter of Joy and Joe Unpingco from the village of Sinajana. Her future plans are to teach dance and graduate from college.



Camarin Egurrola

9 year old Camarin is a 5th grader at Saint Anthony School. Her parents are Geolyn and Neil Egurrola of Ordot. Camarin's goal is to attend Julliard and open her dance studio or run her Mom's coffee shop.



Caitlin Paulino

11 year old Caitlin is a 6th grader at Saint Francis School. She is the daughter of Bernie Rios and Manuel Paulino. Aside from dancing, Caitlin enjoys sports.



Nina Marie Garcia

13 year old Nina is a 7th grader at the Dominican Catholic School. Her parents are Claire and Edwin Garcia of Dededo. Nina plans to be a doctor or lawyer. She enjoys singing, hanging out with friends and reading.

Auriene Perez

11 year old Auriene is a 5th grader at Mount Carmel Catholic School. Her parents are Nick and Dora Perez from the village of Santa Rita. Auri's future plans include college and taking as much dance lessons as possible. Her hobby is playing the drums for her school band.



Kassidy Santos

11 year old Kassidy is a 6th grader at Mount Carmel Catholic School. Her parents are Cassandra and Troy Santos of Apra Heights. Kassidy plans to take up business/interior design. Her hobbies include drawing and hanging out with family.



Roche Selguera

12 year old Roche is a 6th grader at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School. Her parents are Cherry Ann and Rogie Selguera of Sinajana. Her plans include becoming a doctor and to get better at dancing. Roche's hobbies are singing and playing different types of sports.



Kersha Taitano

11 year old Kersha is a 5th grader at St. Anthony School. Her parents are Jay and Karina Quito from the village of Dededo. Kersha's hobbies include creative writing, goofing off and baking with her mom.

Ashley Toves

11 year old Ashley is a 6th grader at Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School. She resides in the village of Ordod with her parents Ann Marie and Anthony Toves. Her future plans include graduating from Harvard and become either a teacher or lawyer. Her hobbies are volleyball and rugby.



