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LEESE STREET STUDIO



Named for the workspace of Filipino American artist, educator, and activist Carlos Villa (1936-2013), Leese Street Studio presents interdisciplinary work by artists of the Filipinx diaspora.

Mike Arcega and Paolo Asuncion

In this installment of the Leese Street Studio, we're offering you a bonus version of the usual artist portfolio. For those of you who haven't had a chance to experience the public art project by Mike Arcega and Paolo Asuncion titled TNT Traysikel, we've decided to make a little more room than what we usually provide our featured artists. The project has a lot of moving parts (forgive the pun) and we hope Alon readers will be able to experience the work's various registers.

JACK EN POY

Photo by Mark Baugh Sasaki



Mike Arcega and Paolo Asuncion play Jack en Poy (Tagalog version of Rock/Paper/Scissors) to determine who will drive TNT Traysikel next.

TNT TRAYSIKEL AND CREW, PAOLO ASUNCION AND MIKE ARCEGA

Portrait by Miguel Carrion



TNT Traysikel and Crew, Paolo Asuncion and Mike Arcega

SAMMAY DIZON IN TNT SIDECARAOKE

Photo by Beth LaBerge



Sammay Dizon participates in TNT SideCaraoke singing “I Don’t Want to Miss a Thing” by Aerosmith at the Mini-Mural Festival at SFMOMA in San Francisco, CA. Photo by Beth LaBerge.

SAMSON MANALO HOSTS AND GROOVES

Photo by Beth LaBerge



Samson Manalo hosts and grooves with the singer inside TNT
Traysikel at the Mini-Mural Festival at SFMOMA in San Francisco, CA.
Photo by Beth LaBerge

PINAY SECURITY GUARDS AT SFMOMA

Photo by Mike Arcega



Pinay security guards at SFMOMA pose with TNT Traysikel like it's a family member visiting the museum at the Mini-Mural Festival at SFMOMA in San Francisco, CA.

Photo by Mike Arcega

TNT TRAYSIKEL AND THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

Photo by Mark Baugh Sasaki



TNT Traysikel and the Golden Gate Bridge after crossing with the Norcal Pinoy Riders, a loose association of over 700 Filipino American motorcyclists in Northern California.

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TNT TRAYSIKEL AND THE TRANSAMERICA BUILDING

Photo by Mark Baugh Sasaki



TNT Traysikel and the Transamerica building, an iconic San Francisco landmark.
Photo by Mark Baugh Sasaki.

“YOUR MAMA IS SO FILIPINO”

Photo by Horatio Jung



“Your Mama is so Filipino” comedy competition as part of the MassMaryosep festival, the culminating event to a four-month-long artist in residency at the Saint Joseph’s Arts Society in San Francisco. The building is a deconsecrated church that use to house the largest congregation of Filipino and Filipino American Catholics in the United States.

Photo by Horatio Jung.

JAYDEN ALBRITTON BELTS OUT ABBA'S DANCING QUEEN

Photo by Paolo Asuncion



Jayden Albritton belts out Abba's *Dancing Queen* at a TNT SideCaraoke sessions at Saint Joseph's Arts Society. Arcega and Asuncion produced four M.A.S.S. events intended for filming that closed with karaoke. Topics for the M.A.S.S. (More Awareness Something Something) events were Fil-Am History, Fil-Ams in the Arts, Fil-Am cuisine and Performing Arts.

Photo by Paolo Asuncion.

SAMSON AND JOYCE MANALO SING A DUET



Samson and Joyce Manalo sing a duet at the TNT SideCaraoke session at the *Art for Action: After-After-Dark* event at the Exploratorium Museum in San Francisco.

MOTOS LINED UP BEFORE A PROTEST AGAINST ASIAN-HATE



Motos lined up before a protest-ride against Asian-Hate. The route began in the Excelsior district, through the Civic Center, Chinatown and culminated in SOMA Pilipinas Cultural Heritage District.

DISCOVERING TNT TRAYSIKEL



Hiraya Magazine Feature, Discovering TNT Traysikel.
A film by Francis Gum.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyYRsww0I2M&t=163s>

TNT SIDECARAOKE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S ARTS SOCIETY



TNT SideCaraoke at Saint Joseph's Arts Society.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fhZnCnm51M

TNT SideCaraoke Making Friends



TNT SideCaraoke Making Friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0Lyw5tvk54>