



Monday Nights, New Voices Series Goes Global

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The acclaimed *Monday Nights, New Voices* concert series — produced by Scott Alan and seen regularly at the Duplex Cabaret Theatre in Manhattan — is spreading its wings.

New Voices concerts, created to shine the spotlight on new talent, will be seen later this month in Chicago and Manila, Philippines.

The Manila premiere will be held April 14 at 8:30 PM at the Mag:net Cafe. Produced by Mahar Mangahas and Laura Cabochan in association with creator Alan, the evening will feature the voices of Caisa Borrromeo, the aforementioned Cabochan, Fame Flores, Marvin Ong and Felix Rivera. The singers will perform the work of composer Rony Fortich, who penned the children's puppet show *Noah's Big Boat* and the title song for *Stages of Love*.

Actress-director Chari Arespachaga will host the evening.

The Chicago premiere will be seen a week later on April 21 at Gentry on State and will, according to press notes, "provide an opportunity for Chicago to embrace its own musical theatre community while welcoming its rising participants." Dee Roscioli, who portrays Elphaba in the Chicago production of *Wicked*, will host the evening, which will feature musical direction by Colin Welford.

Among the "new voices" who will perform are Jennlee Shallow, Jamie Finkenthal, Riley Thomas, Michael Mahler and Cat Davis. The songwriting team of Jeff Thomson and Jordan Mann, winners of the 2008 Jonathan Larson Award, will also be honored.

The Chicago concert is being produced by Allen Sledge and David Tomczak in association with Alan.

Gentry On State is located at 440 North State Street in Chicago, IL. There is a \$12 cash music charge and a two-drink minimum; for reservations e-mail mnnvchicago@yahoo.com or call (618) 975-3638.

The Mag:net Cafe is located on 2/F B3, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig Metro Manila. There is a 150 peso (\$4) cover charge, which includes one beer/iced tea. For more information visit <http://mnnvmanila.multiply.com>.

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