



National Masterclass Series for Choral Conductors Regional Convention for Visayas & Mindanao

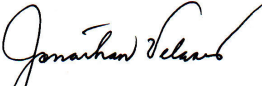
The Philippine Choral Directors Association (PCDA) invites you to the **National Masterclass Series for Choral Conductors, Regional Convention for Visayas and Mindanao**, on **November 19-22, 2009** at the **University of Visayas, Cebu City**.

The National Masterclass Series for Choral Conductors was launched in Baguio last April, coinciding with the Regional Convention for Luzon. Attended by conductors and choral enthusiasts from around the country, choral practitioners identified areas of improvement and shared ideas, insights, and techniques in vocal production, ensemble work, conducting techniques, and programming. The summit also became an occasion for conductors from around the country to meet and bond with each other.

In this spirit, the PCDA proudly announces the Regional Convention for Visayas and Mindanao. Recent triumphs in national and international choral events by choral groups from these areas strongly indicate that Visayas and Mindanao are emerging as the country's new choral hubs. To perform consistently at international standards, choirs and conductors from these regions now need advanced training. The PCDA National Masterclass Series offers classes for conductors in need of both basic and advanced training, as well as choral clinics, and an avenue for conductors to exchange opinions and ideas about the local choral heritage.

We believe in the power of music to bring forth unity in choral musicians and audiences, and in its power to transcend the barriers of race, language, and ideology. We invite you to take part in this historic cultural event—a catalyst for peace as we, together, create world-class Philippine music.

The application form is available online at www.jonathanvelasco.weebly.com. For more information, contact the PCDA Secretary General at + 63 917 535 6552.


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