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The House of ExtravaGAPA

As its ultimate purpose, the House of ExtravaGAPA stands for everything that is fabulous about the experience of gay Asians and Pacific Islanders. Moreover, the House of ExtravaGAPA believes that the fabulous can be found anywhere — from the broadest gesture to the minutest detail. Runway is the ExtravaGAPA social event of the year wherein all these elements come together in one glorious evening. And unlike other similar functions, Runway is not simply a beauty contest, drag show or bodybuilding competition. Rather, it is an evening of spectacle where individuals can flaunt their most creative inclinations.

Miss GAPA From the start, Miss GAPA was meant to embrace the diversity of the gay Asian Pacific community, in all its myriad expression. With Miss GAPA, we welcome into our family individuals who wish to explore the boundaries of their feminine side. Glamour, camp and all the possibilities in between can find their place in the House of ExtravaGAPA.

Mr. GAPA While Miss GAPA challenges gender conformity, the Gay Asian Pacific Man Pageant, or Mr. GAPA as it is more commonly called, sets out to highlight the special qualities of the Asian Pacific male. And rather than follow an arbitrary ideal, the House of ExtravaGAPA encourages participants to create their own models of masculinity. As with Miss GAPA, personal attributes are emphasized over surface appearance.

The House of ExtravaGAPA presents Mr. and Miss GAPA as representatives of its vision, but they are not alone. Each of us shares the responsibility of expanding the perceptions others may have of us. By creating our own image and defining our sense of community, we can present ourselves with rightful pride.

GAPA

Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, Inc. (GAPA) is an organization dedicated to furthering the interests of gay and bisexual Asian/Pacific Islanders by creating awareness, developing a positive collective identity and establishing a supportive community.

Organized in January 1988, GAPA was formed to address, through a democratic process, social, cultural and political issues affecting gay and bisexual Asian / Pacific Islanders.

To facilitate the many interests of its members, GAPA has various committees: Membership, Publications, Political Awareness, Social, Cultural, and GAPA Community HIV Project (GCHP).

For more information, write GAPA

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Jeffrey Andres & Ms aNNN Judah Mr. GAPA 1991 and Miss GAPA 1991



leff was born in Hawaii on the garden isle of Miss aNNN Judah won her first beauty contest This group has sponsored the first all gay bodybuilding competition in San Francisco. In the lightweight division both times. Always sur-

Kauai. At 15 years of age he was chosen to be at the age of six when she was crowned Miss part of an exclusive group who would cultivate, Tiny Bubbles by then First Lady of the Philipnurture, and maintain Lawai Kai Botanical pines, Imelda Marcos, who quickly became her Gardens. Musically inclined as well, Jeff became role model. Since that auspicious beginning, a lead singer in a popular local band called there have been more crowns, more sashes and "The Sweet Rush." Together the group fre- more rhinestone tiaras: Miss Metro Manila quently toured the various islands, gaining many Sweepstakes, Miss Glory Whole and Miss Ricefans. Studying under one of Hong Kong's a-Roni (the San Francisco Treat). aNNN's renowned brush painters, W.H. Lai, Jeff decided ambition as a little girl was to marry the further to pursue a career in art. In 1977 he Emperor of Japan and become the Silk Kimono attended the San Francisco Art Institute. He Queen, a dream that will soon come true when has had several one-man shows and exhibitions she packs up her sequined gowns and fabulous throughout the Bay Area. Many paintings are shoes (presents from Imelda) and invades now in private collections and some have been Tokyo. Before the Miss GAPA crown was bedonated to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Con- stowed upon her bejeweled head, aNNN scious of his health and physique, Jeff is active volunteered her services as a fashion consultant with the Arcadia Bodybuilding Society (ABS), to San Francisco Muni. As a tribute to Muni Metro, she decided to adopt the last name ludah, since she was also fond of cruising the 1991 and 1992 competitions, Jeff placed 2nd in N Judah line (but that's common knowledge). Currently she is a lab assistant at the SF Artifirounding himself in lush tropical splendor, he is cial Insemination Center, where with her special currently manager at the Emerald Garden Res- probing touch, she collects samples from clients taurant, a feast for the senses especially of dis- — a highly risky but all-consummating process. tinguished palates. Jeff has lived with his lifelong She will always treasure her moment of tricompanion, Gary, for 15 years in San Francisco. umph last October when, despite a false pregnancy alarm, she graciously accepted the title of Miss GAPA. And the rest, as they say, was runway history!

