

## Geneva on life after KC

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Geneva Cruz is moving on with her life. After her separation from her husband of six years, KC Montero, Geneva is now single and ready to live and love again. She is also now putting more focus on her work, starting with the role of Brooke Wyndham in the musicale *Legally Blonde*.

Atlantis Productions' *Legally Blonde The Musical* is being directed by Chari Arespachoga, and will be staged from June 25 to July 18 at the Meralco Theater. For tickets: 892-7078.

### **How did you become involved with *Legally Blonde*?**

I was asked to audition to do the part of Brooke Wyndham. I checked out Wyndham's character on YouTube, and I fell in love with her right there and then. It's such a rich character, and I can say it was love at first sight.

### **How do you find the process of theater work so far?**

Exciting and nerve-racking. Everyone's energy is so high, and we are so psyched to do opening night already. I'm learning so much and gaining more friends in the process, so I'm really having fun.

### **Your "soul sister" Rachel Alejandro has been very active in the theater scene. Any tips**

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### **she gave you?**

Rachel knows me well, she knows the things I can do. Not that I don't need any advice or anything, but the only thing she said was, "It's going to be fun, sis....Although you'll lose your social life in the process, it will be fun." And so far she's been right. It's hectic but it's a happy experience.

### **Many people are familiar with the movie version (which starred Reese Witherspoon). How is the stage version different?**

The movie version, most especially the first one, is one of my favorites. It's funny, colorful and clever in its own way, but the musicale is different. It's still very colorful, superentertaining and outrageously funny! You have to watch it to find out for yourself!

### **The show's main theme is about being judged by someone's looks. Have you been victim of this? How do you overcome such judgment?**

It's all about how you feel inside. I never thought beauty was just something on the outside. When I wake up in the morning and I have no makeup on, I don't feel ugly, I just feel clean. Beauty is about self-acceptance. I feel best around my family and people who know me inside and out. And the "nega" peeps can just all suck it. (Laughs)

### **The musicale sees Elle finding a man more worthy of her. Can you relate to this?**

Of course! (Laughs)

### **Will you invite KC Montero to watch you perform?**

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I already did, and he will be there. We will always love and support one another. We have each other's backs. People may find it weird but we still remain friends. And that's just not something we say but it's really what is happening to us.

### **Many have some issues about Nikki Gil portraying Elle Woods. What is your take on this?**

People can say what they want to say. I know Nikki is going to be wonderful. She works hard and is very talented. She surprises me....Once again, all those negative people can just all suck it. (Laughs)

### **How is Heaven? Is he going to school now? Is he still as precocious as before?**

(Laughs) He's actually very athletic, conservative and is superprotective of me and strict with me! I love how he is...he's like a little man. Like a kuya to me. He's in the US with his daddy Paco, his imported dad KC misses him a lot, though...I will see him in August, and I can't wait! I miss my boy so very much.

### **If there's one thing you want to impress on him, what is this and why?**

I want to teach him a lot about life...to respect everyone, to never belittle people. And that drugs end all dreams. As a mother, I do not tell my son what to do, I actually let him experience it. For example, I tell him during Christmas, "Those old clothes you have, we're giving them away." We put them in different plastic bags, put candies in there and toys, and then what I do is I make him give it to the street kids outside. Of course, the kids would then be in a mad scramble and then he'd ask me, "Mommy, why?" I tell him that's what life is all about. You have to share what you have with others because there are people who are in need. You should be thankful to God for what you have.

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