



Republic of the Philippines
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 REGION XI
 SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PANABO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2025-0772

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
 Chief of Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
 Chief of School Governance & Operations Division (SGOD)
 Education Program Supervisor, MAPEH
 Principal III, Panabo City National High School
 All Concerned

Subject : **PARTICIPATION TO THE SIDLAK: THE 15TH WORLD CHORAL DAY
 2025 PHILIPPINES MASTERCLASS SERIES & FESTIVAL CONCERT**

Date : November 17, 2025

This is in reference to the communication from the WCD Philippines duly signed by Engr. Jairus Rosello, Festival Director, regarding the conduct of the **2025 SIDLAK: The 15th World Choral Day 2025 Philippines Masterclass Series & Festival Concert**, which will take place on **December 12-14, 2025**, at **Christ Fellowship Church, V. Mapa St., and Annex Event Center, SM City, Ecoland, Davao City**. *(Please see attachment for more details)*

This Office encourages participation, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Parental Consent** – Written consent from parents/guardians must be secured before and during the actual event.
2. **Academic Consideration** – Learners' participation in the activity shall be integrated as a performance task in their related subject/s. Furthermore, due consideration must be granted for any missed quizzes, examinations, or other academic requirements resulting from scheduled practices or rehearsals, in adherence to the principles of inclusive and holistic learner development.
3. **Teacher Load Management** – Assigned teacher/s to serve as coach/es are reminded to strictly observe proper load arrangements in accordance with existing DepEd orders and mandates to ensure the continuous and efficient delivery of classroom instruction.
4. **Safety and Security** – The safety and security of learners shall be always ensured, particularly during travel to and from practices, rehearsals, and event proper.

The official list of participants is attached herewith for reference.

For concerns and queries, kindly coordinate directly to the organizer, and inform this Office through Ramil Jacky P. Firman, MAPEH Education Program Supervisor, for updates.



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Registration, travel, accommodation, per-dem and other necessary expenses of all participants shall be charged to local funds or any available fund sources, all subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is desired.


JINKY B. FIRMAN PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosed. As stated.
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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

2025 SIDLAK, December 12-14, 2025, Davao City

NO.	NAME	STATION	ROLE
1	RAMIL JACKY P. FIRMAN	CID	EPS-MAPEH / Official
2	MANUEL M. ESPERANZA	PCNHS	Principal III / Official
3	NEAL KEITH A. GONZALES	PCNHS	Teacher / Conductor
4	NIÑA JANE FAMOR	PCNHS	Teacher / Asst. Conductor
5	CANQUE, XYRAH, MADELO	PCNHS	Learner / Soprano
6	DANTE, CELEANNE NIMBLEN	PCNHS	Learner / Soprano
7	MENDAVIA, JACYLLE GRACIELA	PCNHS	Learner / Soprano
8	ORTEGA, JANJY	PCNHS	Learner / Soprano
9	TOTECAL, RECCA MAE	PCNHS	Learner / Soprano
10	APLACADOR, FLAWNIE	PCNHS	Learner / Alto
11	BORJA, CHRISIA MAE	PCNHS	Learner / Alto
12	JUABAN, RIKI GABRIELLE	PCNHS	Learner / Alto
13	MORENO, ELIZADHEL	PCNHS	Learner / Alto
14	REMPOHITO, JANIE	PCNHS	Learner / Alto
15	JULIAN, VIENCY RHIANNE	PCNHS	Learner / Tenor
16	LANGAMON, MA JANINE	PCNHS	Learner / Tenor
17	PANGANDUYON, JHON ROVICK	PCNHS	Learner / Tenor
18	SANTANDER, ARKTHON VINEL	PCNHS	Learner / Tenor
19	URBUDA, SKY	PCNHS	Learner / Tenor
20	CLEOPAS, LENARD	PCNHS	Learner / Bass
21	DERRAMAS, MARTIN KENZO	PCNHS	Learner / Bass
22	MERCADO, XYRONE	PCNHS	Learner / Bass
23	MISOLES, KYLE ANDREW	PCNHS	Learner / Bass
24	SACAL, JOHN RAFAEL	PCNHS	Learner / Bass

