

Lahing
Kayumanggi
Dance
Company

Founded
1994

Promoting Filipino
culture & heritage
through dance,
music & song

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LK warms a wintry day at the British Museum



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On a bitterly cold afternoon on 31 January, the Philippine Embassy, in co-operation with the British Museum, presented Lahing Kayumanggi with two show stopping performances and workshops in the Great Court as part of the British Museum's ongoing weekend programme for children and families.

Attended by Ambassador and Mrs. Edgardo Espiritu, Consul General Tess de Vega, Consuls Bernie and Noel Fernandez, Consul Tess Lazaro and Cultural Officer Cecile Santos with their families, LK dazzled hundreds of people who occupied every available viewing space with *Banga* from the Cordillera, *Baile de Amor* from the Spanish legacy, *Asik* and *Singkil* from Mindanao, *Saya Sa Bati* and *Tinikling* from rural Philippines. LK dancers drew prolonged applause and cheers from the audience.

Children and adults queued eagerly to hop in and out of bamboo poles as LK dancers coaxed them to try dancing the *Tinikling* during the workshop. They were not disappointed. Quite a few people approached LK members to find

out more about the company and asked how they could join. Others just wanted to know when the next LK performance would be. For many, it was their first time to see Filipino dance and said they loved what they saw. "I have never seen Philippine dance and costumes before. Everything was stunning!", said one.

Claire Johnstone from the British Museum said the feedback from the audience was superb, and officials of the Philippine Embassy were all praises for LK's presentation. Consul General de Vega took no time in congratulating LK. She said "Galing ng LK. Thanks for promoting our culture. Mabuhay kayo!"

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