



# SPU Manila INTER-OFFICE BULLETIN

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## SPU MANILA CMPA STUDENTS SHINE

Students from the College of Music and the Performing Arts (CMPA) qualified for the Finals of National Music Competition for Young Artists (NAMCYA). Semi-finals were held at the Abelardo Hall, College of Music, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City on 2 October 2010 (voice) and on 9 October 2010 (piano).

Out of 20 contestants in the voice category, only eight qualified for the finals. Two of them are from St. Paul University Manila, College of

Music and the Performing Arts: Regine Garabiles, a fourth year student of BM in Music Education with applied major in voice and Michelle Jean Valeriano, BM in Voice student. Finals will be held at 1:00 P.M. on 23 November 2010 in the CCP Little Theater.

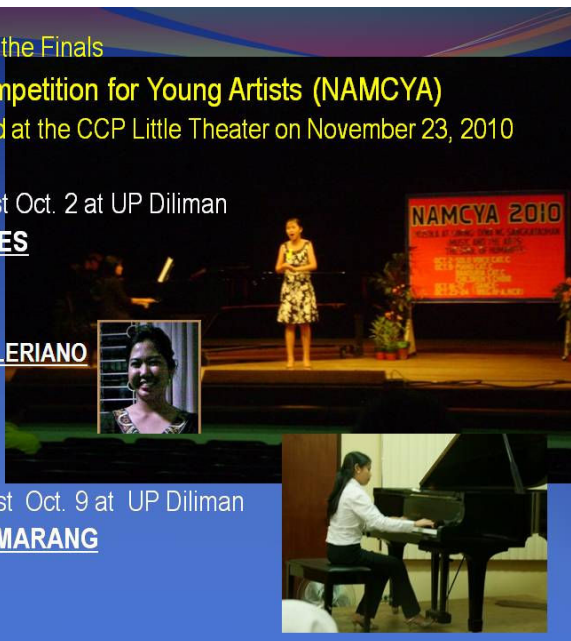
Five qualified for the finals in Piano. One of them is Beah Darda Gumarang, a fourth year BM in Piano student of the College of Music and the Performing Arts, St. Paul University Manila. Finals will be held at 6:00 P.M. on 26 November 2010 in the CCP Little Theater.

Students Qualified for the Finals  
**National Music Competition for Young Artists (NAMCYA)**  
Final Round to be held at the CCP Little Theater on November 23, 2010

Voice Division – held last Oct. 2 at UP Diliman  
**REGINE GARABILES**

**MICHELLE JEAN VALERIANO**

Piano Division - held last Oct. 9 at UP Diliman  
**BEAH DARDA GUMARANG**



**Maysel Joy Adap**, a 2<sup>ND</sup> Year Student won



➤ **2nd place - PTGP Beethoven Concerto Competition Category C**  
➤ **Best in Contest Piece**  
held at the PhilAmlife Auditorium last July 19, 2010 sponsored by the Piano Teachers' Guild of the Phils.

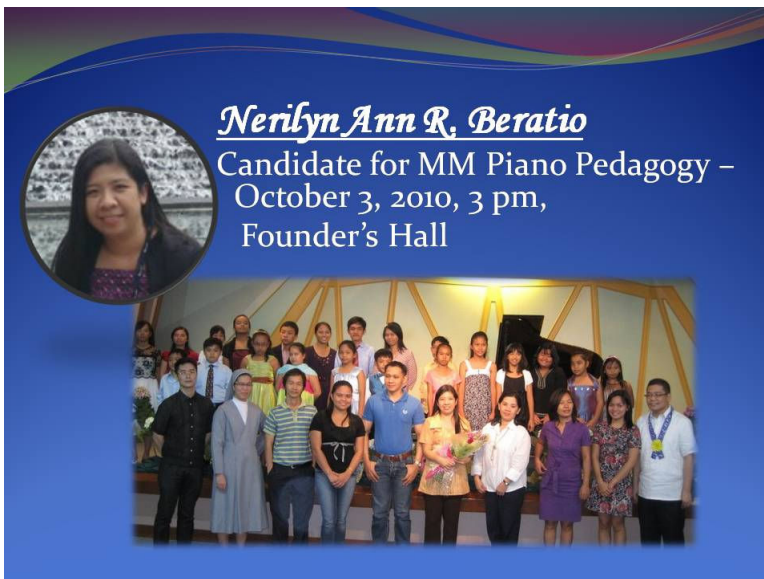
Earlier, Maysel Joy Dano-Adap, a second year BM in Piano student won second place and Best in Contest Piece in the Beethoven Concerto Competition, Category C, held in the Philamlife Auditorium on 19 July 2010.