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Schools Division Superintendent



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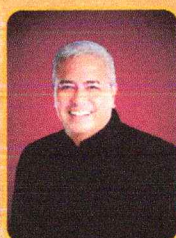
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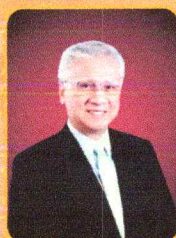
THE MASTERCLASS SPEAKERS



MR. TIMOTHY ATENCIO



DR. JONATHAN VELASCO



DR. JOEL MAGUS NAVARRO



MS. KATRINA SAGA



PROF. MARK ANTHONY CARPIO



MR. ALVIN AVIOLA



MR. FERNAN TALONDING

FESTIVAL STRING ENSEMBLE



THE TAGUM ADVENTIST SYMPHONIC ENSEMBLE

MR. MICO ARELLANO, orchestrator

GRAND TUTTI SECTION LEADERS



MARK BABALCON
TENORS



CATHERINE PASCO
ALTOS



DANIELLE FANLO
SOPRANOS



ROMMEL TANIEGRA
BASSES

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

CHORAL LEADERS MASTERCLASSES

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NOVEMBER 10, 2025

**JINKY B. FIRMAN PHD, CESO VI,
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT,
PANABO CITY**

Attn: CONDUCTOR / PRESIDENT OF YOUR SCHOOL or COMPANY CHOIR
Re: INVITATION to SIDLAK WCD PHILIPPINES FESTIVAL

Mabuhay ug Madayaw:

Warm greetings in the spirit of harmony and hope.

It is with great pleasure and deep respect that we extend this formal invitation to **Mystiki Chorodia** and **Mr. Neal Keith Allon Gonzales, conductor** to participate in **SIDLAK: The 15th World Choral Day Philippines Festival**, to be held in **Davao City** from **12 to 14 December 2025**.

For the past fifteen years, this festival has stood as a beacon for Philippine choral artistry—a space where choirs from across the nation converge in celebration of unity, cultural pride, and the transformative power of music. From its modest beginnings, the World Choral Day Philippines Festival has evolved into a highly anticipated annual gathering of voices and visionaries, continuing to nurture excellence and foster harmony among Filipino choristers.

The annual observance of World Choral Day, organised by the **International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM)**, celebrates the communal act of singing as a profound expression of unity, solidarity, and peace. This year's global theme, "Singing for Peace, Connection, and Our Common Home," calls us to sing not only with artistry but with purpose—to use our collective voices to bridge divides and honour our shared humanity.

Locally, our region's adaptation of this global celebration—"Gidlaw"—bloomed last year into a resounding success. The event gathered choirs across Mindanao, weaving together diverse musical traditions into one harmonious expression of community and hope. Its impact was felt deeply, inspiring us to expand the experience and reach new heights this year through SIDLAK.

SIDLAK, a Visayan word meaning to shine forth or to radiate light, embodies our aspiration for every participant to rise, illuminate, and inspire through music. **This year's three-day festival will include masterclasses, rehearsals, and a grand culminating FREE concert** designed to elevate the choral experience to world-class standards.

We are also deeply privileged that Maestro Ryan Cayabyab, our National Artist for Music, will join us this year.



