Online kid's puppet show tackles self-expression

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THE FREE public interactive show Ang Red Dress ni Makisig, a 30-minute theatrical children-style handpuppetry production, aids the youth about breaking gender norms while promoting innovative reading and storytelling. Set in the fictional Catacutan Elementary School, the play follows nine-year-old transfer student Makisig who decides to wear a bright red dress on his first day in class. The puppet show was directed by John Gamboa, and written by Jack Denzel Gaza, Arjay Rosales, and Gabby Serafico, all of whom are members of Sining LABinsiyam (SiLAB), a group of Filipino student-artists and thespians. It is produced in collaboration with the Quezon City Public Library and De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde Service Learning Team. Shows — to be livestreamed via Zoom and Facebook — are scheduled on July 23, 10 a.m.; July 24, 2 p.m.; and July 25 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, visit the official Facebook pages of SiLAB (https://www.facebook.com/SiLAB119) or Benilde Theater Arts (https://www.facebook.com/benildetheaterarts).