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## **Filipino American Centennial Exhibit Opens at the Smithsonian**

Beginning May 18, images covering 100 years of the Filipino American experience will be on display in the Concourse of the S. Dillon Ripley Center on the National Mall. The exhibit, “Singgalot (Ties That Bind): Filipinos in America” will be on display through August 20. Curated by Dean Alegado of the University of Hawai’i, this exhibit is sponsored by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APA) as part of the Filipino American Centennial Commemoration.

The commemoration consists of a series of events held throughout 2006, including panel discussions addressing various aspects of the Filipino American experience such as plantation and military life, labor and contemporary issues. The commemoration also includes the world premiere of “Sandaan,” a documentary film by Sonny Izon, highlighting Filipino American history. All programs are open to the public and free of charge.

The APA Program also announces the availability of a curriculum to aid teachers in incorporating Filipino American subject matter into their classes. The curriculum for middle school students can be downloaded from the APA Web site ([www.apa.si.edu](http://www.apa.si.edu)) starting on May 18.

The following is a schedule of Centennial events at the Smithsonian. For updates, please go to [www.apa.si.edu/filamcentennial](http://www.apa.si.edu/filamcentennial) or call (202)786-2409. The Web site also lists Centennial public programs sponsored by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program in other cities including Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and others.

### **A Salute to Filipino American Men and Women in the U.S. Military**

Friday, June 9, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall, S. Dillon Ripley Center

This public program will include a discussion about the politics and policies that made the recruitment of Filipinos and Filipino Americans to the U.S. military possible, and the many challenges they encountered in the U.S. armed forces.

### **Storytelling and Book Signing**

Sunday, July 16, 2 – 4 p.m.

Discovery Theater, S. Dillon Ripley Center

Two renowned Filipino American children’s book authors will delight audiences, young and old, with storytelling and readings.

### **Contemporary Issues Facing Filipino Americans**

Friday, July 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Lecture Hall, S. Dillon Ripley Center

This program deals with the challenges faced by immigrants who came to the United States after the Immigration Act of 1965.

### **Creativity of Filipino Americans in Video, Film and Cinema**

Friday, Oct. 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Baird Auditorium, National Museum of Natural History

Join us for the world premiere of “Sandaan,” a documentary created for the Filipino American Centennial by Sonny Izon.

### **Filipino American Literary Writers**

Date and Venue: TBD

In this public program, contemporary Filipino American writers talk about their inspirations and their impact on American literature.

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