

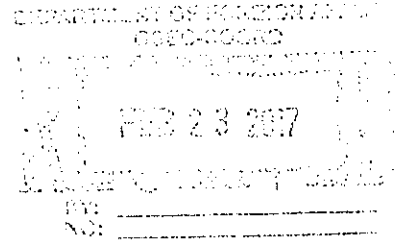


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February 21, 2017

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HONORABLE PERFECTO YASAY JR.
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
11/F, Department of Foreign Affairs
Roxas Blvd., Pasay City



Dear Honorable Yasay:

Greetings from the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP).

Following the highly successful Andrea O. Veneracion International Choral Festival held in August 2013 and 2015, we are pleased to inform you that the Cultural Center of the Philippines is mounting the **ANDREA O. VENERACION INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL, MANILA 2017** on July 20-23, 2017. The Festival shall open its doors to choirs from different parts of the world who wish to compete in the Folk Song, Vocal Ensemble and Chamber Choir categories.

In this connection, we would like to seek your assistance in promoting this event through the different Philippine Embassies and Consular Offices abroad, particularly those in North and South America, Australia, South Africa, Europe and Asia.

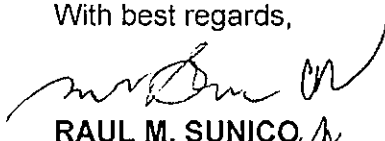
Attached is the general information of the Festival. Full details of the Competition and information on how to apply can be accessed through the following links: <http://culturalcenter.gov.ph/> or <http://artseducation.culturalcenter.gov.ph> or through its Facebook page: Andrea O. Veneracion International Choral Festival.

We are certain that the assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs in disseminating this information, as it has done in 2013 and 2015, will once more be effective in the promotion of the Festival.

For inquiries, you may contact the Festival Director, Ms. Melissa Corazon V. Mantaring through the email address: choralfestmnl2017@gmail.com

Thank you very much for your support.

With best regards,


RAUL M. SUNICO
President

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**ANDREA O. VENERACION INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL
MANILA, 2017
July 20-23, 2017
Cultural Center of the Philippines**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Following the huge success of the 1st and 2nd Andrea O. Veneracion International Choral Festival, Manila held in August 2013 and July 2015, respectively, the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) is pleased to announce the 3rd Andrea O. Veneracion International Choral Festival, Manila, 2017 which will take place on July 20-23, 2017.

The festival is named after the founder of the world renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers, the late National Artist for Music Professor Andrea O. Veneracion, an esteemed choirmaster and choral clinician who was instrumental in the promotion of choral music all over the country.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The competition is open to choirs which will qualify in the following categories:

- I. Folk Song
- II. Vocal Ensemble
- III. Chamber Choir

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, July 20, 2017	Opening Ceremonies, Folk Song Competition
Friday, July 21, 2017	Vocal Ensemble Competition
Saturday, July 22, 2017	Chamber Choir Competition
Sunday, July 23, 2017	Philippine Madrigal Singers Gala Concert Awarding and Closing Ceremonies

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

CATEGORY I: Folk Song

Repertoire

A minimum of three (3) choral works must include the following:

For FOREIGN CHOIRS:

- two (2) choral compositions/arrangements using folk songs/folk material: one (1) from the choir's home country; and one (1) from any other country in the choir's region;
- one (1) Filipino folk choral composition/arrangement.

For FILIPINO CHOIRS:

- one (1) Filipino folk song;
- one (1) folk song from the Asian region;
- one (1) folk song outside the Asian Region.

Guidelines

1. Open to mixed choirs (SATB) and to choirs with equal voices.
2. No age limit.
3. Minimum number of singers is four (4). Maximum number of singers is forty (40).
4. The total performance time, excluding entrance and exit, must not exceed 13 minutes.
5. Any additional song(s) must be freely chosen folk choral composition/arrangement.
6. Pieces may be sung a cappella or may be accompanied by pitchless traditional instruments.
7. Choreography is allowed during the performance.
8. The use of microphones and other sound amplification is not allowed.

CATEGORY II: Vocal Ensemble

Repertoire

Freely chosen pieces (excluding folk song/folk material).