The competition was sponsored by PTGP (Piano Teachers' Guild of the Philippines).

Maysel Joy Dano-Adap is under the tutelage of Prof. Jonathan Co.

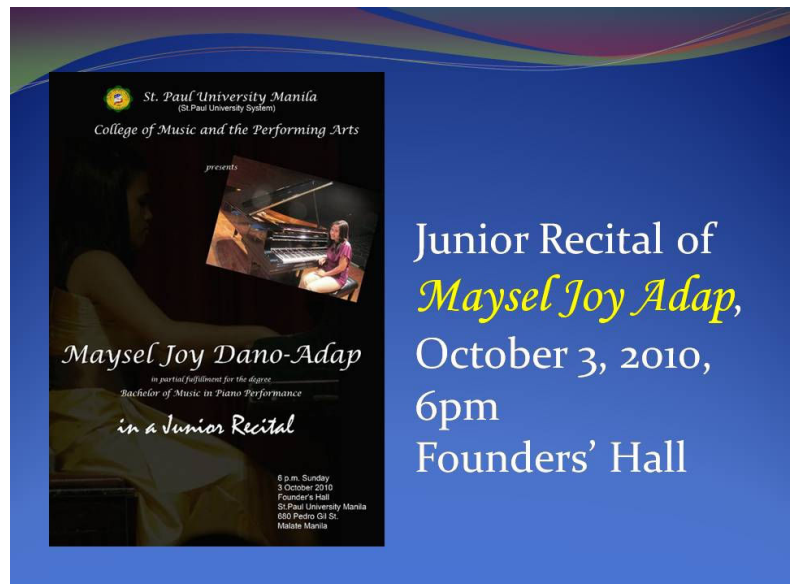
## CMPA PRESENTS STUDENTS IN RECITALS

**26 September 2010**  
**Founder's Hall**  
**Graduation Recital**  
**George Sy Ong**  
**Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy**



**3 October 2010**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Founder's Hall**  
**Graduation Recital**  
**Nerilyn Ann R. Beratio**  
**Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy**

**3 October 2010**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Founder's Hall**  
**Junior Recital**  
**Maysel Joy Adap**  
**Bachelor of Music in Piano**



## OFF CAMPUS PERFORMANCE

Chorale sang at the Ecumenical Bible Service and Mass in the Manila Cathedral with His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, president, Sept. 30, 2010



**30 September 2010  
SPU Manila Chorale  
Bible Campaign Launching  
Ecumenical Bible Service  
Eucharistic Celebration  
Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales,  
president  
Manila Cathedral**

## CENTENNIAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS THIS WEEK

Sr. Lilia Thérèse Tolentino, SPU Manila President and Honorary Chairman of the Centennial Steering Committee, will convene the committee at 10:00 A.M, 21 October 2010 in the newly renovated President's Board Room.

Earlier, at 9:00 A.M. she will also meet the committee for the Caritas Christi Awards in the same venue.

The awards committee will update and finalize the plans for the ceremony, which is scheduled on 25 January 2011.

On the other hand, the steering committee will update and finalize plans and details for the forthcoming events in January and February, namely:

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| 10 January 2011 | Opening of the Celebration of the Centennial of the St. Paul Novitiate<br>Mass<br>Breakfast   |
| 25 January 2011 | A.M. Service Awards for Employees (c/o the school)<br>P.M. Caritas Christi Awards Ceremony (4:00-6:00 P.M.)                         |
| 30 January 2011 | General Alumni Homecoming (c/o SPMAFI and jubilarian classes)   |
| 3 February 2011 | A.M. Soft Opening of St. Paul Museum and Archives<br>P.M. Tribute to the Sisters Who Were in SPCM<br>and Alumnae Who Became Sisters |

## INTER-OFFICE BULLETIN TURNS 3

The observant reader will note that the *Inter-Office Bulletin* begins its fourth volume this week. This means that the bulletin has been coming out every week for the past three years. It will be recalled that the idea of having a bulletin came up in the planning seminar held in Bangkok, Thailand during the semestral break in 2007, as one of the proposals to improve public presence. It has been intended to let the school community know what the different offices have done or plan to do.