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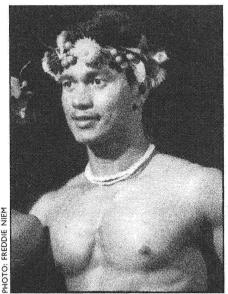
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Soni Garde Mr. G A P A 1990



Prior to winning the title of Mr. GAPA in 1990. Lia always dreamt of winning a real beauty ity since his arrival.

Lia Jon Kwan Miss G A P A 1990



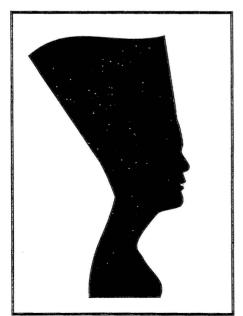
Soni was only familiar with the ongoings of pageant since age five. Then on August 25, pageants backstage. He has supported, spon- 1990 when she entered Runway, her life sored and provided costumes and evening attire changed in an instant as she became GAPA's for many contestants - but the pageants were reigning queen! Lia was a busy girl in the ensufor women only. Soni's reign as Mr. GAPA was ing year, participating in many GAPA events: an exciting one. He participated in events such The August Moon Celebration, the GAPA Sanas the GAPA Santacruzan, the DecaDance Party tacruzan and Filipino Fiesta, the Iron Butterflies' at Fort Mason, and the Annual Banquet. His Halloween Party, the DecaDance Party and the greatest exposure, however, occurred at the Annual Banquet. She was also GAPA's repre-Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade last year, sentative in the Supermodel of the '90s conwhen he appeared on the GAPA float with test. But for Lia, the icing on the cake was at Miss GAPA, and GAPA's Man of the Year, A the Gay & Lesbian Freedom Day Parade '91, native of the Philippines, Soni moved to San having all of GAPA's support while waving to Francisco only four years ago. He is grateful for the community from our float. Ever thoughtful, the support he has received from the commun- Lia acknowledges the love and generosity of so many, including Soni Garde, Mr. GAPA 1990, for being the best king a girl could ever dream of and for all those spectacular fashion creations; Daniel, her personal dresser and dear sister for always being there prior to each event, always full of encouragement; Bernice, her chauffeur, DI, cameraman and dear brother for capturing all those "Kodak moments"; and Miss Gary Tom/Mother Diva for introducing her 2 years ago to the wonderful world of GAPA.



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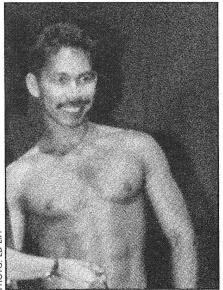
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Rey Nazareno Mr. G A P A 1989



Nitara Shrinkapabulaya Miss G A P A 1989



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No stranger to pageants, Rey had won the title Nitara is an accomplished vocalist with many of Mr. Asia Pacific before he entered our Gay credits to her name. In her first appearance Asian Pacific Man Contest and became the after winning the Miss GAPA title, Nitara made first-ever Mr. GAPA. A world traveler, Rey a big splash by winning "Best Musical Pefor-recently returned from a trip to Spain, and once again graces the city of San Francisco. November 1989. Among her other accomplish-



Nitara is an accomplished vocalist with many credits to her name. In her first appearance after winning the Miss GAPA title, Nitara made a big splash by winning "Best Musical Peformance" at the GAPA Talent/Untalent Show, November 1989. Among her other accomplishments, Nitara was a member of Asian Sensation, dancing with the group at the GAPA Santacruzan and Filipino Fiesta, as well as the past two Runway pageants. Nitara also represented GAPA in the Miss Gay Universe and Gay Supermodel of the '90s pageants. Most recently, Nitara was a smash as "Jade" in the hit play "Totoy's Travels" presented by the Asian AIDS Project at Studio Rhino.

