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VALENTINE MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the month of love, I am reminded of the incredible power that music has to bring people together, to inspire, and to express what words alone cannot. Love is at the heart of everything we do at Musica Singers MB—the love for music, for our craft, and most importantly, for our community.

Tonight, through “Tanghalan: Gems from the Stage and Screen,” we share this love with you. Every note, every harmony, every heartfelt performance was crafted with deep passion and dedication. We hope that as you listened, you felt the joy, nostalgia, and warmth that music can bring—just as we did while preparing this concert for you.

This event would not have been possible without the love and commitment of our incredible singers, talented collaborative artists, and dedicated volunteers. Your passion shines through in every performance, and I am endlessly grateful for the heart you put into this journey.

To our dear audience, thank you for embracing our music and for being part of our story. Your presence and support make all the difference, and we carry your love with us in every song we sing.

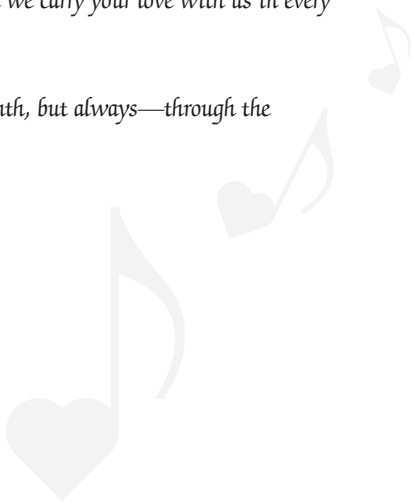
May we continue to celebrate love—not just this month, but always—through the universal language of music.

With love and gratitude,

Jesse Alcasabas

Executive Director

Musica Singers of Manitoba Inc.





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Musica Singers of Manitoba is a mission to present outstanding Filipino Canadian talent.

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Sopranos

Jesse Alcasabas
Ampy Arcos
Jean Lopez
Catherine Tomo

Altos

Ira Alejo
Zabeth De Leon
Ma. Ashley Medina
Rowena Sta. Ana
Jacqueline Unlayao

Tenors

Carlos Arcos
Ren Bonifacio
Keitopher Chacon
Jerome Endaya
Ariel Fernando
Lorenz Edward Sarrondo

Basses

Jay Aguilar
Dante Aviso
Jim Lopez
Luis Manguerra
John Zedrick Reyes
Jaymar Tria

Dinner Serenade

Ricardo L. Manalang, **Vocalist**

MY Band

Jim Lopez, **Keyboard & Music Director**
Jesse Alcasabas, **Vocals**
Crisanto Aquino, **Drums & Percussion**
Jerome Endaya, **Guitar**
Ariel Fernando, **Vocals**
Shawn Porteous, **Guitar**
Lorenz Edward Sarrondo, **Vocals**
Jaymar Tria, **Bass**







TANGHALAN: GEMS FROM

Program

I. INSPIRING JOURNEYS

Magsimula Ka (Make a Beginning)
from the musical, Magsimula Ka

Gines Tan
*Jay Aguilar, Ariel Fernando,
John Zedrick Reyes & Lorenz
Edward Sarrondo, vocalists*

The Impossible Dream
from the musical, Man of La Mancha

Mitch Leigh & Joe Darion
arr. Mark Hayes

Climb Ev'ry Mountain
from the musical, The Sound of Music

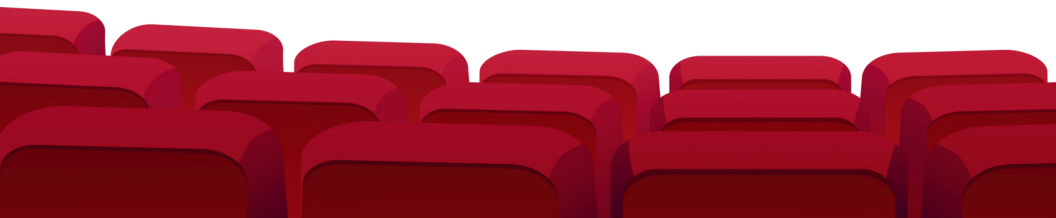
Richard Rodgers &
Oscar Hammerstein II
arr. Ed Lojeski

Man in the Mirror
from the musical, MJ the Musical

Glen Ballard & Seidah Garrett
arr. Annie Nepomuceno
*Jesse Alcasabas,
Ariel Fernando & Jean Lopez,
vocalists*

