

July 03 12:00 AM Crackdown on illegal production in China after deadly accidents | **July 02 11:00 PM Kvitova beats Sharapova to win Wimbledon title** | **July 02 10:00 PM Accuser's lies jeopardize DSK case, experts say** | **July 02 09:02 PM Gaddafi urges supporters to seize French weapons supplied to rebels** | **July 02 08:00 PM Surge in investment shows return of investor's confidence** | **July 02 07:02 PM (UPDATE) 1 dead in Maguindanao bomb blast** | **July 02 04:28 PM Texters end Dubai stint with 123-113 win over Kings** | **July 02 04:09 PM Untimely death of divorced Filipina puzzles US authorities** | **July 02 04:02 PM Palace has contingency measures vs 'Saudization'** | **July 02 03:48 PM Bahrain reconciliation talks start amid crackdown** | **July 02 03:25 PM 13 die as van hits roadside bomb in Afghanistan** | **July 02 03:23 PM Official: 21 trapped in SW China coal mine flood** | **July 02 02:51 PM Popular Indian beach resort unfit for swimming** | **July 02 02:49 PM More Phl gov't website attacks possible, says Kaspersky** | **July 02 02:07 PM Defiant Gadhafi threatens attacks in Europe** | **July 02 02:04 PM 'Gov't donations to any Church against Constitution'** | **July 02 01:26 PM Nadal and future No. 1 Djokovic in Wimbledon final** | **July 02 01:22 PM Ex-Thai PM, in exile, looms large in tense vote** | **July 02 01:20 PM Police: Maoist rebels kill 5 villagers in India** | **July 02 12:47 PM Bai Ling reveals dark memories of Chinese army** | **July 02 12:12 PM Consortium prevails over Google for Nortel patents** | **July 02 12:10 PM Phl not backing down on protest amid P-Noy's planned China visit** | **July 02 11:57 AM Another Pinoy drug mule sentenced to death in China** | **July 02 11:41 AM (UPDATE) Oil companies rollback pump prices by P.50** | **July 02 11:36 AM 3 dead in Mexico as tropical storm breaks up** | **July 02 11:04 AM Maguindanao mosque bombing kills 1** | **July 02 10:52 AM QC judge sees speedy massacre trial with new SC ruling** | **July 02 10:47 AM Uncovering Rizal through his artworks at the Ateneo Art Gallery** | **July 02 10:23 AM Activist filmmakers gather in UP Diliman** | **July 02 10:06 AM Scarlett Johansson, Ryan Reynolds finalize divorce** | **July 02 09:55 AM 7th storm may hit Mindanao next week -- PAGASA** | **July 02 09:24 AM Mexican marines kill 15 cartel suspects in battle** | **July 02 09:23 AM Ex-IMF chief freed without bail; charges stand** | **July 02 09:20 AM Intoxicated woman raped in Quezon cemetery** | **July 02 08:49 AM Shriver files papers to divorce Schwarzenegger** | **July 02 08:47 AM Greece bars boats leaving Greek ports for Gaza** | **July 02 08:00 AM Pakistan college contest: Praise for bin Laden** |

View all

ENTERTAINMENT



Take it from direk Bobby

DIRECTLINE By Boy Abunda (The Philippine Star) Updated June 27, 2011 12:00 AM
 Comments (0)



Bobby Garcia: An actor should aspire for greatness

Zoom

Multi-awarded [musical theater](#) director Bobby Garcia believes that instead of great things, an actor should aspire for greatness.

He said it recently when our conversation came to what local actors can do in order for them to make it to Broadway or [West End](#). While acknowledging that we have some of the best actors in the world, Bobby pointed out that if putting their name on the marquee in those two places is their ultimate goal, then they are in the wrong frame of mind.

"The greatest goal of an actor is to put his heart and soul into telling the story that he was hired for — whatever show that is and wherever it's staged. If they do this extremely well — if they are passionate about this — then that's their success," he said.

With due respect to [theater actors](#) who have conquered the international scene, Bobby said that aside from talent and hard work, luck determines how far an actor can go. Because an actor or a singer who is damn good at what he does, doesn't mean he is assured of getting [the breaks](#) he wants.

"To be given breaks is out of your control and to think otherwise is to court frustration," he quipped.

Bobby knows what he speaks having worked with the [best of](#) them not only here but even abroad including China and Singapore. He said that when he steps into a [rehearsal room](#), a theater, a stage, he forgets where he is because the work, the process is the same.

