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## **JUDY TENUTA & ALEC MAPA – September 16, 2007**

(Sun. 5:00 pm) **Herbst Theatre – San Francisco**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2007 – 'Make It So' Productions presents Grammy-nominated comedienne **JUDY TENUTA**, the "Goddess of Comedy" and **ALEC MAPA**, "America's Gaysian Sweetheart" on **Sunday, September 16, 2007** at the Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue, SF. These two outrageous comedians will be appearing together for the first time and the performance will benefit the Native American AIDS Project ([www.naap-sf.org](http://www.naap-sf.org)). Judy is on the final leg of her national tour and Alec is hot on the heels of his smash appearance at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual GLAAD Media Awards.

Tickets (\$30) are now on sale at [www.cityboxoffice.com](http://www.cityboxoffice.com) and at **415/ 392 - 4400**.

**To arrange an interview with either Judy Tenuta or Alec Mapa,  
please call producer Steve Murray at 415/ 863-0741.**

**JUDY TENUTA** is the most famous person that ever lived. If you don't believe it just ask her! She was the very first stand-up to win "Best Female Comedian" at the American Comedy Awards. That same year she became the national spokesperson for a series of Diet Dr. Pepper commercials where she proclaimed "You can't get a body like mine in a bottle unless you push *real hard*."

Judy has starred in her own HBO, Showtime, and Lifetime Specials and has been seen on every major talk show. Most recently she was a special correspondent for "American Journal", and "Entertainment Tonight", where she conducted interviews with such celebrated public figures as Donald Trump and Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Judy has also had two smash comedy CD's and has been nominated twice for Grammy Awards for her "Attention Butt-Pirates and Lesbeterians", and "In Goddess We Trust". She is also the author of "The Power of Judyism" (Harper-Collins).

Judy has produced and starred in her own feature film, "Desperation Blvd." A romantic comedy about a former child star who stops at nothing to make a comeback. This hilarious but touching film costars Academy Award nominated actor Michael Lerner, Erin Moran, Will Shriner, and Weird Al Yankovic.

JUDY TENUTA web site - <http://www.judytenuta.com>

**ALEC MAPA** has been recognized as a master of "ethnic gender bending." During his career, he has portrayed a veritable rainbow of roles, including Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Mexican, Vietnamese, Filipino and Eurasian.

Mapa's first break occurred in 1989 when, fresh out of New York University, he was cast in a starring role in the hit Broadway play, David Henry Hwang's "M. Butterfly." During his three years with the show, he played opposite such actors as David Dukes, John Rubinstein, and Tony Randall.

After completing "M. Butterfly," for which he received an L.A. Drama Critics Award as Best Actor, Mapa created, wrote and starred in the one-man show "I Remember Mapa," in which he recounts an outsider's experience in show business from smoky cabarets to Broadway theatres. He then appeared in "Boulot," and "A Little Hotel on the Side," in which he co-starred with Rob Lowe, Tony Randall, Lynn Redgrave and Paxton Whitehead. His other stage credits include "Timons of Athens," "A Language of Their Own," "Porcelain" and "Half Lives."

On television, Mapa has been a guest star on such series as "Dharma & Greg," "Seinfeld," "Friends," "Law & Order," and "The Jamie Foxx Show," and has had recurring roles on the top-rated cop drama "N.Y.P.D. Blue," and the daytime drama "Another World."

Born in San Francisco to parents who immigrated to New York from the Philippines, Mapa fell in love with acting at the age of 12. While enrolled at NYU, he landed his first professional parts, including a lead role in the afterschool special "Super Mom's Daughter," and the film "Bright Lights, Big City," with Michael J. Fox.

ALEC MAPA website - <http://www.myspace.com/therealalecmapa>

**'Make It So' Productions** produces fundraising events for non-profit AIDS organizations in the Bay Area featuring music, comedy, theatre, spoken word, performance art and dance. **Founded in 1998** by Steve Murray, 'Make It So Productions' has produced over 100 shows and raised funds for a myriad of non-profit AIDS organizations.

**Native American AIDS Project (NAAP)** is one of the country's most comprehensive full-service HIV/AIDS programs for Native Americans and the only Native-specific HIV/AIDS service organization in California. The Native American AIDS Project's **mission** is to provide culturally competent services that celebrate the Native American culture to individuals living in the San Francisco Bay Area.

## **Calendar Editors, please note...**

**What:** 'Make It So' Productions presents  
**Who:** JUDY TENUTA and ALEC MAPA – the 'Goddess of Comedy' meets 'America's Gaysian Sweetheart'  
**Date:** Sunday, September 16, 2007 at 5PM  
**Venue:** Herbst Theatre  
401 Van Ness Avenue, SF CA 94102  
**Tickets:** \$30  
**Telephone:** 415/ 392 - 4400 or [www.cityboxoffice.com](http://www.cityboxoffice.com)  
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