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**Second Generation Presents the Third Annual Concert of Excellence  
Celebrating Asian Americans in the Performing Arts**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003** - New York, NY- **Second Generation** is proud to present its Third Annual **Concert of Excellence** featuring the **Rémy X.O Excellence Awards** on Monday, December 1, 2003, 7:30 p.m., at Lincoln Center's New York State Theater. **Second Generation** will be holding a press conference this Thursday, October 30th, with producing partners **Rémy Martin** and **Chase Home Finance**, to announce surprise guests and additional performers.

Attendees of the concert will revel in a star-studded and talent-filled evening that Tony Award and past **Rémy X.O Excellence Award** winner **David Henry Hwang** calls "the most professional, most fun, and most prestigious event of its kind for Asian and Asian American artists." Luminaries from the worldwide Asian performing arts community will gather one night only for this celebration of song and dance that has been called "the Broadway Dream Team meets the Asian American Academy Awards."

One of the highlights of the extravaganza is the presentation of the **Rémy X.O Excellence Awards**, honoring Asian Americans who have made pioneering contributions to the performing arts. This year's honorees include **Lou Diamond Phillips** (Golden Globe-nominated actor for *Stand and Deliver*, *La Bamba*), **B.D. Wong** (Tony Award-winning actor, *Law and Order: SVU*, *Oz*), **Bai Ling** (star of the upcoming *Star Wars Episode III*), and **Jadin Wong** (legendary dancer and talent manager). Hollywood leading man **Jason Scott Lee** (*Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story*, *Lilo & Stitch*), a recipient of last year's Award, will enliven the audience as master of ceremonies, along with a host of celebrity presenters including **John Cho** (*American Wedding*, *Better Luck Tomorrow*) and **Randall Duk Kim** (*Matrix Reloaded* & *Matrix Revolutions*).

**Second Generation** Artistic Director **Welly Yang**, Tony Award-winning musical director **Jason Robert Brown** (*Parade*, *Urban Cowboy*), and Lucille Lortel Award-winning director/choreographer

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## Second Generation

bringing our stories to the world's stage



**Devanand Janki** (*Zanna Don't!*) have created an evening of top-notch entertainment. **Jason Robert Brown** is composing an original song for the *Concert of Excellence's* opening number. An ensemble of 30 performers, including stars of such musicals as *Flower Drum Song* (**Jose Llana, Emily Hsu**), *Nine* (**Rona Figueroa**), *Rent* (**Julie Danao**), and **Second Generation's** own musical *The Wedding Banquet* (**Tyley Ross** and **Dina Morishita**) will showcase the best of Broadway in over 14 numbers assembled just for the evening.

The select 60-voice Children's Choir of Excellence will be led by All American Boys Chorus Director **David Albulario** and presented by **Chase Home Finance**. The Children's Choir of Excellence will be featured performing 2 songs, including **Stephen Sondheim's** "Our Time."

With previous concerts having sold out Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, this year's **Concert of Excellence** at the New York State Theater promises to be the most spectacular to date.

Ticket prices are \$50, \$75, \$100, and \$250 VIP. Tickets are currently on sale at [www.coe.2g.org](http://www.coe.2g.org), and available by phone through **TheaterMania** at (212) 352-3101.

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The press conference will be hosted at one of the *Concert of Excellence* key sponsors, **Holiday Inn Downtown**. **Welly Yang**, star of *The Wedding Banquet: The Musical*, will be performing "This is True" a song from the musical that will be featured at this year's *Concert of Excellence*.

### Press Conference Details

Thursday, October 30, 2003  
2:00pm  
**Holiday Inn Downtown**  
138 Lafayette St (off Howard St), Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Cameras and photographers are welcome.

**RSVP:** Contact Blake at 212.925.5899 or [blake@2g.org](mailto:blake@2g.org) (RSVP required)

**Second Generation** is a New York based non-profit theater company dedicated to bringing Asian American stories to the world stage. The company commissions and produces full Broadway-scale musicals, such as *The Wedding Banquet: The Musical* and *Making Tracks*, and tours them nationally and internationally. In New York, the company produces and develops Off-Broadway plays, readings, concerts, and the upcoming off-Broadway hit, *The Karaoke Show*. The *Concert of Excellence* is sponsored by **Rémy Martin**, with major support from **Chase Home Finance**. Additional sponsors include **Mohegan Sun, Con Edison, Lehman Brothers, Holiday Inn Downtown, Amerasia Bank, Loftworks Discount Designer Clothing Company, Harold L. Lee & Sons Insurance, Inc, World Journal, NY1 News, and Pro Motion**. For more information on the *Concert of Excellence*, log onto [www.2g.org](http://www.2g.org).