At this time, the editor of the bulletin wishes to thank the departments, units, and offices that have been consistently sending their contributions, and invites the others to do the same. Ideally, contributions should be sent on or before Thursday for inclusion in the Monday bulletin. Sending data will suffice as the editor can do the writing. Pictures are most welcome.

## UPDATE ON CENTENNIAL COFFEE TABLE BOOK

The committee for the centennial coffee table book reiterates its invitation to the members of the SPU Manila community to submit contributions on their fondest memories or experiences in the school. This portion of the book is open not only to alumni—though understandably, more of them are interested in sharing their memories—but also to past and present teachers and staff, Sisters, administrators, and students. It is an opportunity to be part of a historic publication—one in a hundred years. There are no limits set for the articles. Pictures can also be shared. Deadline was set for 31 October 2010, but it is extended to the end of the year—31 December 2010. Contributions can be emailed to [marionnettemartinez@yahoo.com](mailto:marionnettemartinez@yahoo.com).

At present, a number of contributions have been received, some from individuals, others from batches, who have collated their memories.

Here are a few examples:

### CHAPEL STEPS

Recess time is broken by sounds of “One-two-three-pass.” Screams and laughter are heard from Patria Jimenez-Korin, Minnie Favis-Bernardino, Alice Lozada-Tolentino, Dolly Festin-Gerardo and Estela Iguara-Dorn, who are on the chapel steps and having a great time. They try to rattle the one with identical suit with screams. If one reacts slower than the other, then she loses her card. The most number of cards at the end of the game is the loser. To this day, when these friends get together, the card game is still played minus the chapel steps, but these are deeply rooted in our memories of where the game was played in those carefree high school days.

**Ma. Estela Gustilo Iguara Dorn  
High School 1961**



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## **HS 70: EAT, PRAY, LOVE...and LAUGH**

Special events remain in store.

- It is October, month of the rosary. Annie Tobias loves the school wide living rosary where a student lights a candle and offers a rose to the Blessed Mother as we pray each bead. We recite the rosary under the watchful eyes of Sisters Joanna, Tarcisius, and Nieves. Piety at performance level!
- We have Mass, wearing the long white veils and gala uniforms, on special days. When we were younger, it made us feel like little nuns and saints, but it doesn't stop Lizette Esquillo from chatting or dozing off in the chapel balcony. Nuns and saints talk and sleep too, don't they?
- In the Christmas Classroom Decoration contest, we execute our white Christmas theme by surrounding our room with white toilet paper; Mrs. Buencamino said our classroom looked like a toilet!
- We all participate in the HS Christmas cavalcades as well as in the Grand Field Day.
- The annual school fair is such fun. We have a fortune-telling booth and I have claimed to be a certified palm-reader after reading one little book on palmistry. Surprisingly, we raise money for *The Pauliteen* and I realize that there are so many gullible people in this world.

**Compiled by Corina Santos-Unson  
High School 1970**

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## **PULINIAN NURSES' MEMORIES**



Sister Angelica and Sister Emilie Chong would also accompany us in our field work in the clinic run by St. Paul in the St. Anthony School in Singalong. We experienced community health networking and became a rather welcome group in that community. We would organize vaccination programs for Polio, Cholera, Tyhoid and Small Pox, running after our unwilling victims (the kids) and giving health care lectures to the mothers. I would always make sure that my pockets had candies - to bribe the kids in making

sure they ran the course of the vaccination shots. It was also in our exposure to the squatter areas that we met victims of child abuse, incestuous relationships, and child pregnancy (the youngest I took care of was 13 - raped by her mother's paramour, a 40 year old man). In many cases, the referral agencies were bogged down by bureaucracy - hence, injustice was the norm.

