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Krista's wedding limited to family members

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Krista Ranillo

As *Funfare* reported the "scoop" yesterday, Krista Ranillo and her boyfriend Nino Lim are finally tying the knot first week of August, just as Krista told me in an exclusive interview last month in L.A. during a chance encounter.

According to *Funfare's* "Hollywood-based roving DPA," the civil wedding will be very simple, very quiet, very private and "very family," and only about a dozen people will be there. The bride will not wear a bridal gown, only casuals. The groom is expected to be also not in formal attire.

"No media will be allowed," added the DPA, "no coverage. That's the least that the couple needs. For once, Krista wants this most important moment in her life to be hers and Nino's alone. They don't want the affair to be turned into a circus."

Unless there'll be changes, Krista and Nino plan to have an *en grande* church wedding outside of the US...in the Philippines maybe? If ever that happens here, the couple can't "ban" the press. You know *naman* how "resourceful" and "intrusive" we members of the Philippine media can be.

Bobby to direct play in London's West End

Congratulations to Bobby Garcia who is making his debut in London's West End. Bobby has been tapped to direct the new [musical](#) *Sacrifice*.

This piece of good news was confirmed by Toby Simkin, William Ong and authors Kenneth Clarke, Richard Daniels and Mark Troop, producing partners of *Sacrifice*.

"I have known Bobby for years and I greatly respect his unique ability to re-tell a foreign story to Asian audiences with his Asian productions of *The King And I*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* and *Hairspray*," Simkin, lead producer, was quoted as saying. "I have been searching for a director with an Asian sensibility to tell our love story to western audiences. Bobby is the perfect choice."

Some of Simkin's Broadway productions include *Death of a Salesman*, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, *Victor/Victoria* and *I Am My Own Wife*.

In addition to the feature film version currently in the works, the musical *Sacrifice* is now in development to open London's West End after an Asian workshop production.

But before going to West End, Bobby is directing *Xanadu* and *A Little Night Music* in Manila and Singapore before the year is over, and *Next to Normal* next year. Playing the lead role in *A Little Night Music* is Dawn Zulueta.

"I'm really excited to work in London's West End," admitted Bobby. "The love story of *Sacrifice* is one of the greatest of all time. The score is a beautiful fusion of ancient Chinese and modern western sound."



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Sacrifice is the story of Emperor Xuanzong (of the prosperous Tang Dynasty 618-907 AD) who brings Yang GuiFei, one of China's most beautiful women, into his court as a concubine. When they adopt China's greatest villain, the barbarian An Lushan, their fateful triumvirate creates China's greatest love story.



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Bobby and the *Sacrifice* authors (Clarke, Daniels and Troop) have already been doing initial work on *Sacrifice* these past two months, developing the musical structure and characters in preparation for the Asian workshop production prior to the London opening.

"I like the demo recordings that Ima Castro has worked on," added Bobby.

The playdate of *Sacrifice* will be announced shortly.

Briefly noted



- It was Sen. Vicente "Tito" Sotto who administered the oath of office to his brother Valmar "Val" Sotto who won a third term as Parañaque City councilor. The Sottos have a long history of public service, going as far back as three generations. The brothers' great grandfather who was Tito's namesake served as a senator during Manuel Quezon's presidency.

- Nico Salva, the Ateneo Blue Eagles' 6'4" power forward, is the newest Hardcourt Hunk and Crush ng Bayan. The UAAP Season 73's player is showbiz material. So far, Nico's only showbiz connection is his girlfriend, actress Megan Young. His good looks, basketball skill and strong following make him a crowd favorite. Last July 17, Nico placed No. 1 on the Yahoo Philippines' trending topics, surpassing the number of searches for big local celebrities.

- Karylle recently joined the ranks of style icons and international celebrities David and Victoria Beckham, Sylvester Stallone and Tom Cruise as she supports top-of-the-line designer watch U-Boat as one of its Philippine brand ambassadors. U-Boat recently opened its doors to the mainstream Philippine market as it launched its flagship store in posh Resorts World Manila. U-Boat is an Italian brand created and designed by Italo Fontana. Its showroom is located at the ground floor of Shop 7B Resorts World Manila, New Port City, Pasay City.

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