



Manila Chamber Singers – MCS Inc.

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MANILA CHAMBER SINGERS

The Manila Chamber Singers (MCS) is composed of students and non-professional singers from different vocations who share a passion for choral music. Founded in April 1999, MCS has a repertoire which includes standard international choral songs as well as commissioned arrangements of popular music and OPM (Original Pilipino Music). MCS has performed in several concerts and outreach performances in the Philippines' important cultural venues.

MCS has represented the Philippines in various international choir festivals and competitions in Europe and Asia. In 2004, MCS represented the Philippines in the 10th Levanto International Choral Festival in Levanto, La Spezia, Italy; and at the Alta Pusteria International Choral Festival in Sudtiro, Italy, where the choir garnered critical acclaim. At the 18th International Festival of Academic Choirs (IFAS) in Pardubice, Czech Republic, MCS won two Gold Diplomas in the Mixed Chamber Choir Category and Best Interpretation of Czech music, Silver Diploma in the Folksong Category, the Audience Prize and Finalist in the Grand Prix IFAS. The choir also finished fourth in the Folksong Category at the 41st International Choral Competition in Spittal an der Drau-Carinthia, Austria. At the 3rd Choral Olympics in Bremen, Germany, MCS won the Silver Medal in the Musica Sacra Acapella Category and Bronze Medal in the Mixed Chamber Choir Category.



In 2006, MCS participated in the 8th China International Chorus Festival held in Beijing, China, and won the second prize for the Intermediate Age Group category and the award for the Best Performance of Competition Piece.



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In 2007, MCS won the Silver Diploma in the Mixed Choir Category and the Gold Diploma - 2nd Place in the Folksong Category at the 8th International Choir Competition in Bad Ischl, Salzkammergut, Austria. They were also awarded the Special Prize of the Town of Bad Ischl for the Best Folkloric Programme.

In 2011, MCS won the Grand Prix at the 3rd Antalya International Choir Festival in Antalya, Turkey. They also won First Prize in the Mixed Choir category. At the 3rd International Anton Bruckner Choir Competition in Linz, Austria, they won a Gold Diploma in the Musica Sacra category, and a Silver Diploma in the Mixed Choir category. The group was also one of the finalists for the Anton Bruckner Prize. They were the only choral group from Asia to participate at the 6th Sine Musica Nulla Vita International Choir Festival in Egel, Germany, and were the highlight of the festival. They also joined the 51st International Sacred Music Festival “Virgo Lauretana” in Loreto, Italy.

In 2012, MCS participated in the 15th International Choral Kathaumixw in Powell River, British Columbia, Canada. They won First Prize in the Folk and Cultural Traditions category, First Prize in the Contemporary Choral Music category and Second Prize in the Adult Mixed Choir category. One of their songs for the Contemporary Music category was written by a choir member and set to music by another choir member.

The Choir is the organizer of two of the Philippines’ choral festivals: The Colors of Worship: A Festival of Sacred Choral Music, featuring church-based choirs (since 2004) and the Manila Choral Festival (since 2007) featuring some of the Philippines’ internationally-renowned choirs. Recently last March 2013, MCS hosted the 2-week visit to the Philippines of the Young Voices of Egel Chamber Choir from Germany, and organized the activities of the visit, to include cultural tours and other leisure trips outside of Manila, a choral workshop, radio interview, an outreach concert, and a gala concert.

Through all these efforts, MCS aims to share their passion for music and promote Filipino culture to audiences in the Philippines and all over the world.



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WILLIAM LLOYD S. CORDERO (b.1978)

Choirmaster

William Cordero completed his Diploma in Creative and Performing Musical Arts (2004) at the University of the Philippines, College of Music. He was a piano major for two years and shifted to choral conducting because of his passion for teaching and conducting choral music in his home church. While in college, he joined the *UP Vocal Ensemble* directed by Dr. Raul Navarro, and the *Asian Youth Singing Ambassadors* which was handled by Prof. Andrea Veneracion on its first year.

