



CHOIRS

The Prime Note Ensemble, Saudi Arabia

Novem G. Cabios, Director

The Prime Note Ensemble is the first Filipino *a cappella* choir in Saudi Arabia. Its members are part of a group called Overseas Filipino Workers and its ranks are representatives of nearly every trade and profession. The choir performs two concerts every year with proceeds benefiting different charities in the Philippines. Since 2001, the group has given numerous performances in Saudi Arabia and gained international exposure by winning the Bronze Medal in the 4th World Choir Games in China and winning the Silver Medal and Gold Certificate in the 5th World Choir Games in Austria in 2008. The group was recently ranked as one of the top 50 Male Choirs in the world by *Musica Mundi*.

Fullerton College Concert Choir

John Tebay, Director

This 60 voice ensemble has performed throughout the West, Pacific Northwest, and the East Coast of the United States as well as Canada, Mainland China, the United Kingdom and Italy. They have been a featured choir at American Choral Director's Association Conventions. The choir has competed at the International Eisteddfod Music Festival Competition in Wales and the Seghizzi International Choral Competition in Gorizia, Italy.

St. Zlata Meglenska, Republic of Macedonia

Letka Dimovska Polizova, Director

The St. Zlata Meglenska Women's Chamber Choir exists as a part of the Macedonian Orthodox Church and it is the first of its kind in Macedonia. They most recently took the Grand Prize at both the 2008 Rimini International Choral Competition in Italy and the 2006 National Multicultural Festival in Canberra, Australia. A first place prize was awarded at the 2007 International Choral Festival of Popular Singing in Barcelona. The choir has competed in festivals in the United Kingdom, Greece, Slovenia, Slovakia, Croatia, Poland, Yugoslavia and other European countries.

Sikama Choir, Republic of Congo, Brazzaville

Elisabeth Makosso, Director

Following a year of Civil War and serious political turmoil from 1992-93, Ms. Makosso created this singers' group to represent the unity of all Congolese people regardless of origins and to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Composed of 30 members, Sikama Choir stands for a group of Christians who are always ready to act and react for love, fraternity and unity throughout the world by the means of traditional/folk gospel songs. The choir has traveled to the cities of Luozi and Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Central Africa.

The Chamber Choir of the Medical University of Wrocław, Poland

Dr. Agnieszka Franków-Żelazny, Director

Poland is a country noted for its strong history of choral singing and this chamber choir is considered one of the best university choirs in the country. They have won the Polish National Choral Competition several times in the past decade and have taken first prizes at many other festivals in their country. The Chamber Choir has garnered prestigious awards during their international touring of countries such as Russia, Germany, England, Hungary, France and Finland to name a few countries.

Christ the King Church Choir, Uganda

Louis Sekyewa, Director

Christ the King Church Choir comes from Kampala, Uganda. In August 2005, the choir celebrated 75 years in existence. It is composed of more than 95 members and sings for the faithful during the morning Mass every Sunday. The choir had an opportunity to participate at the Musica Sacra International Festival in May 2004, representing the Catholic Church. For Thanksgiving, 2008, the choir was invited to sing at the Uganda State House and the President of Uganda and his wife were their hosts. Their 2008 Christmas concerts were attended by the Diplomatic Circles, Ministers, Clergy and Members of Parliament. The choir received a special award commending their performance during the 2007 California International Choral Festival & Competition. They return for the 2009 competition.

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