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My friend **Cheryl Saban**, Ph.D., is a psychologist, author, philanthropist and advocate for women and children. She's also a regular blogger on women, families and social issues on Huffingtonpost.com and Intent.com. Her new book, "**What is Your Self-Worth**" "is meant to inspire women to rediscover, expose, and express their inner sense of worth and personal empowerment."

Hall a program of American classics interwoven with classic film clips scored by her late father, making the night even more memorable.

venues of America. Sing Sing was an exquisite, breathtaking multimedia performance that made me go inwards, inside the core and simplicity of nature, sounds, and beauty that transcends cultures, uniting us all. Created by multi-award-winning musician **David Bridie**. The 13 performers on this tour included dancer **Djakapurra Munyarrun** and vocalist **George Telek**.



Advanced preorders available for a new book by Michael Kenna and I (<http://www.nazraeli.com>) "**Love in black and white,**" comprised of 45 of my original love poems, accompanied by selected photographs of **Kenna's** landscapes made in locations around the world. Beautifully printed on natural Japanese paper in a limited edition of 1,500 hardcover copies, published by Nazraeli Press.



Mexican-American singer **Lila Downs'** performance was full of passion, with high energy all the way to the end. Downs performed a cross-cultural blend of Mexican roots music, in which blues and jazz cohabitate with rap and ranchera, and honky-tonk swings alongside romantic boleros, which brought the house down and begging for more.

There seem to be a resurgence of **Fado**. L.A.'s own **David Roussève** and his troupe **REALITY** presented a piece of shattering dance theater co-commissioned by UCLA Live, "Saudade", a mosaic of character monologues told from a southern, African American perspective set to contemporary and traditional Fado recordings. The piece was personal but with political overtones, unique work that makes you think and inspired. I especially enjoyed the set and prop design by **Peter Melville** along with lighting director **Christopher Kuhl**.

My acupuncturists in Santa Monica, **Dr. Duong Ha**, and his wife **Dr. Ping** are two not only exceptional acupuncturists, but people as well. What I also look forward in my sessions with Dr. Ha is his story telling, life's philosophy and poetry. During my last visit while he's piercing needles throughout my body, I asked him "what the heck are we doing here?" Meaning the purpose of life. He smiled as he always does and said, "To have courage," he said. "You need courage to love, to believe in yourself and to have courage you must earn it, it cannot be given to you." Before leaving he sang me a lovely song in Chinese, which he had written. Again the pain of the needles seemed nothing as I smiled about the truth and music I had just heard.



**UCLA LIVE:** Two-time Grammy nominee **Monica Mancini** has appeared as a concert performer with major orchestras worldwide and recorded with artists from **Placido Domingo** to **Quincy Jones**. The daughter of famed film composer **Henry Mancini** and the singer **Ginny Mancini**, Monica and her band performed at Royce



As I was watching **Sing Sing** perform, I couldn't help but think of how director **David Sefton** has changed the fabric of the Performing Arts in LA. His undeniable rich, sophisticated and broad vision has made UCLA LIVE certainly one of the greatest cultural

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