Actors can take their cue from Bobby. He has been in the business for 20 years now yet his passion for his craft remains strong. The way his eyes light up when he talks about good material — whether his or someone else's — says so.

READ OTHER NEWS

SHARE

- facebook
-
- yahoo! buzz
-

ARTICLE TOOLS

- post a comment
- printer friendly
- email article

Advertisements

Bobby is clear about his parameters, true to his convictions. He doesn't ask for approvals because he won't even start something he doesn't fully believe in. That if Bobby is in it, to borrow the tag line of an advertising campaign for a wallet a few years back, it must be good.

One of these is the Atlantis Productions' staging of the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, *Next to Normal*, which returns to Manila for a limited two-week run from Oct. 7 to 16 at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza, Makati. Bobby is directing some of the country's best theater actors in the musical, including Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo, [Jett Pangan](#), Felix Rivera, Bea Garcia, Jake Macapagal and Markki Stroem.

Bobby describes *Next to Normal* which delves on bipolar disorder, as one "challenging" material. This is the reason he feels so blessed that the Filipino theater audiences have embraced it despite its almost taboo subject.

Then again, it would have been the audience's loss if they hadn't. After all, *Next To Normal*, according to Bobby, has some of the most exciting rock music for theater. It actually broke lots of ground when it opened off-[Broadway](#) some years ago, he added.

"When I saw *Next to Normal*... I was once again excited for the future of musical theater," Bobby said.



Coming from someone like Bobby, who has remained such a potent force in theater for his integrity, it's really saying something.

What makes a RajoMan

Here's great, intoxicating fashion news from Sunny Ku of Masterminds International...What would you call the pairing of the world's quintessential cognac brand and one of the country's top design houses? Well, nothing short of design heaven as heavyweight brands RajoMan and Remy Martin combine to bring you a high-spirited fashion event brimming with taste and style.

The House of Rémy Martin represents almost 300 years of French wine growing and cognac making tradition, offering a cognac of unique aromatic intensity. With a fine heritage dating back to 1724, Rémy Martin has been driven by one quest — to capture the Heart of Cognac, exclusively blending 100 percent of its cognac from the most sought after rare grapes from the Cognac region. This has earned Rémy Martin the prestigious recognition of being a Fine Champagne Cognac by

the Appellation d' Origine Controlee, the official governing body for fine spirits of France.

From the House of Laurel, RajoMan traces its beginnings in 2007 when acclaimed designer Rajo Laurel, together with his brother John, decided to address a serious fashion conundrum, the lack of decent fashion brands that catered solely to men. With a mission and a clear-cut vision in mind, the two took to the drawing board. Thus, RajoMan was born.

With a design spectrum that caters to the more sartorially timid male (think button downs, jackets and shirts in neutral colors, classic cuts and the richest fabrics) as well as the serious fashion player (bright colors and patterned materials in cutting-edge combinations are a staple), RajoMan has got something for every man. Designs adhere to the House of Laurel's up-to-date seasonal trends, too, so the RajoMan customer is always spot-on when it comes to being in style. With a solid customer base in places even outside Manila (Davao, Hong Kong, you name it!), and with its recent launch held at the House of Laurel in Makati, the powerhouse brand shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

[View previous articles from this author](#) | [Subscribe to this author via RSS](#)

SHARE: facebook yahoo! buzz 0

MORE ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

- > Joel Torre and rectifying history
- > Matanglawin tackles animal survival skills
- > How Good Vibes boys get the girls
- > Earth's last stand in Transformers 3
- > TV5 young stars are new Regal Babies
- > Art Galleries of Serendra holds first exhibit
- > Azkals and UAAP on Game!
- > ASAP Rocks rain or shine
- > Mel & Joey presents new cure for cancer

[Entertainment archives](#)

COLUMNS

The flipside of David Archuleta
CONVERSATIONS With Ricky Lo

Perhaps this much his fans know about David Archuleta who finished runner-up to his namesake, David Cook, in the seventh season of American Idol:

Fil-American cast in film about Bataan
REMEMBER WHEN? From the collection of Danny Dolor

Katharine Ross, before she did the classic *The Graduate*, starred in *The Longest Hundred Miles* in 1957, along with two other American actors, Ricardo Montalban and Doug McClure.