From 1999 to 2003, he was the choir director of the *Manila Children's Choir* (MCC). He conducted them on their 20th anniversary, and performed Dr. Verne dela Pena's sacred work for children. After his graduation recital of March 2004, he was encouraged by his professors and fellow parents to continue the training of his elementary students. Thus, *Metropolitan Children's Choir* (MetCC) was organized with the vision to promote children's choral music. On its first year, he led the choir in several events in Metro Manila.



In 2003, he joined the *Manila Chamber Singers* (MCS), one of the award-winning choirs in the Philippines. In June 2004, he toured and performed with them in Italy, Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, and France. He was also the accompanist of MCS and performed at the Gustav Mahler Hall in *Alta Pusteria International Choral Festival* in Sudtiroil, Italy. He was part of the group that won silver and bronze in the 3rd *Choir Olympics* in Bremen, Germany,

The MetCC won several awards under his guidance. In December 2005, they won 1st place in the 11th *Paskong Himig sa Lungsod ng Pasig* (11th Christmas Hymns in Pasig City). The choir went on to participate in the 4th *World Choir Games* in Xiamen, China, where they received a silver diploma in the Children's Choir category. The group also received a gold diploma (champion of the category) in the Music of the Religions category which qualified them to compete in the Choir Olympic Round, where they received bronze medals.

Currently, he is active as the Music Director of Bible Baptist Church of Villa Alegre. He is the Assistant Administrator of Lifeway Baptist Academy, where he also teaches music to elementary and high students. He also teaches choral music at elementary and high school levels at Binangonan Garden of Learners. He counts it a blessing to have been chosen as the conductor of MCS in August 2010, and to be part of the Third European Tour from April to June 2011. The group got 1st place in the Mixed Chamber Category and bagged the Grand Prix in the 3rd *Antalya International Choir Festival* in Antalya, Turkey. They also won a Gold Diploma VI at the *Third International Anton Bruckner Choir Competition and Festival* in Linz, Austria.

Cordero's conducting professors include Dean Rey Paguio, Dr. Joel Navarro, Dr. Raul Navarro, Mark Carpio, Jai Sabas-Aracama, and Eudenic Palaruan. He also attended seminars with Dr. Laszlo Nemes of Hungary and Vytautas Miškinis of Lithuania.

He is married to the former Ruth Quiñones, and they have two daughters.



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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

JULY 2012 15th International Choral Kathaumixw (Powell River, British Columbia, Canada)

- FIRST PRIZE- Folk and Cultural Traditions Category
- FIRST PRIZE- Contemporary Choral Music Category
- SECOND PRIZE- Adult Mixed Choir Category

JUNE 2011 3RD International Anton Bruckner Choir Competition (Linz, Austria)

- GOLD DIPLOMA- Musica Sacra Category
- SILVER DIPLOMA- Mixed Chamber Choir Category
- FINALIST- Anton Bruckner Prize

APRIL 2011 3RD Antalya International Choir Festival (Antalya, Turkey)

- GRAND PRIX WINNER
- FIRST PRIZE- Mixed Choir Category

APRIL 2007 8th International Choir Competition (Bad Ischl, Salzkammergut, Austria)

- GOLD MEDAL- Folksong Category
- SILVER MEDAL- Mixed Choir Category
- SPECIAL PRIZE OF THE CITY OF BAD ISCHL- Best Folkloric Program

JULY 2006 8TH China International Chorus Festival (Beijing, China)

- SILVER MEDAL
- SPECIAL PRIZE- Excellent Performance of A Chinese Composition

JULY 2004 3rd Choir Olympics (Bremen, Germany)

- SILVER MEDAL- Musica Sacra Acapella Category
- BRONZE MEDAL- Mixed Chamber Choir Category

41st International Choral Competition (Spittal an der Drau, Carinthia, Austria)

- 4th place- Folksong Category

JUNE 2004 18th International Festival of Academic Choirs (IFAS) (Paradubice, Czech Republic)