This Is the Moment
from the musical, Jekyll and Hyde

Frank Wildhorn &
Leslie Bricusse
*Lorenz Edward Sarrondo,
tenor*





FROM THE STAGE AND SCREEN

gram

II. LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Eye of the Tiger

from the movie, Rocky III

Frankie Sullivan & Jim Peterik
Ariel Fernando, vocalist

Shallow

from the movie, A Star is Born

Stefani Joanne Germanotta,
Andrew Wyatt, Anthony
Rossomando & Mark Ronson
*Jean Lopez & Jim Lopez,
vocalists*

I Don't Want to Miss a Thing

from the movie, Armageddon

Diane Warren
Jesse Alcasabas, vocalist

Somewhere Only We Know

from the movie, He's Just Not That Into You

Tim Rice-Oxley, Richard Hughes
& Tom Chaplin arr. Adam Anders
& Peer Astrom adapt. Ed Lojeski

*Ira Alejo, Zabeth De Leon, Jean
Lopez, Ma. Ashley Medina,
Rowena Sta. Ana & Jacqueline
Unlayao, vocalists*

Bohemian Rhapsody

from the movie, Bohemian Rhapsody

Freddie Mercury
arr. Mark Brymer
*Carlos Arcos, Ren Bonifacio,
Keithopher Chacon,
Luis Manguerra & John Zedrick
Reyes, vocalists*





INTERMISSION

III. DREAMS & HEARTSTRINGS

When I Fall in Love

from the movie, One Minute to Zero

Victor Young & Edward Heyman

arr. Kirby Shaw

Jay Aguilar, baritone

Some Enchanted Evening

from the musical, South Pacific

Richard Rodgers & Oscar

Hammerstein II

Dante Aviso, Jerome Endaya,

Jim Lopez, John Zedrick Reyes &

Jaymar Tria, vocalists

I Could Have Danced All Night

from the musical, My Fair Lady

Frederick Loewe & Alan Jay Lerner

What I Did for Love

from the musical, A Chorus Line

Marvin Hamlisch & Edward Kleban

arr. Anita Kerr

Jesse Alcasabas, Ampy Arcos, Jean

Lopez & Catherine Tomo, vocalists

Tomorrow

from the musical, Annie

Charles Strouse & Martin Charnin

arr. Jeff Funk

Musica Kids

Jia Alcasabas, Juneaux Alcasabas,

Amiel Arcos, Sky Arcos,

Zion Figueroa, Alijah Lopez,

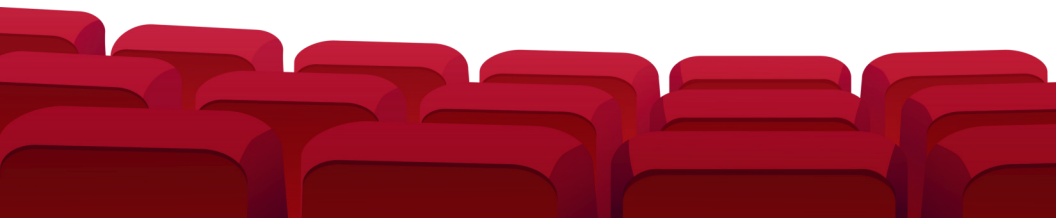
Jamie Lopez & Jeremiah Lopez

IV. SERENADE

Now That I Have You

from the movie, Now Than I Have You

Trina Belamide



V. MGA HIMIG NG PAG-IBIG (SONGS OF LOVE)

Kailangan Kita (I Need You)
from the movie, Kailangan Kita

Ogie Alcasid

Basang-basa sa Ulan
(Drenched by the Rain)
from the musical, Rak of Aegis

Celso Abenoja
Ampy Arcos, Catherine Tomo,
Jacqueline Unlayao
Jay Aguilar, Carlos Arcos, Ren
Bonifacio & Keitopher Chacon,
vocalists

Kapag Tumibok ang Puso
(When the Heart Beats)
from the movie, Tuhog

Aaron Paul Del Rosario
Ira Alejo, Zabeth De Leon, Ma.
Ashley Medina,
Rowena Sta. Ana & Jacqueline
Unlayao, vocalists

Doo Bidoo
from the movie, I Do Bidoo Bidoo

Danny Javier

Awitin Mo at Isasayaw Ko
(Sing It and I'll Dance to It)
from the movie, Isusumbong Kita sa Tatay Ko

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Additional choral arrangements by
Oscar Pantaleon Jr.



