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## *JORGE Z. ORTOLL, is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)*

WASHINGTON, D.C. January 31, 2010 - (PinoyGlobal) **Jorge Z. Ortoll**, is unanimously selected as one of the **2010 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)** by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by **Nonoy & Aida Mendoza** of the **FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE (FILIM)** and the **PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS (PGON)**, and the **ROXANNE ANDREA MENDOZA (RAM) MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**.

The **TOFA** project was initiated in 1990 and have been commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the Philippines. The bio-data of the 320 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the **PINOY GLOBAL ON LINE NEWS**: [HTTP://WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM](http://www.filamimage.com), a 24/7 global web site.

The **CRITERIA, HISTORY** and other **TOFA** informations are found in the popular website. A complete copy issue of **FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's** 2006, 2007 & 2008 Souvenir Journals, detailing more one hundred pages of bio-data of the **2009 TOFA** awardees and photographs; VIP Special Messages and including all the Congratulatory Messages and ADs, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally. An unprecedented feat in Filipino journalism.

The 3-day 14th annual event starts on **Thursday, Sept. 09, 2010** with an informal get-together for the awardees and their special guests. The following, **Friday, Sept. 10th**, the VIP Luncheon at JW Marriott Hotel, and at night, the fabulous welcome dinner reception at the **Philippine Embassy**. The following day, **Saturday, Sept. 11th**, a sight-seeing tour, and photo opportunity around the Nations' Capital, capped with a memorable VIP Dim Sum Luncheon. At night, **Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010**, is a formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony. After the gala is the traditional Filipino breakfast which will end the whirlwind social functions.

Born and raised in Manila, Jorge is the fourth of five children of Jose Antonio Ortoll of Barcelona and Concepcion Zaragoza of Manila. He went to San Beda College from Grade I up thru High School.

He holds a B.A. degree in Economics and Accounting from Holy Cross College (Worcester, Massachusetts) and an M.B.A. degree from Columbia University. While a junior executive at Citibank in Manila, he was bitten by the theatre bug and has not looked back.



**JORGE Z. ORTOLL,**  
**Executive Director, Ma-Yi Theater**  
**Company**

As an actor, director and stage manager, he has worked with National Asian American Theatre Company, La Mama ETC, Public Theater, Manila Theatre Guild, Tanghalang Pilipino, Repertory Philippines, and Terre de Scene in Liguge, France, among others.

Jorge assumed the position of Executive Director for Ma-Yi in 1991, and up through 2004, produced all of its productions and oversaw its steady growth and respect in the industry and in the communities it serves. He believes that the bedrocks of longevity for an arts organization, besides artistic excellence, are fiscal responsibility and responsiveness to the communities that it is important to.