- GOLD DIPLOMA- Mixed Chamber Choir Category
- GOLD DIPLOMA- Best Interpretation of Czech Music
- SILVER DIPLOMA- Folksong Category
- FINALIST- Grand Prix IFAS
- AUDIENCE PRIZE

MARCH 2003 Voice of Memories Choral Competition (NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio, Makati, Philippines)

- 3rd prize
- PREMIO PUBLICO

DECEMBER 2000 15TH Rotary Club Annual Choral Competition (Binondo, Manila)

- GRAND PRIZE



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MCS News Articles, Videos, and Photos

2012 <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/278645/pinoyabroad/news/19-phl-choirs-make-it-to-list-of-1-000-best-choirs-in-the-world>

MCS 2004 European Tour

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/17578727@N00/75036658/in/photostream/>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zWlU6RBIJg>
<http://www.philippine-embassy.de/bln/images/PhilNewsJournal/pnj3q.pdf>

MCS 2007 European Tour

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0481D438134D3140>

MCS 2011 European Tour

<http://www.pinoychoirs.com/2011/03/manila-chamber-singers-3rd-european.html>
<http://www.ankarascene.com/haber/and-the-winner-is-8230-manila-chamber-singers-920.html>
<http://www.sinemusica.de/modules/weblinks/singlelink.php?lid=42&lang=english>
<http://www.pinoy-ofw.com/news/9176-manila-chamber-singers-antalya-international-choir-festival.html>
http://www.interkultur.com/es/leftnavi/ranking-mundial/list/?tx_amranking_pi1%5Blist_id%5D=1&tx_amranking_pi1%5Bpointer%5D=2
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/interkulturevents/5803851315/in/photostream/>
<http://vimeo.com/album/1614079>

MCS 2012 Canada Tour

<http://www.kathaumixw.org/past.shtml>
http://www.bayanihan.ca/ilaw/Ilaw_JUNE_2012.pdf
<http://www.prpeak.com/articles/2012/07/12/community/arts/doc4ffcc30719e7f395870171.txt>
http://www.snapvictoria.com/?option=com_sngevents&id%5B%5D=418272
<http://www.bclocalnews.com/entertainment/159781695.html?mobile=true>
<http://mabuhayonline.ca/gallery/>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOXbnK74mIc>
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqTluVV7_E4

MCS 2013 Visit of Young Voices of EgeIn, Germany

<http://dzfe.febc.ph/freundschaft-und-musik-german-and-filipino-choirs/>
<http://www.studymode.com/essays/Manila-Chamber-Singers-1713486.html>
http://www.manila.diplo.de/Vertretung/manila/en/_events/Young_20Voices_20in_20Manila.html?archive=2659958

MCS Concerts Presented

2006 Colors of Worship 3: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/17578727@N00/145006463/>
2008 Colors of Worship 5: <http://foofind.is/en/download/as!gtT5wFNqLWBV9/MCS%20Colors%20of%20Worship%205%3A%20Barlin%20Kantorei.html>
2009 Colors of Worship 6: Mozarts Coronation Mass <http://dzfe.febc.ph/classicallive/?p=58>
2010 Madz Greatest Hits <http://www.pinoychoirs.com/2010/05/philippine-madrigal-singers-greatest.html>
2011 Crossing Borders <http://www.mypcda.org/april-2011.html>
2011 Let There Be Praise <http://www.philippinechoralguild.com/headliners.html>
2012 Colors of Worship 7 <https://www.facebook.com/events/285353528200449/>
2013 A Moment of Choral Music: Concert for a Cause <http://artifacts.blogspot.com/2013/04/manila-chamber-singers-moment-of-choral.html>



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Touring Cast for Australia 2013

22 Members

Sopranos

1. Capaque, Amethyst Joy A.
2. Lacay, Leica Kathrina D.
3. Nogales, Eline Jeanne S.
4. Petate, Marie Pauline I.
5. Tabelisima, Riva Ruth L.