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SINGERS AND ARTISTS

MUSICA SINGERS OF MANITOBA is a non-profit organization and leading community-based vocal ensemble with a vision to promote and preserve Philippine art and culture in Canada. Our mission is to present outstanding performances that showcase Filipino Canadians in Manitoba. As volunteers, we share the same passion for music and strive to work hard to achieve this goal.



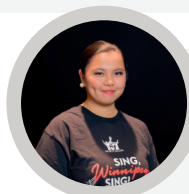
JAY AGUILAR, BASS

Jay is a newcomer to Canada, landing on April 10, 2024. He sang Bass at SABM Chorale at Saint Louis University, Baguio City in his college years. Jay also sang Bass at Coro D'llera (formerly known as Maryknoll Sanctuary Choir) in Baguio City. At present, he is a member of Saint Edward's Tagalog Mass Choir in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



JESSE ALCASABAS, SOPRANO

Jesse is the Executive Director for the Musica Singers MB Inc. She is an International Medical Graduate - (Doctor of Medicine) coming from musically inclined family. Her love of for Music and Arts thrive to this day. She wears many hats as Mrs. A to her husband, Nanay to her 4 kids, Lady boss, healthcare provider, and now a musical entertainer.



IRA ALEJO, ALTO

Ira is an internationally educated Architect from the Philippines, graduated from the University of Santo Tomas. She's currently working for a multinational engineering and design firm. She started to be in a choir in their Parish in the Philippines. Currently, she's an active member of two St. Peter's Parish Winnipeg choirs: the 5pm Mass Choir and the Petrus Chorus.



MILYN ARMENIO, SOPRANO

Milyn has loved singing since childhood, joining a church choir in high school. Her passion for music grew and she decided to take part in Musica in Oct 2023. She's part of The Worship Ministry for the Winnipeg Church of Christ and works at Costco. Besides singing, she likes to dance as well as spend time with her husband Eduard and son.

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AMPY ARCOS, SOPRANO

Ampy was a bass player and vocalist in a band, a choir member, and a theatre actress from elementary until high School. She received a cultural scholarship as President of the Lyceum Institute of Technology Chorale. While working in Singapore, she was a member of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish choir. Ampy is an Engineer working towards licensure in Manitoba while working as a Project Coordinator at Lakeside Process Controls. Outside of work and school, she is a wife to Carlos and a mother to Sky and Amiel.

CARLOS ARCOS, TENOR

Carlos played clarinet with the Don Bosco Brass Band and sang tenor at the Don Bosco Seminary choir. He was a member of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Church Choir in Singapore for 4 years. He auditioned for Musica after watching their Valentine's concert. He is an Educator and an IT Professional. Currently, he works as a Solution Architect with Rogers Communications and is a licensed Independent Insurance Broker with Registered Retirement Consultant designation with Hub Financial. He is the father of two children, Sky and Amiel who are part of the Musica Kids.



DANTE AVISO, BASS

Dante is currently a School Trustee for the Winnipeg School Division. He is passionate in promoting Philippine Arts and Culture in the community, organizing fundraising events and mentoring youth and students in the pursuit of their interests. He is the Founder and currently Marketing and Community Relations Director of Musica Singers of Manitoba, Commissionaire for Oaths in the Province of Manitoba and a licensed realtor for Century 21 Bachman & Associates.

ELMER AQUINO, TENOR ***

Elmer is a Civil Engineer who worked in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for 30 years. In Canada, he has taken a second career as an Accountant.

Elmer is a well-known figure in the Filipino community. He hosts events, is a sought after singer, actor, and Voice and Stage Performance Coach/Trainer. He is also an Instructor of Personality Development, Team Building, and Emceeing/Hosting. Elmer does voice impressions of famous singers and brings joy to the elderly residents every time he performs at long-term care facilities.



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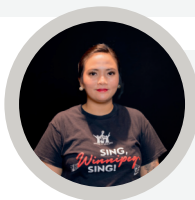


PATRICK ARNUCO, TENOR *

Patrick Arnuco is the youngest member of Musica Singers of Manitoba. He was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada. He takes pride in singing Filipino music, including Original Pilipino Music (OPM), R&B, and Kundiman, sharing his talents with eloquence and passion. Patrick is an active member of Wind Ensemble, Maple Sugar, Chamber Choir, Senior Choir, Symphonic Band, and takes part in Maples Collegiate's theatrical programs.

