

15th Annual PISTAHAN Festival

Yerba Buena Gardens

San Francisco, CA.

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Pistahan Festival is a two day festival that promotes Filipino American art and business through interactive activities, performances, exhibits, culinary tasting, trade and information sharing.

This year it featured selected Philippine regional parade traditions as newly transplanted - never before seen - cultural spectacles that will soon taking be root and known widely as distinctly Pinoy in America.

The event highlights included the premiere of the San Francisco Filipino American Jazz Festival with headliner Charmaine Clamor, world-class performances by Broadway, Hollywood and local rising stars. By popular demand, brought back were the popular adobo cook-off and the balut eating contest, and a new event: longanisa eating contest all sponsored by Mama Sita's.



Pistahan Parade:



The only major Filipino parade in the West Coast, it is a display of community pride along San Francisco's main street "Market Street" from the Embarcadero to the Yerba Buena Gardens, the crown jewel of San Francisco's cultural district. Colorful floats, historical themes and lively community contingents has helped build Pistahan Parade, as the Filipino counterpart of San Francisco's great cultural institutions like Chinese New Year Parade, Carnival, St. Patrick's Parade, among others.

Demonstrations of the Filipino martial arts were done by Grand Maestro Jon Bais of Bais Tres Manos and Grandmaster Ver Villasin of Villasin Balintawak with their students.

**Grand Maestro Jon Bais
and students of Bais Tres Manos**



**Grandmaster Ver Villasin
and students of Villasin Balintawak**



Some of the Participants representing the Filipino martial arts in the Parade:



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Grandmaster Jonathan "Jon" Bais
Guro Elmer Bais
Marcus De Castro
Isaiah France Fabella
Manuel "Manny" Favorito



balintawakinternational.com

Grandmaster "Ver" Villasin
John Guzman
Belle Orpilla
Mel Orpilla
Kees Villasin



www.haywardmartialarts.net

Master Alexander Bayot France
Guro Emmeline "Em" Angeles
Guro Ramon Espinosa
Angela Alvarez
Chere Alvarez
Alyssa De Castro
Lucila Bayot France
Frances Schinzing France
Iris Liza France
Lorraine France-Gorn
Michelle Mendoza
Denise Espinosa
Felicia Espinosa
Tommy Espinosa
Raquel Espinosa



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Cabiles Combatives
Guro George Cabiles
Kelli McCusker

Antique Weapons Display was brought to the Pavilion for display:

Brady Brazil
Roman Abad
Mel Orpilla
Braulio Agudelo