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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

December 12 – Festival Opening & Day 1 of Masterclass Series

December 13 – Day 2 of Masterclass Series & Grand Tutti Sectionals & Rehearsals

December 14 – Grand Festival Concert & Culminating Day

FESTIVAL VENUES:

- December 12–13 – Christ Fellowship Church, 777 V. Mapa Street, Davao City
- December 14 – Annex Event Center, SM City Davao

We are honoured to host an exceptional roster of world-class clinicians and mentors:

- **DR. JOEL MAGUS NAVARRO** – CHORAL CLINICIAN & CONDUCTOR, CALVIN UNIVERSITY CHORALE (USA)
- **PROF. MARK ANTHONY CARPIO** – CHOIRMASTER, PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS
- **MR. JONATHAN VELASCO** – CHORAL CLINICIAN & CONDUCTOR, ATENEO CHAMBER SINGERS
- **MS. KATRINA SAGA MCCLOSKEY** – VOICE TECHNICIAN & ALUMNA SOPRANO, PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS
- **MR. FERNAN GLOBEN TALONDING** – ORCHESTRATOR & CONDUCTOR, GENSAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA & CHOIR
- **MR. ALVIN AVIOLA** – CONDUCTOR, THE HIMIG SINGERS
- **MR. TIMOTHY ATENCIO** – CONDUCTOR, UM CHORALE

MASTERCLASS SERIES:

(1) CHORAL LEADERS MASTERCLASS

For conductors, accompanists & choir executive leaders

Dates: December 12–13 (8:00 AM – 9:00 PM)

Venue: Christian Fellowship Church, Davao City

Regular Rate: ₱ 5,500 | Discounted Rate: ₱ 5,000 (for seniors & PWD with proof)

(2) ADVANCED SINGING WORKSHOP

For individual development of singers and choirists

Dates: December 12–13 (4:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

Venue: Christian Fellowship Church

Day 1 Speaker: Dr. Joel Navarro | Day 2 Speaker: Ms. Katrina Saga

Rates: ₱ 1,000 per day | ₱ 1,500 for both days | Group Rate (10 + 1): ₱ 15,000

(3) CHOIR MENTORING SESSIONS

Exclusive one-hour session for the entire choir

Dates: December 12–13 (scheduled slots)

Rate: ₱ 10,000 Regular | ₱ 8,500 Discounted (early registration until Nov 15)

PAYMENT TERMS:

- Dated Cheques payable to: Jairus F. Rosello
- BPI BANK TRANSFER: 9446 2531 35 (Jairus Rosello)
- GCASH: 0917469731 (Jairus R.)



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GRAND FESTIVAL CONCERT

CONCERT DATE: December 14, 2025

VENUE: Annex Event Center, SM City Davao

SOUNDCHECK: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

PERFORMANCE TIME: 1:00-8:00PM

Participating choirs for the concert must prepare (2) two choral performances with theme: ***Singing for Peace, Connection, and Our Common Home***. The songs may not be Christmas in nature but the repertoire must feature the branding of the choir. It may be sacred music, classical, foreign, pop or musical theater, cultural or folk songs, or OPM. Please take note that the free concert will be held at an open venue inside the mall. Technical requirements will be provided by the organizers.

All participating choirs are **required** to join the Grand Tutti Rehearsals (December 12-13, 7:00 – 9:00 PM) at Christian Fellowship Church. Together, we will perform:

- ***Kasadya Ning Taknaa / Ang Pasko ay Sumapit*** – arr. Dr. Joel Navarro
- ***Munting Sanggol*** – Maestro Ryan Cayabyab
- ***Kumukutikutitap*** – Maestro Ryan Cayabyab

We sincerely hope that the **mentioned choir and conductor** will lend their distinguished artistry to this historic fifteenth-year celebration. In line to this festival, **we are requesting your generosity and support to sponsor the mentioned choir and conductor for the masterclass series and permit their attendance for the entire duration of the festival.** The choir members may be students who will be missing classes or employees who will be missing their work in lieu of their participation. Your generous approval would truly illuminate our collective stage and exemplify the excellence, grace, and faith that your institution embodies.

Please confirm your participation and workshop selections by November 15, 2025 so that we may finalise the programme and logistics.

Should you need any assistance, our team would be glad to provide further details.

We look forward to sharing the joy of music with you, and to letting our voices together shine forth—SIDLAK—for peace, connection, and our common home.

With warmest regards and in song,

Engr. Jairus Rosello, PICE
Festival Director
WCD PHILIPPINES
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