Guidelines

1. Open to mixed choirs (SATB) and to choirs with equal voices.
2. No age limit.
3. Minimum number of singers is four (4). Maximum number of singers is sixteen (16).
4. Choirs which have more than 16 singers can choose only one (1) group of four to sixteen (4-16) singers to represent the choir in this category.
5. The total performance time, excluding entrance and exit, must not exceed 13 minutes.
6. Pieces may be sung a cappella or may be accompanied by pitchless instruments.
7. Choreography is allowed during the performance.
8. The use of microphones and other sound amplification is not allowed.

CATEGORY III: Chamber Choir

Repertoire

A minimum of four (4) songs must include the following:

- one (1) from the Renaissance/Early Baroque Period
- one (1) from the Romantic Period
- one (1) from the 20th – 21st century
- one (1) obligatory piece

Guidelines

1. Open only to mixed (SATB) choirs.
2. No age limit.
3. Minimum number of singers is twenty (20). Maximum number of singers is forty (40). However, for participating choirs with more than twenty (20) singers, the number of singers may be reduced to at least twenty (20) singers for the Renaissance piece.
4. The total performance time, excluding entrance and exit, must not exceed 18 minutes.
5. Any additional song(s) must be freely chosen composition/arrangement for chamber choir.
6. All pieces must be sung a cappella, or may be accompanied by pitchless instruments.
7. Choreography is allowed during the performance.
8. The use of microphones and other sound amplification is not allowed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Only choirs that have been in existence for at least two (2) years are allowed to join.
- All applications will be screened by the Artistic Committee who will determine the acceptance of the choir in the competition.
- Only legally printed music, published editions, or duly authorized manuscripts must be used in the competition.
- It is possible for choirs to participate in all categories. However, no competition piece should be repeated.
- No recorded accompaniment is allowed.
- Performance time will not be interrupted by applause.
- Singing time must be strictly observed.
- A penalty for overtime by way of deduction from the overall score of the choir may be incurred depending on the number of seconds/minutes exceeded above the allowed maximum singing time.
- The jury reserves the right not to award a first prize if no choir meets the standards.
- Audio/video recording during competitions is not allowed.

ADJUDICATION

A jury of five (5) internationally renowned adjudicators – one (1) from Europe, one (1) from North America, one (1) from South America, one (1) from Africa/Australia and one (1) from the Philippines will evaluate the competitors. All decisions of the jury are final.

CRITERIA

- 40% Technical proficiency (intonation, rhythm, dynamics, diction, choral blend, balance)
- 40% Musicality (interpretation, expression, style, loyalty to the score)
- 20% Over-all artistic impression

AWARDS

CHAMBER CHOIR 1st Prize: USD 5,000 / 2nd Prize: USD 3,500 / 3rd Prize: USD 2,500

VOCAL ENSEMBLE 1st Prize: USD 4,000 / 2nd Prize: USD 2,500 / 3rd Prize: USD 1,500

FOLK MUSIC 1st Prize: USD 3,000 / 2nd Prize: USD 2,000 / 3rd Prize: USD 1,000

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION: Deadline is on April 4, 2017

- Fully accomplished application form (downloaded from the CCP website)
- An audio/video recording of two (2) to three (3) songs of different genres recorded within the last six (6) months prior to application
- A recent profile and photo of the choir taken within the last six (6) months prior to application
- A recent profile and photo of the conductor taken within the last six (6) months prior to application

To be submitted after notice of the choir's acceptance:

- Repertoire per category
- Five (5) clear original copies of each of the music scores (to be returned after the competition)
- Permit for use of original/photocopied original scores
- Registration Fee (regardless of number of categories):

For Foreign Choirs : \$300

For Filipino Choirs: P10,000

Mail/email all requirements to:

ANDREA O. VENERACION INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

MANILA, 2017

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TRAVELING / MEAL EXPENSES

All travel and meal expenses must be shouldered by the choirs.

ACCOMMODATION AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

The Cultural Center of the Philippines has officially partnered with **SEVEN DAYS** by **RICSON TRAVEL AND TOURS** for the 3rd **Andrea O. Veneracion International Choral Festival, Manila, 2017**. For inquiries, please email info@sevendaystravel.ph

For further inquiries, please contact the CCP Artist Training Division at 832-1125 local 1604/1605 or email choralfestmnl2017@gmail.com More information can be found at www.culturalcenter.gov.ph