



Lianah Sta. Ana will return to “Good Day New York” on Fox 5 on Nov. 23 to perform her winning piece at the Apollo Amateur Night.

Fil-Am singing champ Lianah Sta. Ana of Freehold, N.J. capped her series of appearances and two previous wins at the historic Apollo Theater by winning the Super Top Dog grand prize at the Apollo Amateur Night's “Child Stars of Tomorrow” category on Oct. 27.

“It was tough considering there were so many talents competing, but I had so much fun on and off stage and meeting new people,” says Sta. Ana, 11, who is the first ever Filipino to win the Super Top Dog prize at the Apollo's Amateur Night 75 years of existence.

As a grand winner, Sta. Ana will be riding Apollo's first ever “Top Hat” float at the 84th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, America's favorite holiday spectacular, slated on Nov. 25, and viewed by 3.5 million spectators lining the streets of Manhattan and over 50 million viewers across America.

Sta. Ana will join R&B icon Gladys Knight and other notable Apollo legends, who will all help celebrate Apollo's 75th anniversary in style.

Known as "the Soul of American Culture," the Apollo has hosted Amateur Night, its signature talent contest nearly every Wednesday night since 1934.

It has launched the singing careers of legendary artists like Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, James Brown, Smokey Robinson, Luther Vandross, the Isley Brothers, Michael Jackson, D'Angelo, Lauryn Hill, Gladys Knight and even Alicia Keys.

"Our jaws literally dropped when Apollo's executive producer informed us that Lianah will join Gladys Knight in one float at Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade," said Sta. Ana's mother Nailah. Sta. Ana said she will donate part of her \$2,000 prize cash to her favorite charity in the Philippines.

'Lucky charm'

Meanwhile, Mrs. Sta. Ana thanked Fil-Am designer Robin Tomas for his personal creations donned by Sta. Ana during her previous and most recent Apollo performances.

Robin made sure he was present every time Lianah competed at Apollo Theater.

"Robin Tomas' creation has somewhat served as a lucky charm for Lianah," said Mrs. Sta. Ana.

"We're very grateful to Robin for his untiring support and confidence in Lianah's talent."

Sta. Ana was one of the two big winners at the recent 14th World Championships Of the Performing Arts (WCOPA 2010) in Los Angeles.

She was named Junior Vocal Champion and Over-All Junior Grand Champion Performer of the World, a title won by Team Philippines in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

She bested numerous contestants from across the globe, including the Philippines.

Sta. Ana has been winning several singing competitions since last year, including the New York Knicks' Kidz Bop Sports Jamz Talent Search at Madison Square Garden in March.

She also sang the national anthem at a Staten Island Yankees game, and "America the Beautiful" at the U.S. Open at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing, N.Y.

A vocal student at the Staten Island Conservatory of Music since she was 5, she also has graced several Filipino concerts across the U.S.

She dreams of following the footsteps of her idol, Charice.