Altos

1. Corporal, Rowena A.
2. Endriga, Yumi A.
3. Gesite, Joanne Carmela
4. Lao, Christine Izha A.
5. Rubio, Adrienne

Tenors

1. Guinto, Marck Louie M.
2. Mendoza, Angelo Paulo G.
3. Nicolas, Reginald S.
4. Ocay, Eavnicer S.
5. Paderes, Randy
6. Solita, Mark Austin D.

Basses

1. Baniqued, Vien-Lori B.
2. Bautista, Ruben Joseph G.
3. Carandang, Daniel James D.
4. Guande, Avelino Mendez
5. Uy, Alejandro A.

Choir Conductor: Cordero, William Lloyd





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Australian Tour 2013

Profile of Tour Cast



Name: William Lloyd S. Cordero
Work/Occupation: Assistant Administrator & Music Teacher / Lifeway Baptist Academy
School/Year of Graduation: University of the Philippines Diliman, College of Music 2004
Age and birthday: 35 / May 8, 1978
Email: willcordero2003@yahoo.com; williamlloydordero@ymail.com
Entry year in MCS: 2003 (Tenor)
Tours with MCS: Europe Tour (2004); Turkey-Europe Tour (2011); British Columbia, Canada (2012)
Hobbies/Interests: travel and table tennis



Name: Yumi A. Endriga
Work/Occupation: IT Consultant /Accenture
School/Year of Graduation: BS Mathematics, University of the Philippines Diliman, 1991
Age and Birthday: 42/November 24, 1970
E-Mail: yumi_endriga@hotmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2010/Alto
Tours with MCS: 2011 Europe, 2012 Canada
Hobbies/Interests: Watching TV



Name: Alejandro A. Uy, Jr
Occupation: Marketing Services Officer, RCBC
School/Year of Graduation: BS Home Economics, University of the Philippines – Diliman/2007
Age and Birthday: 27, 3 September 1985
Email: alejandro_a_uy@yahoo.com; aauy@rcbc.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2012/Bass1
Tours with MCS: not applicable
Hobbies/Interests: Chorale Music, Portrait and Fashion Photography, Digital Art, Photoshop, Ballroom Dancing



Name: Joanne Carmela Gesite
Occupation: HR Services Manager
School/Year of Graduation: University of the Philippines – Diliman/2004
Age and Birthday: 30, 20 September 1982
Email: joanne.gesite@gmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Alto 2
Tours with MCS: not applicable
Hobbies/Interests: Legend of the Five Rings (CCG), Events Management



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Name: Angel Paulo G. Mendoza
Occupation: Violinist/Violin Teacher
School/Year of Graduation: University of Santo Tomas, Bachelor of Music Major in Violin, undergrad
Age and Birthday: 23, March 25, 1990
Email: eypimendoza@gmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Tenor
Tours with MCS: not applicable
Hobbies/Interests: Music, Playing instruments (Violin, Viola, Cello, Guitar), Drawing, Books



Name: Edlin Jeanne S. Nogales
Occupation: Singer/Voice Teacher, Violinist
School/Year of Graduation: University of Santo Tomas, Bachelor of Music Major in Musical Theater, undergrad
Age and Birthday: 22, April 29, 1991
Email: edlinjeanne@yahoo.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Soprano
Tours with MCS: not applicable
Hobbies/Interests: Music, Musical Theater, Swimming



Name: Avelino M. Guande
Occupation: Music Teacher/Conductor
School/Year of Graduation: University of the Philippines Diliman, College of Music/April 2, 2011
Age and Birthday: 35/ Sept. 1, 1978
Email: abetguande@yahoo.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Bass
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: music, playing basketball, volleyball, singing



Name: Leica Kathrina D. Lacay
Occupation: Jr. Financial Planning Officer, RCBC Corp.
School/Year of Graduation: University of Santo Tomas, 2005
Age and Birthday: 25, February 25, 1988
Email: lkdilacay@gmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Soprano 2
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: travel and watching movies



Name: Randy S. Paderes
Occupation: Accountant/Professor
School/Year of Graduation: 2006/Polytechnic University of the Philippines Manila
Age and Birthday: 27/October 27, 1985
Email: randypaderes@yahoo.com.ph
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Tenor
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: reading books, movies, teaching



