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Central Library Hosts Acclaimed Filipina Jazz Singer Charmaine Clamor

"Queen of Jazzipino" Melds Filipino Folk Songs and Instruments with Jazz and Blues

San Diego, CA... The San Diego Public Library and Silayan Filipina National Organization, in conjunction with the annual *One Book, One San Diego* county-wide reading campaign, present a rare San Diego appearance by acclaimed jazz recording artist and cultural trailblazer **Charmaine Clamor** on Saturday, November 1 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. *Monstress*, the 2014 *One Book* selection by rising literary star Lysley Tenorio, is a book of vibrant Filipino-American life and quirky short stories set amongst Filipino American communities in California and the Philippines.

Celebrated by the *New York Times* as "a gifted vocalist" and by the *Los Angeles Times* as "one of the important and original new jazz singers of the decade," Ms. Clamor has earned her "Queen of Jazzipino" crown. *JazzTimes* emphasizes, "Clamor vocally resembles an amalgam of Nancy Wilson and Lena Horne, a sumptuously elegant blend of silk and satin, trimmed with gutsy self-possession." Her critically acclaimed albums include *Searching for the Soul*, *My Harana: A Filipino Serenade*, *Something Good*, and *Flippin' Out* which brought her international recognition and in which she introduced jazzipino and blended jazz with traditional Filipino folk songs such as the Kundiman and the Harana.

Through her presence on radio and touring Ms. Clamor has been credited with introducing authentic Filipino musical culture to mainstream listeners. She's a founding member of JazzPhil-USA, a non-profit organization that promotes jazz artists of Filipino descent in the U.S. and has lent her notoriety to the popular Filipino-American Jazz Festival, held annually in Hollywood. Her many honors include the Asian Heritage Award in Performing Arts, Filipina Entertainer of the Year, and recognition as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipinas in the United States.

Silayan Filipina is a Filipina American women's service organization dedicated to educational outreach, community service, and cultivating the Philippine heritage. This dynamic sisterhood builds networks and relationships between multi-generations, and strives to positively impact society by empowering their members, providing Filipina American women role models, and through community service. Visit them at: <http://www.silayanfilipina.com/>.

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One Book, One San Diego is an eight-year-old partnership between KPBS, San Diego Public Library, and San Diego County Library designed to bring the community together through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. *One Book* is made possible by the Linden Root Dickinson Foundation, Lloyd Pest Control, the Cubic Corporation, the Henry Fox Foundation, and the San Diego Public Library Foundation.

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