**Lou Reyes  
BSN 1975**

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It was the wise words of Sister Fe Consolata — our Psychology Adviser — that I remember the most.

On our last day in school, she gathered the graduating B.S. Psychology class of 1982 (composed of about 20 students) and asked us to form a circle with our school chairs for a culminating activity. Then she allowed each of us to speak about what we plan to do after graduation. Some would pursue medicine, others planned to join the academe, still others would like to join the corporate life, and there were some still unsure of where they want to go or what they want to do.

She listened intently to each one of us and when we were all done, she said, in her usual serious and emphatic tone and expressionless face, "Whatever you wish to pursue, wherever it is that you are going, just make sure that as you join the rat race out there, that you can and will try to change the system. But whether you fail or succeed in doing so, just remember to never ever let the system change YOU."

**Ma. Luisa Guidote-Vargas**  
**High School 1978, BS Psychology 1982**

### **SHARING...SHARING...SHARING**

At a time when the morale of Filipinos has been shaken by such events as the Luneta hostage taking and the controversial aftermath of the investigation report, the following feature from a US newspaper might be a welcome respite:

#### **Hillary Clinton pays tribute to Filipinos**

NEW YORK, United States—State Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton is probably the highest American official who has an intimate knowledge of Filipinos, their dreams, and aspirations.

This was manifest during the signing of the \$434-million US Millennium Corp. grant that she and visiting President Benigno Aquino III presided over last September 22 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Speaking extemporaneously, Clinton—who speaks openly of her close relationship with Filipinos, especially during her term as senator representing New York—gave a glimpse of how much she knows about the Filipino psyche.



She said:

"Millions of people in the Philippines have left their native land for a better opportunity. They love the Philippines. I know because I know many of them. They try to go home when they can afford to do it. They retire back to the Philippines. They want to be sure their children and grandchildren are raised in the Philippines."

Then Clinton, dressed in an elegant indigo blue suit, addressing the new Philippine president continued:

"We hope that, Mr. President, the people of your country will be able to make a good living in their own country. And in order to do that, there must be a partnership that creates the conditions for economic opportunity."

But what endeared the charming state secretary to the Filipinos in the audience were these words:

"I know how smart the Filipino people are. I know how hard they work. I'm not sure there's any group of people anywhere in the world that work harder than Filipinos.

"But let's be very honest here. Too many of them feel that they cannot progress in their own country. Too many of them feel that the elite in business and politics basically call the shots, and there's not much room for someone who's hardworking, but not connected. Too many of them believe that even if they get the best education they can, that there won't be an opportunity for them, and so they take that education and help build someone else's economy, very often here in the United States."

This writer observed that as Mrs. Clinton made her way to the stage where the signing ceremony was to take place, she hugged some Filipino friends in the audience. And on her way out, she blew kisses to the same groups of Filipino American friends and constituents from New York state.

Not too many top diplomatic officials would risk speaking these strong words in an official function. But Hillary Clinton, because of her close relationship with the Filipino people has the inside track—and the charm and candor—to speak up.

Even the usually skeptical media people covering the event were quite impressed by the gracious top American diplomat.

Clinton's remarks—and how she delivered them with graciousness and tack—were the topic for conversation during dinner among the Philippine media people who covered the event.

Here is a powerful US official who knows and understands the dreams and aspirations of Filipinos, especially the three million Pinoys who have chosen the United States as their adopted country. For most of us who toil in the "land of milk and honey," it's really nice to know that Hillary Clinton is there for us. **Jun Medina, FilAm Star**

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Today, a super typhoon code named Juan is expected to hit Cagayan, where Typhoon Signal No. 4 has been raised, not a common occurrence even in this storm prone country of ours.

At a time like this, we are reminded by Maribel Corcolla, Campus Minister, to say this prayer:

**THE ORATIO IMPERATA (Urgent Prayer) for Deliverance from Calamities**

Almighty Father, we raise our hearts to You in gratitude for the wonders of creation of which we are part, for Your Providence in sustaining our needs, and for Your Wisdom that guides the course of the universe.