



THE ASIA CONCERT

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27 NOVEMBER 2022 | 6 PM, PHT
GT-Toyota Asian Center Auditorium, UP Diliman, Quezon City

FEATURING

UP Kontra Gapi · HallyUP · Kara David · Henelito Sevilla · Dulce Natividad
Tina Clemente · JM Merciales · Joelle Jacinto · MCM Santamaria

Dr. Arwin Tan and NOVO CONCERTANTE MANILA

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NOVO CONCERTANTE MANILA

Established 1998

Novo Concertante Manila is a chamber choir from Quezon City, Philippines. It was originally formed as a recital choir, and it continues to reinvent itself to be "a choir with a purpose." The choir received the "Ani ng Dangal" award four times from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in recognition of Novo's achievements in international choral competitions.

The choir's repertoire covers music from the Renaissance period to the 21st century, showcasing the various possibilities of the human voice. Aside from the classic choral compositions of European masters such as Palestrina, Gesualdo, Monteverdi, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and many others, the Novo Concertante Manila sings interesting folk, popular and contemporary songs from around the world, highlighting music written by Filipino composers and arrangers, such as Francisco Feliciano, Lucio San Pedro, Ramon Santos, Ryan Cayabyab, Ruben Federizon and Eudenic Palaruan. The choir has premiered many works of its resident composers and arrangers: Ralph Hoffmann, Jay-el Viteño, Joshua Cadelina, and Tinnah de la Rosa, among others.

In its 24-year history, Novo Concertante Manila has competed and won in several international choral competitions. Among which are the Grand Prize Awards at the 49. *Międzynarodowy Festiwal Pieśni Chóralnej w Międzyzdrojach* in Międzyzdroje, Poland in 2014; the 1st *Asia Cantate International Choral Competition* in Phuket, Thailand and the Grand Prix in the Mixed Choir Category of the 1st *Xinghai Prize Choir Championships* in Guangzhou, China in 2012. In 2009, Novo won the 1st Prize (Kunstlied Kategorie) and 2nd Prize (Volkslied Kategorie) at the 46^e *Internationaler Chorwettbewerb* in Spittal an der Drau, Austria and the 1st Prize in the Polyphonic Category at the *LV Certamen Internacional de Habaneras y Polifonia* in Torre Vieja, Spain. In 2003, the Novo Concertante Manila emerged as the Grand Prize winner at the 1st *A Voyage of Songs International Choral Competition* in Genting Highlands, Malaysia.

The choir has performed in numerous International and local choral festivals such as the *XII Festival Internazionale Seghizzinregione* in Udine, Italy (2014), *50th and 53th Organ and Choral Festival in Kamien Pomorski* (2014 and 2018), Poland, the *7th and 10th Organ Festival* in Szczecin, Poland (2014 and 2018), and the *6th and 9th International Edmund Szymański Choral Festival* in Murowana Goślina, Poland (2014 and 2018), *Strings of Unity* in Yilan, Taiwan (2014), *Glorificamus Te I, II, and III* in Manila, Philippines (2014, 2015, and 2016), the *Chinese Choral Music Festival* in Kuala Lumpur (2010), the *1st Manila Choral Festival* (2007), the *2nd International Silent Film Festival* (2008), the *Jubilate Choral Festival* in Singapore (2004), the *Mundawit*, "Madz et al." and "A Merry Novo Christmas" Choral Festivals. It is currently ranked no. 3 in the Top 1000 mixed choirs of the world by Interkultur, Germany.

The Novo Concertante Manila sings at the Christ the King Church in Green Meadows, Quezon City.