RENIEL BONIFACIO, TENOR

Ren started his journey with Musica Singers during the first NHL Winnipeg Jets Filipino Heritage month. Currently, he's one of the versatile members that can learn different parts especially Tenor 2 and Baritone (whichever is needed). Also, he is one of the founding members of MY BAND, a showband composed of Musica members.



JOAN BALLESTER, SOPRANO *

Joan's passion for music drives her active participation in the choir's performances. In her university years, she was part of the PHILSCA Chorale, where she honed her love for choral music. She also designed the choir's website, further contributing to its growth and online presence.

YMMA NUELLE CONCEPCION, SOPRANO ***

Ymma joined Musica in 2019. At an early age, she started singing in amateur singing contests in the Philippines. Her love of music is evident by her involvement in numerous community events and concerts in the city. She is a recent graduate of Payroll Administration and currently works in an office environment.



KEITOPHER CHACON, TENOR *

With 23 years of culinary expertise in 5-star hotels and casinos across the Philippines and Singapore, Keitopher's passion for creating unforgettable gastronomical experiences is unparalleled. But what's less known is his lifelong love affair with music, ignited at a young age. Now, he's pursuing his dream of being a student in the art of choral singing. As a devoted husband, father of three, and social media creator, Keitopher embodies the spirit of creativity, perseverance, and community.

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ELIZABETH DE LEON, ALTO

Zabeth is Musica's Finance Director and Treasurer of Caring for our Environment Manitoba (CEM). She is also a member of 12:30pm choir of St. Peter's Parish, a licensed life insurance agent, and proud mother of 3 great children Jacob, Elesse, and Sam.



EMMANUEL DIMATULAC, BASS ***

Emmanuel, aka Blyke, graduated BS Accountancy and earned his Masters Degree in Management at the University of the Philippines. He has been a member of a choir since elementary school. Aside from singing, he is very passionate about cooking, travelling, and spending quality time with his wife, Katrina, also a Musica singer, and three kids, Benedict, Kenzo, and Kandace.



VINA DIMAYUGA, SOPRANO ***

Vina Dimayuga is a voice major at the Canadian Mennonite University, working towards a Bachelor of Music Therapy degree. She has taken voice lessons since the age of six, learning a variety of genres. Vina is active within Winnipeg's Filipino music community and has participated in international music competitions and festivals in Vancouver, Hollywood, and Chile. As Vina completes her degree, she continues to share and use music to help heal and inspire others, while creating a more inclusive space for IBPOC musicians within the field.



ARIEL FERNANDO, TENOR

Ariel is a passionate teacher and the production director of Musica Singers. With over twenty years of teaching experience and deep musical involvement, he blends educational expertise with artistic talent. He was a music researcher for ABS-CBN's TV Production and represented Manitoba at the Karaoke World Championship - National Finals in 2017. He is currently teaching in River East Transcona School Division.

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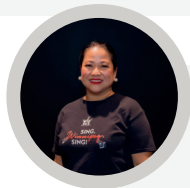
KATRINA IBE-DIMATULAC, SOPRANO ***

Katrina is a coloratura soprano who gained most of her training from her church choir at the Cathedral of San Fernando. On a professional note, Katrina is in the Finance field, and is currently earning work experience towards her CPA designation. She is also the Treasurer of the University of the Philippines Alumni and Associates in Manitoba (UPAA-MB). She loves spending time and singing with her husband, Emmanuel, and three kids.



JEAN LOPEZ, ALTO

Jean is a wife and mother of three. She can be seen performing at various events and is a dedicated member of the church. She considers her husband to be her greatest influence in music. She is an active member of the Musica Singers of Manitoba.



JIM LOPEZ, BASS

Jim Lopez was invited to join Musica through friends. As a part of Musica, Jim hopes help preserve and promote Filipino culture, values, and heritage through music. He is a machinist by trade. Jim is the accompanist for One Voice Chorale that serves at The Immaculate Conception Parish and is also a member of local Winnipeg band: On The Que.



