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SPECIAL ADVISORY TO SCHOOLS / CHURCHES / INTEREST GROUPS

Dear friends

Manila Broadcasting Company (MBC) will mount the 2018 MBC National Choral Competitions on December 4-8, 2018 at the Aliv Theater.

We are inviting ensembles from schools, churches, residential communities, offices, and special interest groups to take part in the competition, which will be conducted in two divisions: children's choirs (for participants up to the age of 16), and the open category. P100,000 will go to the grand champion in the children's division, and P150,000 are at stake for this year's open category champion.

Interested choirs should send an audition packet consisting of a high quality video of the group (taken no more than 6 months before) and the attached application form to:

2018 MBC National Choral Competitions
Manila Broadcasting Company
Sotto Street
CCP Complex
Roxas Boulevard
Pasay City
(Tel 555.3477)

Audition packets must be received at the MBC head office, Sotto Street, CCP Complex, Pasay City on or before October 15, 2018. The video may also be posted on YouTube, with the link and application form emailed to siouxstar@gmail.com on or before the date mentioned.

Detailed mechanics have also been provided for your reference, and shall also be posted on the official Facebook page of the MBC National Choral Competitions. All updates shall likewise be posted on the page.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely

RUPERTO S. NICDAO JR.
President

To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers In-Charge
(Elementary & Secondary)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

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2018 MBC NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION

Contest Mechanics

Eligibility

- The competition shall be in two divisions – Children’s Choirs and the Open Category
- A choir may represent a school, parish, district, company, agency, or interest group;
- Participants in the children’s choir category must have been born after November 30, 2002; upon qualifying, photocopies of birth certificates should be submitted together with the final registration form
- A choir should have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 members;
- A chorister can only participate in one choir;
- Choral conductors may only conduct one choir each in the children’s and open categories, that qualify for the competition proper.
- No conductor below the age of 16 is allowed.

Auditions

- Auditions will be conducted via video submissions.
- Interested choirs should send a high-quality video recording (taken not earlier than 6 months before) in which the group sings 3 songs of different genres (one liturgical/inspirational piece; one pop/contemporary work; and a regional/folk number).
- The video must be accompanied by the audition form, which will be downloadable from the official Facebook page, or requested via email.
- The entire application packet should be sent to: 2018 MBC National Choral Competitions, Manila Broadcasting Company, Sotto Street, CCP Complex, Pasay City (tel 555.3477), and **must be received on or before October 15, 2018.**
- The video may also be uploaded onto YouTube, with the link and application form duly emailed to siouxstar@gmail.com on or before the said date.

Competition format

Children’s Choir Division

- The contest proper will be conducted on December 4-8, 2018 at the Aliw Theater. 12 choirs will compete in the semifinals, bracketed into groups of three (3) per daily elimination round. One winner will be declared on each evening of the semi-final round, with the four daily winners facing off in the grand finals at the Aliw Theater on Saturday, December 8, 2018;
- For the competition proper, each choir is required to sing three songs within 12 minutes: the competition piece to be sung a’capella; a novelty number; and one of three elective musical selections proposed by the choir from which the judges will select.

Open Category

- The contest proper will be conducted on December 4-8, 2018 at the Aliw Theater. 24 choirs will compete in the semifinals, bracketed into groups of six (6) per daily elimination round. Two winners will be declared on each evening of the semi-final round, with the eight daily winners facing off in the grand finals at the Aliw Theater on Saturday, December 8, 2018;

- For the competition proper, each choir is required to sing three songs within 12 minutes: the competition piece to be sung a'capella; a novelty number; and one of three elective musical selections proposed by the choir from which the judges will select.

