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RESOLUTION NO. 274

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING  
THE MANILA SYMPHONY JUNIOR ORCHESTRA  
FOR WINNING GOLD AT THE 2021 VIENNA MUSIC  
FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra, under the guidance of Jeffrey Solares, has bagged the gold award in the category “B” of the Vienna-based World Orchestra Festival held on June 12 to 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra or “MSJO” is the youth orchestra program of the Manila Symphony Orchestra (MSO). It was established in 2014 and is composed of advanced students from the MSO Music Academy as well as other qualified young string players from all over the Philippines;

WHEREAS, MSJO has had public performances at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Museo Pambata, Ayala Museum, Corporate Center Auditorium, Insular Life Tower, Filinvest Alabang, and the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, among others;

WHEREAS, the World Orchestra Festival, which was established in 2013 in Vienna, Austria, aims to provide a platform for all kinds of orchestras and ensembles to perform, learn, compete, communicate, and establish deep friendship with fellow musicians regardless of age, origin, religion, and cultural backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the festival is organized annually in Vienna, Austria each year, supported by the Austrian federal government authorities, the city government of Vienna, the provincial government of Burgenland, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Vienna Boys Choir, Haydn Foundation, and Liszt Cultural Center, among others;

WHEREAS, among those who participated from 140 countries were symphonic orchestras, chamber music orchestras, folk music orchestras, wood and brass bands, marching bands, percussion ensembles, jazz bands, and ensembles of various types;

WHEREAS, because of the pandemic, the festival went online this 2021. One hundred forty orchestras from 33 different countries participated in the event. Instead of performing live, participating orchestras were asked to submit videos of their performances from 2019 to 2020;

WHEREAS, among the members of the jury are Arthur Fagen, Prof. Helmut Zehetner, conductor Neil Varon and Mark Pogolski, musical director of Hochschule fur Music and Theater in Munich;

WHEREAS, MSJO submitted a video of their 2019 performance at the Youngsan Art Hall in Seoul, Korea playing three movements from *Dvorak's Serenade* in E;

WHEREAS, MSJO also previously participated in the *Summa Cum Laude* International Youth Music Festival in Vienna, Austria where they won second place in 2017 and first place in 2018;

WHEREAS, these accolades have increased the world's awareness of the excellence of young Filipino musicians and artists and serve as a timely inspiration to all young Filipinos, especially those in the Philippine music industry;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and acknowledge MSJO's success to encourage young local musicians to push boundaries and elevate further the quality of Filipino musicianship, especially in light of the vibrancy and diversity of Filipino local musicians all over the country: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra.*

*Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra, and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.*

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 2, 2022.



MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA  
*Secretary General*