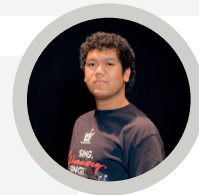
MA. ASHLEY MEDINA-BONIFACIO, ALTO

Ashley joined Musica Singers as Executive Secretary to support her husband, Ren. As a passionate photographer, she took photos and videos during rehearsals and events for Musica's marketing and social media. In August 2023, with her church choir experience and the encouragement of the team, she now sings Alto as a member of Musica. Ashley finished her Canadian schooling in Tourism and Travel Operations at Seneca College, Toronto.



LUIS MIGUEL MANGUERRA, BASS *

Luis graduated high school in 2024. Luis is driven by his interest in arts and music, and is heavily involved in programs that enrich his craft. He joined Musica Singers by chance while looking for ways to pursue his love for music. He is hoping to continue building himself as a singer.



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RICARDO MANALANG, BASS

Ricardo (Bong) Manalang first performed with Musica Singers at the Winnipeg Jets' first Filipino Heritage Night in 2022. Bong sang lead in TJ & Company, a Standards and Jazz Band in Winnipeg. A music career highlight was being invited to perform at Victoria General Hospital's 100th Anniversary. His Operating Room co-workers were caught by surprise when they saw him singing on stage. Bong has performed at various events and festivals in Winnipeg. He thanks his family and friends for their continued support.



OSCAR PANTALEON JR., MUSIC DIRECTOR

Oscar chairs UPAA-MB and writes for Pilipino Express. He studied engineering and music at the University of the Philippines, toured extensively with the Philippine Madrigal Singers, managed the Philippine Choral Directors Association, and ran special projects for Ryan Cayabyab. Oscar finished arts & cultural management at UW and was with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for 7 seasons. He now works in the international development sector.



JOHN ZEDRICK REYES, BASS

As a newcomer to Canada, Zedrick is thrilled to be a part of Musica. His love of music began when he joined the Ramon Magsaysay High School Chorale, Manila. In 2010 he won Best Male Choir Member of the Year. John is part of the Praise & Worship team at his local church and wants to use his God-given talent and passion for music to lead people to God through worship.



LORENZ EDWARD SARRONDO, TENOR

Lorenz's musical career began with acclaimed University of the Philippines Manila Chorale in 2010, winning accolades in prestigious choral competitions, both locally and internationally. Before moving to Winnipeg in 2022, he joined Miss Saigon (Guam), serving as vocal coach to the ensemble. He earned his Associate in Arts (Music Major in Voice) from UP Diliman and is completing his Bachelor of Music (Major in Voice) at the University of Manitoba Desautels Faculty of Music under renowned soprano, Tracy Dahl.



ROWENA STA. ANA, ALTO

Rowena joined Musica in 2022. She has a Bachelor of Education, and studied Master of Educational Management. She is a wife, and mom to her unica hija. Singing led her to join a few parochial, corporate, and university choirs in Pampanga, Greenbelt Makati, Globe telecom, and St. Gianna. She affirms that singing equates to praying twice and is a potent healer of the heart.



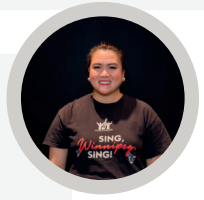
STORME ZAPATA, SOPRANO

Storme is new to Musica, committed and willing to learn! She plays a bit of piano and guitar and likes to draw in her free time.



CATHERINE TOMO, SOPRANO

Catherine (Kate) graduated with degrees in Nursing and Broadcast Communication. She started singing as a child, performing in front of her family and relatives. Her mom, who was always proud of her, nurtured her talent for singing. With her encouragement, Kate joined a singing contest and won first prize at the age of eight. This achievement boosted her confidence and kindled her lifelong passion for singing. In college, Kate actively participated in various chorale groups. She is very happy that she is part of the Musica Singers, the chorale group she had been looking for after she moved to Canada.



JACQUELINE UNLAYAO, ALTO *

Jacque joined Musica in August of 2024. She is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering in the Philippines. Her love of music flourished after joining Singles for Christ music ministry in 2003. Now even as a wife and mom of 3, she continues to pursue her passion of singing as a personal prayer and service to glorify God.



HANNAH CACHERO, FLUTE & PIANO

Hannah is a first year student at Université de Saint Boniface, taking up Psychology in Bachelor of Science. Born and raised in Winnipeg, she grew up sharing her gift of musicality with her communities at school and at church. Alongside playing flute, guitar and bass, she is the pianist and organist at Broadway Disciples United Church.