Gypsy Rose Lew aka Lulu The Original Ms. G A P A

Prior to sweeping the first annual Ms. GAPA contest, "Gypsy" was a minor art critic and parttime parking attendant. When she wasn't attending to the parking lot she wrote lyrical pieces in "Art Week", "Readers Digest", "Lavender Godzilla" and the "Hollywood Reporter". Since discovering public adulation as Ms. GAPA, Gypsy took a job with the GAPA Community HIV Project, to spread the word of safer sex and to keep her supply of condoms fresh. She is now married to a Norwegian Woodsman and will be launching a new line of fragrance, "Desperation, Darkness Becomes You."



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- WI'm Too Sexy"
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- ♦ Introduction of MCs / WELCOME
- Fantasy Parade of Contestants
- ♦ Presentation by Jeffrey Andres, Mr. GAPA 1991
- Mr. GAPA contestants in streetwear (informal interview)
- Miss GAPA contestants in corporate drag (informal interview)
- "Paseo de Iloilo" performed by aNNN Judah, Miss GAPA 1991 and Manny Dacalanio

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- Introduction of Judges
- ♦ Miss GAPA contestants in evening wear (formal question)
- Mr. GAPA contestants in bedwear (formal question)
- ♦ Introduction of past titleholders
- ♦ Introduction of alternate MCs Steve Lew (aka Gypsy Rose Lew, Miss GAPA 1988) & Nitara Shrinkapabulaya (Miss GAPA 1989)
- Farewell walk of Miss GAPA 1991 and Mr. GAPA 1991
- Performance by Lia Tom Kwan, Miss GAPA 1990
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- Announcement of Winners

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In 1985, several Thai college students got together to dress in drag for fun — to go out to parties where they lip synced to the sounds of popular vocalists. They were a big hit at the parties and, from thereon, they formed a group called BOY TOY. In due time, however, most of the students finished school and went back to their home country. BOY TOY quietly remained in the memories of others. Then, in 1989, a new generation of Thai nationals made their debut. The group included some of the original members, professional performers from the famous showclubs in Bangkok, as well as a new group of young Thais. Their show included bits of burlesque, serious and comical musical scenes, show tunes, pop music with lip sync, as well as dance routines and elaborate costumes. They have performed in gay dance clubs including Faces Dance Club, Circus Dance Club, Arena Dance Club, Palms and The World. They have also done shows for the Asian Pacific Lesbians & Gays' (A/PLG); the Gay Asian Pacific Support Network (GAPSN); the Gay Asian Pacific Consortium (GAPC); the National Minority AIDS Council, and performed for AIDS benefits. The seriousness of their performance and the growth in membership allows the group to concentrate on their individual and group aesthetic form, dance routine, and lip sync perfection.

Joseph Ong and Manny Dumalag

Manny and Joseph are both resident choreographers with the GAPA Dance Company and have been involved since its inception. Joseph is currently Assistant Artistic Director of the GAPA Dance Company. He has danced with Asian American Dance Collective, Gary Palmer & Benton Wong and Berkeley Conservatory Theatre. Manny has performed with EMBAJE, the SFSU Dance Group, as well as the Asian American Dance Collective. "I'm Too Sexy," performed by the Runway contestants, is their latest choreographic effort.

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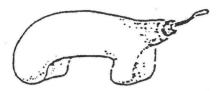
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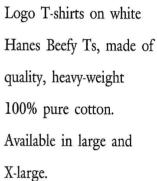
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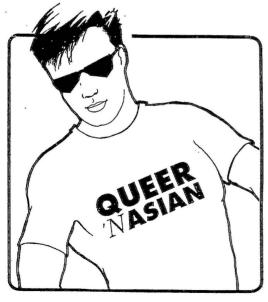
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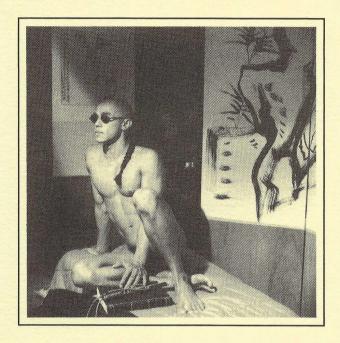


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