Music Requirements

- Accompaniment, if any, is limited to one acoustic instrument – either piano, guitar, or other instrument specified by the score.
- Use of any electronic instrument or recorded accompaniment is not allowed.
- The choirs in the competition proper in December should submit to MBC five copies each of the sheet music for songs in their repertoire on or before November 23, 2018.
- Music scores may be collected from the production staff immediately after the respective semifinal rounds, except for those who make it into the grand finals, whose sheets may be collected after the show on December 8, or within one week after the grand finals. Uncollected scores will not be sent by mail.
- Published choral works may only be sung using original scores or authorized copies. All scores must be dropped off at MBC or sent via courier. Scores sent electronically as PDF or similar files will not be accepted.

Other Requirements for Submission by Qualifiers prior to the national competition

Final registration form, downloadable from the Facebook page of the MBC National Choral Competition, or as requested via email;
 Profile or write - up on the group;
 High resolution photo of the group and its conductor.

- These must be received by MBC on or before November 23, 2018; incomplete requirements shall be grounds for disqualification

Running Order

The running order for each semifinal round will be decided by drawing lots before each programme.
 Running order for the grand finals will be chronological according to the day each choir wins the semis.

Jury

- The jury will be composed of people of recognised repute in the music and artistic world (including education and music criticism).
- In order to avoid possible repetitions, the jury will choose the piece to be performed from the roster of elective musical selections.
- The judges' decisions will be final and irrevocable.

Criteria for Judging

- Musicality (Tonal Quality, Harmony, Diction) 70%
- Presentation (Dynamics and Technique, including costumes and choreography) 20%
- Audience Impact 10%

Penalties - Any choral group exceeding the time limit allotted for their performance will be penalized as follows:

- Less than one (1) minute over time allotted – 1 point subtracted from total cumulative score of all judges
- One (1) to two (2) minutes over time allotted – 2 points subtracted from total cumulative score of all judges
- More than two (2) minutes over time allotted – 3 points subtracted from total cumulative score of all judges

Solo Vocals Competition

MBC shall run a solo vocals competition among soloists nominated by the competing choirs. Interested singers must have been part of the nominating choir in previous MBC choral competition years or at present, either as chorister or conductor. A video and basic bio-data must be submitted by the nominating choir for pre-screening, and must be received by MBC on or before October 15, 2018. Three participants per evening will be selected, with the four individual daily winners competing in a showdown at the grand finals. The competing singers may use minus-one backing tracks, which should be submitted to the production staff during the soundcheck before each show. Songs must be from pop or musical theatre genres.

Prizes at Stake

Choirs from the provinces outside Mega-Manila who qualify for the competition proper in December will each receive a travel subsidy to help cover the group's fare. This will be given to them upon booking their trip.

Each of the choirs that compete in the semifinals are guaranteed P7,500 take home prize, and shall be given plaques of participation on the night they compete. Daily winners on each semifinal night will receive P15,000 each.

For the solo vocal competition, the daily winners will each bring home P3,000, with the second placer receiving P2,000 and third placer getting P1,000.

For the Grand Finals, winners will receive cash prizes as follows:

Choral Competition - Children's Division

Fourth place	P 15,000 and trophy
Third place	30,000 and trophy
Second Place	50,000 and trophy
Champion	100,000 and trophy

Choral Competition - Open Category

Each of four runners-up	P 10,000
Fourth place	20,000 and trophy
Third place	40,000 and trophy
Second place	75,000 and trophy
Champion	150,000 and trophy

Solo Vocals Competition:

Grand Champion = P5,000;
 2nd place = P3,000;
 3rd place = P2,000;
 4th place = P1,000

MBC NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION
2018 Audition Form
Please type or computerize

Category: Children Open

Name of Choir: _____

Conductor: _____

Home Base (Name of School / Church / Community / Interest Group): _____

Address: _____

All-Male All-Female Mixed Choir Number of members: _____ Age bracket _____

Contact person: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

For provincial choirs that qualify— check for the subsidy will be payable to:

_____ T.I.N. _____

Bank Details (if check is to be deposited, state account name, branch, and account number):

REPERTOIRE:

GENRE	SONG TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER

Please check Video format sent: DVD negative USB flash drive YouTube link

If video is to be uploaded onto YouTube, please indicate link below:
