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## Seeking Asian American Children Ages 7-13 for Prominent Lincoln Center Gala Concert

NEW YORK, NY - **Second Generation** announces a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for 15 select Asian American children from the tri-state area to perform at the new Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall in the fourth annual **Concert of Excellence**. The Concert of Excellence features an evening of performances by over thirty Asian American Broadway stars and our 15-member **2g Kids**. The festivities will culminate in the presentation of the Remy X.O Excellence Awards, whose past recipients have included **David Henry Hwang, Lou Diamond Phillips, and Mira Nair**. This year's celebration will be musical directed by Tony-Award winner **Jason Robert Brown**. The fourth annual Concert of Excellence will be held this fall on November 22, 2004.

Second Generation Founder/Artistic Director **Welly Yang** announced the return of Mr. **David Albulario**, the decade-long music director of the All American Boys Chorus (California), to once again lead the children in this "next level" for the professional theater company's youth outreach. "For children of Asian descent in America, growing up to be an actor or singer has not traditionally been in their world of possibilities. This intensive ensemble and concert are a great way to introduce children to positive role models and show them that no future is outside of their grasp," says Welly Yang.

Mr. Albulario maintains, "No matter what career they choose in their adult lives, exposing children to music and theater at a young age not only elevates their personal and emotional growth, but is also great fun. When else will they have the opportunity to perform on one of the world's great stages, with world-class performers?" One parent of a previous children's choir participant commented, "Performing on the stage of Carnegie Hall will forever be one of the greatest highlights of my thirteen-year-old's life."

Auditions for the select 15-member **2g Kids** will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 2:00-4:00PM, and Saturday September 25 from 10:00AM - 12 Noon, in New York City. Prior experience is not necessary. A prepared song is requested but not necessary. Children should prepare a song that best demonstrates his or her abilities. Please bring a prepared song with sheet music, CD or tape accompaniment. If accepted, there is no fee for joining this exclusive ensemble. Parents and children must be committed to weekly rehearsals.

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**If you are interested in auditioning, please schedule an appointment with the contact below.**

AUDITIONS - SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT with:

CONTACT: Hiram Chan  
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DATE: Saturday September 18, 2004  
TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00PM  
OR

DATE: Saturday September 25, 2004  
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12 Noon

LOCATION: 100 Lafayette Street, Suite 800, (1 block south of Canal St, bet. Walker & White Sts), New York, NY 10013.

Arabella Uhry, an 8-year old Concert of Excellence Children's Choir member, will be a featured guest on *The Tony Danza Show* promoting the Concert of Excellence, which airs weekdays at 10:00am (EST) on WABC-TV.

**Second Generation** is a New York-based non-profit theater company dedicated to bringing Asian American stories to the world's stage. The Concert of Excellence is the organization's annual benefit fundraiser to support Second Generation's programs and operations. Back by popular demand, Second Generation's original musical ***Making Tracks***, a rock musical about the history of Asian Americans in the U.S., will make its California premiere in March 2005 at the San Jose Repertory Theatre, followed by a limited engagement in April at the Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City. Second Generation recently completed a run of the musical adaptation of Ang Lee's Academy Award nominated film ***The Wedding Banquet***, directed by **John Tillinger**, a 3 time Tony-nominated Director in Seattle and Asia. The Concert of Excellence is sponsored by **Rémy Martin**, with support from **Chase Home Finance**. Additional sponsors include **Amerasia Bank**, **Holiday Inn Downtown**, **Loftworks@Lafayette, NY1**, **Time Warner Cable**, and **Con Edison**. For more information about the Concert of Excellence, log onto [www.coe.2g.org](http://www.coe.2g.org). For information on Second Generation, visit [www.2g.org](http://www.2g.org).

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