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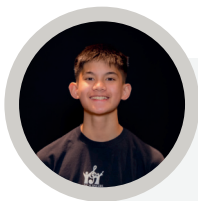
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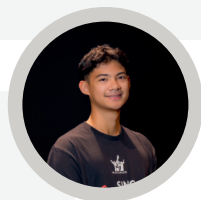


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LORENZO CAMUS, VIOLIN & PIANO

Lorenzo Camus is a Grade 8 student at École Leila North where he plays the euphonium and the trombone for the cantina and the jazz bands, respectively. He started violin lessons when he was four and piano lessons when he was ten. He has played violin as a member of the Winnipeg Youth Orchestras since 2019. His first solo piano recital will be happening this month. His teachers are Jeffrey Solares for violin and Gretchen Arnaldo for piano, who are both based in the Philippines.



PAOLO CAMUS, VIOLIN

Paolo is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance at the Desautels Faculty of Music of the University of Manitoba. In 2023, he won the Music Faculty's Concerto Competition with his performance of the first movement of Tchaikowsky's Violin Concerto in D Major. The following year, he played the whole concerto as a soloist with the University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra. Prior to this, he had been a finalist at local and international competitions. He has been playing the violin for close to 17 years and regularly plays as a volunteer for Sunday and special masses. He has also been playing a variety of musical genres for weddings and local events since 2017. As of this writing, he is scheduled to substitute for the first time as a violist at the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's From the Inside Out concert series.





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JAYMAR TRIA, BASS & GUITAR

The world of music has played a large part in Jaymar's life since he learned to play the guitar and piano at the age of ten. He has been a keyboardist of the Quarter2 Band since 2016 and has played with them in a lot of events, birthdays, parties, and socials. The band has also performed as Front Acts in concerts. He is currently a choir leader of the St. Peter's Parish Tagalog Mass Choir and the Petrus Chorus, the Grand Choir of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Winnipeg. His love for music has been one of his stress relievers in life.



HÉCTOR J. PINZÓN-ARROYO, PIANO

Héctor, a Colombian pianist, conductor, and composer, began his musical journey at age 5 in a family of musicians. With master's degrees from top institutions, he excels in instrumental, operatic, symphonic, and choral repertoire. He has led orchestras, won competitions, and toured internationally. Now a pianist and coach at the Desautels Faculty of Music, he continues to blend classical and Latin folk traditions.



SHAWN PORTEOUS, GUITAR

Shawn has been working as a music educator and performer for over 20 years across both the public and private sectors. In addition, Shawn holds a Master of Education degree from the University of Manitoba, and currently serves as an Inclusion Specialist, supporting newcomer and multilingual students across the K-12 system. Shawn has been performing with Musica and the Musically Yours Band since the summer of 2023.



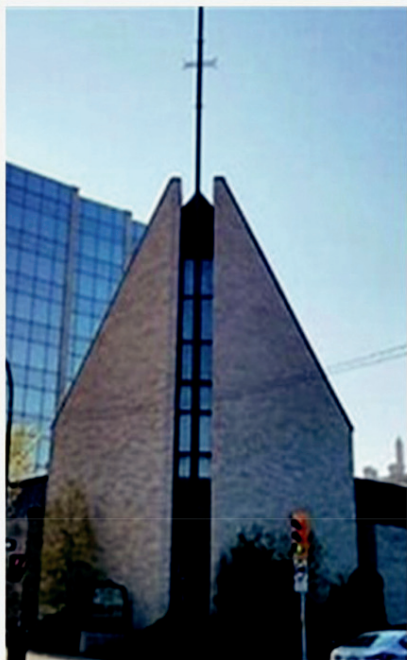
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JEROME YSRAEL ENDAYA, TENOR & GUITAR

Jerome is a newcomer to Canada. He is passionate about music and guitar. He loves exploring different styles and is dedicated to mastering the instrument, focusing on improvisation, rhythm, and fretboard fluency.



CRISANTO AQUINO, DRUMS & PERCUSSION

Cris is passionate about music, culture, and rhythm. Cris and the Musically Yours (MY) Band started performing with the Musica Singers at the “Music in our Hearts” (La musique dans nos cœurs) concert held at the Pauline Boutal Amphitheatre, Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain in 2024. Previous to that, he and the band performed with some of the soloists of the Musica Singers in various venues and gigs in Winnipeg.



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