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Name: Marie Pauline I. Petate
Occupation: Student
School/Year of Graduation: Technological University of the Philippines/BS Industrial Education-Home Economics
Age and Birthday: 19/ July 31, 1994
Email: mpauline_06@yahoo.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Soprano 2
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: reading, watching movies, travel



Name: Vien-Lori B. Baniqued
Occupation: Student
School/Year of Graduation:
Age and Birthday: 17/ May 14, 1996
Email: vielo145@yahoo.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Bass
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: music, playing basketball, football, baseball, dancing, singing, and surfing the internet



Name: Adrienne M. Rubio
Occupation: HR Associate
School/Year of Graduation: BS Psychology, St. Louis University, Baguio, Philippines
Age and Birthday: March 17, 1986
Email: adrierubio@gmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2010/Alto
Tours with MCS: Europe 2011



Name: Marck Lowie M. Guinto
Occupation: Painter
School/Year of Graduation: Technological University of the Philippines
Age and Birthday: 21/October 18, 1991
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Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Tenor
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: painting, cooking



Name: Riva Ruth L. Tabelisma
Work/Occupation: Church Project Coordinator - United Methodist Church
School/Year of Graduation: Philippine Christian University, BA Psychology 2010; Philippine Christian University MAEd-Educational Administration - presently enrolled
Age and Birthday: January 4, 1978
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Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2012/Soprano



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Name: Eavnicer S. Oca
Work/Occupation: CSA, Expert Global Solutions
School/Year of Graduation: BS Computer Science, Far Eastern University-Fern College
Age and Birthday:
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Entry year in MCS/Voice Section:
Tours with MCS: 2001 Europe Tour, 2012 Canada Tour
Hobbies/Interests: Basketball



Name: Daniel James D. Carandang
Occupation: Senior Associate
School/Year of Graduation: 2007/Baptist Heritage Bible College
Age and Birthday: 28/ January 11, 1985
Email: mr.danieljamesc@gmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2011/Bass
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: cooking, badminton, watching movies



Name: Reginald S. Nicolas
Occupation: IT Consultant/Systems Analyst/Accenture
School/Year of Graduation: Mapua Institute of Technology/2006
Age and Birthday: 29/January 31, 1984
Email: reginaldnicolas@gmail.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2009/Tenor
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: music, movies, online games



Name: Rowena A. Corporal
Occupation: Product Consultant
School/Year of Graduation: Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)/1998
Age and Birthday: 35/March 22, 1977
Email: rowena_agudo22@yahoo.com
Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Alto 1
Tours with MCS: n/a
Hobbies/Interests: watching movies, reading



Name: Mark Austin D. Solita
Occupation: Government Employee
School/Year of Graduation: University of Makati BS Marketing, Masters in Public Administration on going
Age and Birthday: 23, March 22, 1990
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Entry year in MCS/Voice Section: 2013/Tenor
Tours with MCS: not applicable
Hobbies/Interests: Music, Singing, playing Volleyball



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Draft Concert Repertoire

SACRED

Alleluia
I Can Tell The World
Psalm 100. Jauchzet Dem
Dakilang Katapatan
Sa Iyong Mga Yapak

SPIRITUALS / INTERNATIONAL

I Can Tell The World
Swing Down Chariot
Baba Yetu
Waltzing Matilda
Duerme Negrito
J'entends Le Moulin

SECULAR and CONTEMPORARY

The Road Home
Sure on This Shining Light
Hard By A Crystal Fountain (Early English Madrigal)
Arcturus: Night

FILIPINO FOLK SONGS

Paruparong Bukid
Kruhay
Vochong
Bannatiran
Tingkatulog
Rosas Pandan

POP MUSIC

Let It Be
Seasons of Love
Fix You
What A Wonderful World
In My Life
Boogie Wonderland
Baby Medley
Ngayon at Kailanman
Now That I Have You

All-Male:

For The First Time
Sana Maulit Muli

All-Female:

For Good (from Wicked)
Aegis Medley

