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## **2016 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Gala Welcomes Special Performer Rita Carpio**

**Vancouver, BC** – Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Gala, one of Vancouver’s premier charity events is making its annual entrance this coming Saturday! Hosted by S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation, the annual gala will take place on March 12th, 2016, at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver. The Foundation hopes to raise another \$500,000 for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. services that receive no or limited government funding for those in need in the Metro Vancouver community.

“The purpose for us to raise the needed funds is to sustain, enhance and develop appropriate social services for our communities,” said Jason and Walter. “We are indebted and grateful to our generous sponsors and donors for their continued support to this amazing event. It is their concerted efforts that made this event a resounding success year after year. A special mention is due to Air Canada for their unwavering partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S. for the past 20 years as the Official Airline Sponsor. Since 1997, Air Canada has flown in excess of 100 artists, including this year’s special performer, Rita Carpio, from Asia to Vancouver to participate in our annual galas.”

At the press conference Co-Chairs of the 2016 Gala, Jason Lam and Walter Soo, officially welcomed the evening’s special performer, Rita Carpio, one of Hong Kong’s leading songstress and actor, to Vancouver.

Rita Carpio expressed her delight in participating in Saturday night’s gala. “I am overwhelmed in receiving such a warm welcome from Vancouver. I am pleased to be able to lend a helping hand to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation,” said Rita Carpio. Joining Rita as guest performer will be Vancouver’s favorite son Federico Fuoco.

First launched in 1979, the annual S.U.C.C.E.S.S. fundraising gala has grown to be one of the most celebrated charity events in Vancouver. Each year the Gala is well attended by the three-levels of government, community and business leaders. Since inception the event has raised over 10 million dollars for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. programs and services.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation, incorporated in December 2001, is a charitable foundation responsible for raising funds for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and its affiliated organizations to support their mandates for the betterment of the community. For more details, please visit: [www.successfoundation.ca](http://www.successfoundation.ca).

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## Artist Profile

### Rita Carpio



Rita Maria Carpio was born into a musical family. In 1982, Rita entered the inaugural New Talent Singing Awards International Finals in Hong Kong and garnered the first runner-up title in the competition. During the 1980s, Rita recorded music albums in both English and Cantonese. Her popularity rose in the late 80s through the 90s. In 1990, her duet with Ram Chiang, *No Need to Know One Another*, was a top ten winner at the 13th Top Ten Chinese Gold Songs Award in Hong Kong. This and many of her other popular tunes, including *Kneeling at the Door*, have joined the list of classic Cantonese pop songs.

In 2014, at the invitation of Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB) and Ram Chiang, Rita joined the cast of *Come On, Cousin*, a popular TVB comedy series in Hong Kong. Her role in the series commanded rave reviews and brought Rita's popularity back into the limelight.

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