

Zac Zaguirre: Greek pin-up boy grows up

The name of 15-year-old Zac Zaguirre may not ring a bell yet, but we all have likely seen him before: As the son of, the brother of, the friend of, the cousin of or even the neighbor of some celebrity in some movie or TV project.

That's because the half-Greek Cypriot, half-Filipino has been in the periphery of show business since he was barely 7 years old. Discovered at a fashion show, Zac has had numerous commercials under his belt, ranging from fast food and mobile phone to corned beef and beverage brands.

Now six feet tall (and growing!), it is hard to believe that he played the young TJ Trinidad on "Gulong ng Palad," the young John Estrada on "Hiram" and the young Mark Herras on "Encantadia" just a couple of years ago. His most memorable performance was in the movie "Masikip sa Dibdib" for which he was nominated as Best Child Actor.

Zac was a cast member of the recently-ended "First Time" teen series. During an exclusive interview with Bulletin Entertainment, he refused to divulge any detail about the controversy that its star Jake Vargas and director Andoy Ranay are involved in.

"I was on the set when it happened but I wasn't within earshot where the incident took place so I can't say anything about it," he said in Filipino. "But from my own experience, I know that Direk Andoy is a funny guy who loves to crack jokes on the set."

The young actor has gotten accustomed to the nature and demands of his work. Late-night schedules,



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marathon shootings, and early morning call times don't faze him, neither is he daunted by the strain of repeating a scene over and over if needed.

"That's because I've always wanted to be a part of showbiz. Even before I entered, I already knew what I was up to so I was ready for all of these," he said.

Zac is a third year student at Dili-man Preparatory School. How do his classmates take to his celebrity status?

"Okay naman po. Some people like it, some don't."

And some perk up when they learn that Zac has worked with some of the biggest names in showbiz. His most re-

cent project was with John Lloyd Cruz, whom Zac describes as "mabait" and "simple."

While his next works are being negotiated, Zac, along with his 17-year-old sister, Skevie, are preparing to record their respective albums. Both have a strong pop music-inclination and they possess voices of a rounded tonal quality.

Asked who his musical heroes are, Zac rattles off the names of Erik Santos and Gary Valenciano, among others.

"I love singing. Even when my voice already breaks from trying to reach notes that may be too high for me, I still go at it if only for the joy of singing out loud," he said.

Zac said that he and Skevie usually get a second look from people when they find out about their Greek Cypriot lineage (from their father's side).

It's understandable considering that even the local showbiz scene — for all its Fil-Ams and Brapaneses — has not had stars born in the Hellenic Republic.

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Zac's real name is Neofytos Kyriakou. His first name means "new saint" in English.

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By JOJO P. PANALIGAN



Interior designer Chontelle Samios

Colour your walls

DON'T lament the departure of warm weather as the winter chill sets in. The approach of a new season provides an opportunity to explore uncharted frontiers, themes, ideas and colours inside the home and office says TV personality and interior designer Chontelle Samios.

Ms Samios, ambassador for connectfurniture.com.au an online furniture retailer, says it's time to get creative with colours in the cooler months.

"The grey palette features greatly as a replacement for the beige-on-beige and cream and off-white trends, which have been used liberally across homes and commercial environments," she said.

Grey is an important element used within colour schemes, with variations of grey tones creating an easy-to-live with decorating scheme that is sophisticated and understated, she said.

Accents of rich purple and brass hues are popular as the colours of the season. Splashes and highlights of acid or jewel shades provide a strong contrast to neutral, charred grey tones, injecting vibrancy and energy into interior settings.

Ms Samios suggests swapping the winter blues for sunny shades of yellow citrus and chartreuse to create high impact indoors. Or get cosy with colour by incorporating flashes of the season's rich, vivid hues of purple and aubergine.

"Colour is key in adding personality to a room, so don't be shy to add some into your world" she said.

Details: connectfurniture.com.au

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THE GAME OF FOLLY & PRUDENCE

Comedy by George Theotokas, presented by the Sydney University Greek Society, directed by Vrasidas Karalis

Time	4 & 5 June: 8.00pm, 6 June: 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Venue	Fusebox (Factory Theatre) 105 Victoria Road, Marrickville
Cost	Adults - \$15, Concession - \$12 (+ Booking Fees) MA15+
Contact	02 9550 3666
Language	Greek with English translations

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