AdChoices

LNG Online Training

An introduction to LNG markets - without leaving the office!
www.mjenergy.com

LNG Plants

Small to Medium scale skid based gas liquefaction plants & services
www.Kryopak.com

Stanley Security

Global Security Solutions Mechanical, Convergent, Healthcare
www.StanleySecuritySolution.com

Nurse in NSW Australia?

NSW Nurses' Assn protects your pay & conditions. Join Now!
www.nswnurses.asn.au

Future Generation Energy

Bringing 24hr Solar Thermal Power Generation for a better tomorrow
www.kryocapital.com



MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS
GLOBAL COVERAGE

www.ts2.pl
Ads by Google

The lady also sings the blues



PLAYBACK By Phillip Cu-Unjieng

Whenever a new artist is given the "big push," it pays to note how our threatened local recording industry puts out all the stops to set a trend, or solidify an existing one — so it branches out and becomes more than just a temporary blip on the public consciousness' radar.

'Joey eats joey'



ME, STARZAN By Joey de Leon

At natapos din Spanish stories ko nung Linggo...

The Chuck Norris boat



JUST BE By Bernadette Sembrano

We called our mode of transportation "the Chuck Norris boat." Anyone familiar with his movies would immediately remember the airboat with the giant "electric fan" at the rear, that he uses to cross swamps (Circa 1980).

Sharing through music

MAJOR, MAJOR By Venus Raj

I love music. It really stimulates the soul. It has the power to give cheer or comfort, to move people.

The triumph of Thirty Seconds To Mars

They have more than three million records sold worldwide. They have about a hundred million views on *YouTube*. They were named Best Rock Band at the MTV Europe Awards 2010 and Best International Band at the Kerrang Awards 2011.

[Entertainment archives](#)

WEB ONLY

- > TRIUMPH OF THIRTY SECONDS TO MARS
- > KYLIE MINOGUE STARTS ASIA TOUR AND SOON IN MANILA!
- > DBP grants loan to Bohol electric cooperative
- > THE MILEY CYRUS FEVER IS HERE
- > MILEY CYRUS, READY TO PARTY IN THE PHILIPPINES

RELATED ARTICLES

No related articles

FACEBOOK RECENT ACTIVITY

Login

You need to be logged into Facebook to see your friends' activity



Gilas mulls tune-up with NBA stars following lockout | [The Philippine Star](#) » News » Sports
143 people recommend this.



'Gov't donations to any Church against Constitution' | [Home](#) » Other Sections » Breaking News
56 people recommend this.

[Ortega's wife appeals DOJ panel's resolution](#) » Nation » Article

FACEBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Login

You need to be logged into Facebook to see your friends' recommendations



Astrovision/Astroplus top-selling albums (June 6 to June 12) | [The Philippine Star](#) » News » Entertai
22 people recommend this.



Filipina nanny dies saving ward in Hong Kong | [Home](#) » Other Sections » Breaking News
12 people recommend this.



Marlon Stockinger: Fast track
28 people recommend this.

AdChoices

[Restaurants in Malaysia](#)

Looking for more Restaurants near you. Check it in Yellow Pages

[Apply to Singapore Jobs](#)

POEA Accredited Recruitment Firms Register Now & Start Applying

[Table Lamps for Hotels](#)

Safe, stylish, efficient table lamp As low as HK\$1.5 per table/night!

[Australia Seeks Nurses](#)

Australia Seeks Skilled Nurses! Work Visa Assessment Online. [Nursing.Work.Australia.migrat](#)

[Sagitta Panoramic Camera](#)

360° panoramic surveillance Efficient visual surveillance [www.puwell.com](#)

IMPORTANT! The following are strictly prohibited in the forums:

- Use of foul language and derogatory statements
- Rude usernames/images
- Personal attacks/flaming
- Off-topic posts
- Posting in all capital letters/bold fonts
- Heavy graphics
- Promotion of products and personalities
- Repeated postings or trolls

Posts containing any of the above will be deleted.

Note also that languages allowed in the forum should be English and Filipino only.

COMMENTS

[Click here to post comment](#)

DISCLAIMER:

Views expressed in this section are those of the readers and do not necessarily reflect the editorial position of philstar.com or any of its sister publications. Philstar.com does not knowingly publish false information and may not be held liable for the views of readers exercising their right to free expression.



[About Us](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Advertise With Us](#) | [Subscribe to Newspaper](#) | [Site Map](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Member Agreement](#) | [Copyright Notice](#)
Copyright © 2011. Philstar. All Rights Reserved