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MISS UNIVERSE 2015 **Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach**, Miss Universe 2018 **Catriona Gray** and Concert King **Martin Nievera** will lend their voices to this year's **Love Gala: Courage Amplify** on May 11 at the ABS-CBN Vertis Tent in Quezon City.

Wurtzbach will launch a new advocacy campaign that promotes HIV treatment-as-prevention method, while Gray will offer words of courage in the 2019 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial ceremony to commemorate all those who lost their lives to the epidemic.

Meanwhile, Nievera will serenade audiences to show his support for the HIV/AIDS advocacy. Suklay Diva **Katrina Velarde**, Pinoy Dream Academy Season 2 Grand Star Dreamer **Laarni Lozada**, World Champions of Performing Arts winner **Rhap Salazar**, Prince of Ballads **Gerald Santos**, **Jeffrey Hidalgo**, **Ana Ramsey** and more will also lend their voices for the cause. In addition, **Zeus Collins** of the **Hashtags**, **AdLIB Dance Company** and **Hiraya Dance Company** will gracefully lend their moves to support the advocacy.

The second Ripple Awards will also be conferred at the Love Gala. This is given to individuals, organizations and initiatives that have greatly contributed to the HIV/AIDS advocacy. Esteemed panel of judges from World Health Organization, UNAIDS and other international and local institutions rigorously screened the awardees.

The charity-gala promises to be a memorable evening of exquisite music, worthwhile fundraising, and heartfelt recognition of movers in the HIV cause. For those who want to be part of this special night, tickets are available at [www.lovegala.org](http://www.lovegala.org).

Love Gala is hosted by LoveYourself and UNAIDS. LoveYourself is a nongovernment organization that provides free HIV education, testing and counseling, as well as treatment services, among others. Meanwhile, UNAIDS is leading the global efforts to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 as part of its Sustainable Development Goals.

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