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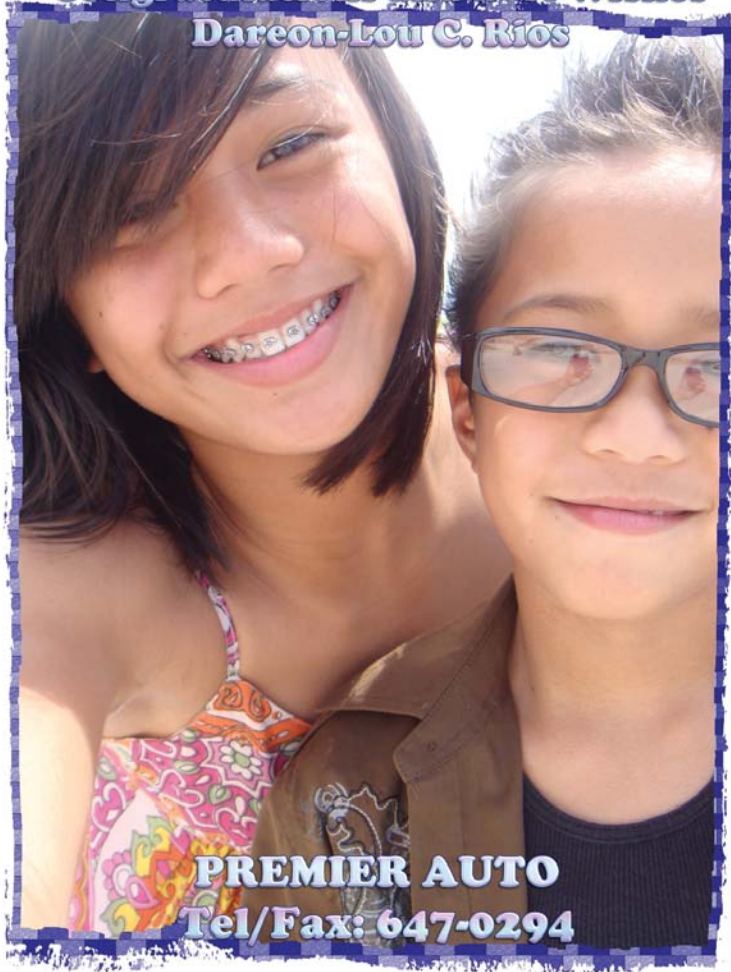
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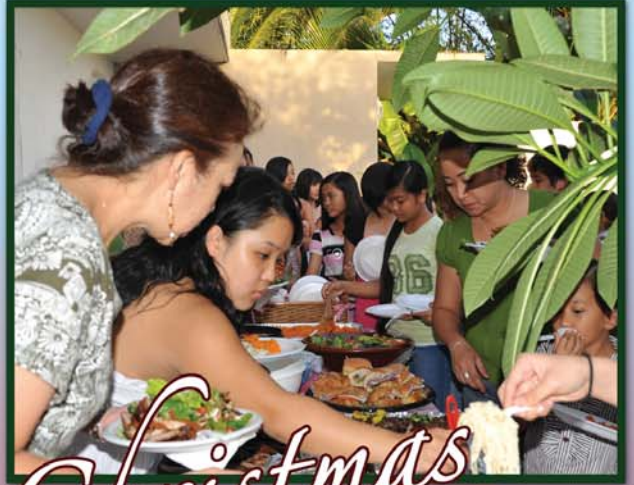
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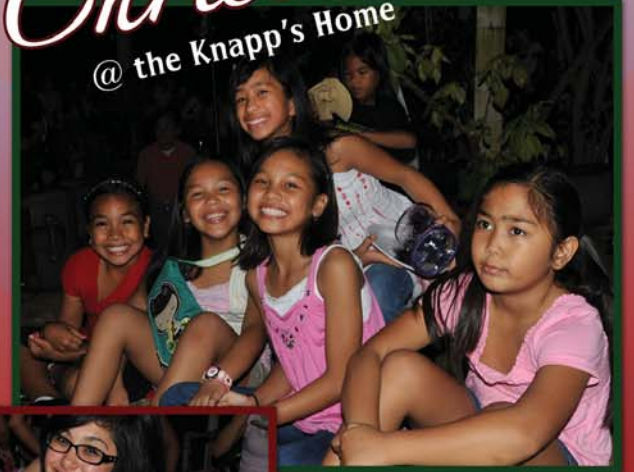
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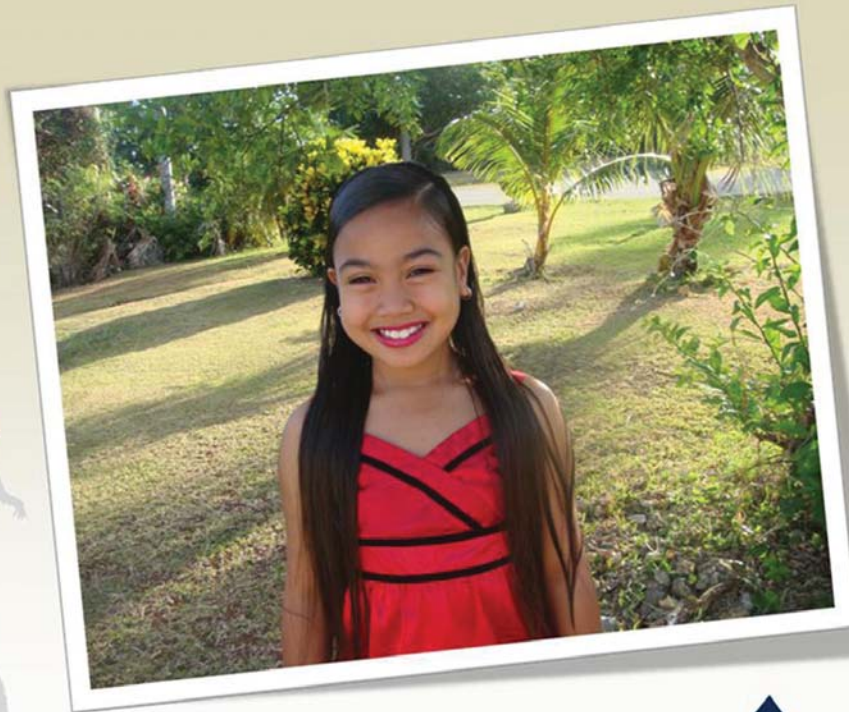
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