

LAHING KAYUMANGGI proudly presents.. ..to all of you !
Enjoy modern & traditional Philippino sounds with Lola Masing !!

Let's Build the 'Lola Masing House' Summer Solidarity Concert



Lola Masing is an honorific name for Tomasa Salinog who lives in San Jose, Antique province in the Philippines. Lola Masing is a victim of Japan's military sexual slavery during the Second World War and is among those who are currently fighting a case at the Supreme Court of Japan. Lola Masing is now facing relocation from the house she has lived in for almost 60 years.

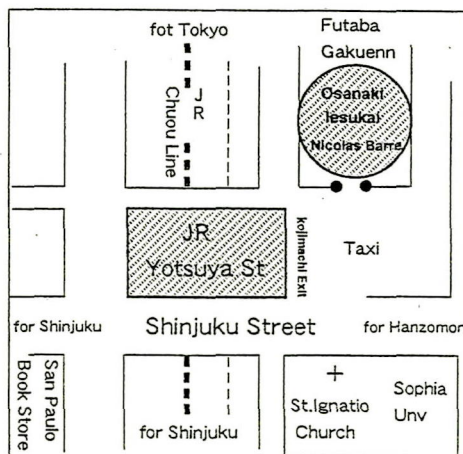
Date : Friday, August 31, 2001 Open 18:30 PM /Start 19:00 PM

Venue : "Osanaki Iesu Kai" (Nicolas Barre) 9th floor

Access : In front of JR Yotsuya Station, kojimachi Exit
(Just 3 minutes walk, Please see the map below.)

Performer : Lahing Kayumanggi (Philippine band)
: Sachie Monma (Folk gospel singer)

Admission Fee : Yen 1,500



Their music is so called "Alternative music", in which they take up women and children's rights, environmental issues and wide social problems. They sing in Tagalog and play traditional instruments of the Mindanao.

Sponsored by : Concert Executive Committee of "Lola Masing's House"

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Participating in the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal in December 2000 as a plaintiff, Lola Masing said that for the first time she was able to experience justice and dignity'. Lola Masing proceeded to deliver a statement expressing her determination to live in rejecting the Asian Women's Fund.

Recently, people have begun to tell Lola Masing

that they have seen the Women's International War Crimes Tribunal on TV. At these times, Lola Masing says she can proudly say 'see, there is no lie to what I have been telling'.



One night at the age of 13, Captain Hirooka from the Japanese army broke into their house and cut off the father's head. Lola Masing was then abducted and raped in confinement. When she once escaped, Lola

Masing was captured by another soldier Okumura who forced her into the life of a sexual slave until the American troops landed on Panai Island.

” justice and dignity ”

In 1992, Lola Masing heard on the radio that victims of Japanese military's sexual slavery are being called to come out.

She then sold a blanket that she was currently using to make some money for transportation and visited the office of the organization that made the call. Lola Masing became a plaintiff for a trial demanding compensation from the Japanese government and fought for the purpose of restoring her dignity that has been violated. In October 1998, however, Tokyo District Court dismissed the suit. She cried 'I cannot return to my village with such shame. I want to die right now'.

For the past few years, her landowner has been asking Lola Masing to relocate since the area around Lola Masing's house is being turned into a new road and lots for sale. We want to build a new 'Lola Masing House' in San Jose right across from the house memorable of her father, where Lola Masing was born, victimized and has since independently survived. We would like to build a simple and strong 'Lola Masing House' as a symbol of Lola Masing's fight to restore her dignity.