



THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

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Our Mission is to develop, own and operate a community center that provides social, economic and education services and to promote and perpetuate Filipino culture and customs in the State of Hawai'i.

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THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER ANNOUNCES ITS 11TH ANNUAL DINNER AND FUNDRAISER EVENT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

This Year's Gala Occasion Will Honor Veteran Hawai'i Journalist Emme Tomimbang

HONOLULU, HAWAII – August 15, 2013 – The Filipino Community Center (FilCom Center) will celebrate its 11th Annual Gala Dinner and Fundraiser Event in an unforgettable evening called, “Sharing Memorable Moments With Emme & Friends,” on Saturday, November 9, 2013 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the FilCom Center located in historic Waipahu.

“We want to honor Emme Tomimbang, a highly esteemed veteran broadcast journalist, for her many contributions to the Filipino community and the community-at-large over the past several decades,” said Rose Cruz Churma, president of the Filipino Community Center.

“Her dedication to foster goodwill in the community we live and work is much admired and we are forever grateful for her tireless service to the betterment of the Filipino community,” added Churma.

Emme, who is the president and chief executive officer of multi-media production company, EMMIE Inc. and the executive producer and host of the award-winning television special, “Emme’s Island Moments,” is a founding member of the Board of Governors at FilCom Center.

“Sharing Memorable Moments with Emme & Friends” will come to life with a who’s who of award-winning chefs known for starting the Hawaii Regional Cuisine movement in the 1990s. They include Hawai’i’s own James Beard recipients Roy Yamaguchi and Alan Wong, as well as D.K. Kodama, and Philippe Padovani. Each chef will be inspired by authentic Filipino cuisine to create his own interpretation of classic Filipino dishes.

Adding to the *bayanihan* spirit, *Na Hoku Hanohano* Award winner Willie K will liven the event as the marquee performer for the evening. Other top recording artists will join to add to the engaging Filipino fiesta atmosphere.

The gala event, which will also feature exciting silent auction items, is a benefit for the FilCom Center where it serves thousands of people each year with programs for youth, senior citizens, and families.

Table sponsorship and individual tickets are currently on sale. Visit the Filipino Community Center website at filcom.org for more information.



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About Filipino Community Center

Sprawling over two acres by the old Oahu Sugar Mill on suburban Waipahu, the three-story FilCom Center covers 50,000 square feet. The mission of the Filipino Community Center is to develop, own, and operate a community center that provides social, economic, and education services, and to promote and perpetuate Filipino culture and customs in the State of Hawai'i.

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Editor's Note: Interviews or jpgs of Filcom Center, Emme Tomimbang, Willie K., and Chefs available upon request.

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