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**Philippine Films at the Fore in 17<sup>th</sup> New York Asian Film Festival**



At the talk back following the screening of *Buy Bust* during the Closing Night of the New York Asian Film Festival are Director Erik Matti (2<sup>nd</sup> from Left) and cast of *Buy Bust*, Anne Curtis and Brandon Vera (2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> from Right, respectively). Deputy Director of NYAFF Stephen Cremin facilitated the Talk Back.

**New York, 14-15 July 2018** – Six Philippine films showcasing the immense talent of Filipino film makers and artists headlined the 17<sup>th</sup> New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF) held at New York's Lincoln Center and the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, New York from 29 June to 15 July 2018.

New York film enthusiasts and the Filipino-American community were on hand during the five nights that featured the Filipino films filmsboth to enjoy the movies and also to meet the film makers and artists who shared their unique vision with the public. The Philippine Consulate General New York, headed by Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville Tate, attended the screening the films.

This year, the Philippines has the largest line up at the Festival since 2013. The films shown included ***We Will not Die Tonight*** directed by Richard Somes; ***Neomanila*** directed by Mikhail Red; ***On the Job*** directed by Erik Matti; ***Respeto*** directed by Treb Monteras II; ***Sid and Aya (Not a Love Story)*** directed by Irene Emma Villamor and ***Buy Bust*** directed by Erik Matti.

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The hip-hop film **Respeto** (2017) bagged the festival's Tiger Unleashed Award for Best Feature Film. During the talk back which was attended by the whole cast, Corren Jimenez revealed that the film was shot and finished in only 3 months, but the storyline was conceived by rapper-director Treb Monteras 7 years ago. The film was also the first ever of hip-hop artist Abra.

**Buy Bust**, which stars Anne Curtis and Brandon Vera, was the festival's closing night feature and also the film's world premiere. Director Erik Matti said the story was developed during the filming of **On the Job** and added that **Buy Bust** was 2 years in the making.

Stephen Cremin, Deputy Director of NYAFF, led the Talk Back of the featured Filipino films on 14 and 15 July 2018. END



(Left Photo) Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville Tate (1<sup>st</sup> from R), together with Mrs. Marilou Cristobal, spouse of the Consul General Claro Cristobal (1<sup>st</sup> from L) with **Buy Bust** Cast during the Closing Night on 15 July 2018. (Right Photo) Consul Arman Talbo (Center), during the screening of **Respeto** on 14 July 2018 with Director Treb Monteras. Also in photo are the members of local media and Filipino film enthusiasts.