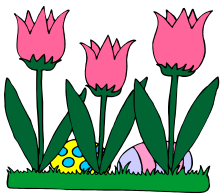




# UPAACC Newsletter

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## UPAACC's Vintage Summer Concert 2006 features pianist **Jovanni-Rey V. de Pedro**



Filipino-American pianist, Jovanni-Rey V. de Pedro, 23, has been called an artist of "musical depth and exciting virtuosity." Jovanni credits much of his development and successes to all his major teachers, especially Prof. Robert Ward, with whom he studied throughout his high school years and remains

his mentor. Currently, Jovanni is under full scholarship from the ASCAP/Leiber & Stoller Foundations at the Vienna Conservatory of Music in Austria, under Prof. Gerhard Geretschaefer.

Born into a family whose musical history dates back well over a century, Jovanni received his first piano lesson at age three from his father, Remigio. Additional early studies came from Gloria Ho-Sims, and later from Vilma Posadas who guided him to the semi-finals of the nationwide Yamaha Electone Festival in 1992. At age 14, he had his

concert debut at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center, and thereafter, his playing has been heard incessantly across the United States, Great Britain, Canada, Austria, Spain and the Philippines.

**August 26, 2006 Saturday at 7 PM  
Tower Theatre, Fresno, CA**

Jovanni entered the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts in 1997 as a classical pianist and soon after began widening his horizons in music. He took advantage of the many opportunities available at LACHSA, participating in the school's jazz band, vocal jazz ensemble, gospel choir, percussion assemble and symphony orchestra. He explored his interest in choral and orchestral conducting; studied with Director Alan Mautner and Dr. Tom Miyake and eventually, became the LACHSA Symphony's first student conductor. Besides Sunday mass commitment, he and his father have led the Filipino Choir of Saint John/Mahiwaga Singers and Himig Banal Ensembles to numerous concerts and in local and international competitions.

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**JUNE 17, 2006  
SATURDAY, 11 AM**

**UPAACC SUMMER GENERAL MEETING**  
*Bayer Park, Modesto*

**AUGUST 26, 2006  
SATURDAY, 7 PM**

**VINTAGE SUMMER CONCERT 2006**  
*Tower Theatre for the Performing Arts, Fresno*

**OCTOBER 14, 2006  
SATURDAY, 11 AM**

**UPAACC FALL GENERAL MEETING**  
*Parkview Picnic Shelter, Woodward Park, Fresno*

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## President's Corner

By Orly Dyoco



In the long history of the University of the Philippines, UP has consistently been considered by many as one of the best educational institutions in Asia. UP has produced and continues to generate individuals who excel in different fields of endeavor. In Central California, graduates of UP contribute their time and energy to the communities they now live in, and several have made their mark as outstanding citizens in their adopted country.

In 1982, twenty-five UP alumni from different cities in Central California put their heads and hearts together to form an alumni chapter. Their mission – to support their beloved *alma mater* in its unrelenting pursuit of academic excellence. In the twenty-four years that followed, membership as well as programs grew many times over. UPAACC has become involved in projects in line with the University's needs as they unfold. UPAACC

# Vintage Summer Concert 2006

sends textbooks and references to various UP campuses. Once a year, the organization finances the procurement of a computer system for a chosen UP campus. In the new millennium, UPAACC became a regular participant in the program where alumni chapters all over the world are asked to finance a project on the UP President's wish-list. But the project that UPAACC members are most proud of is the scholarship program which provides financial support to deserving students pursuing a Bachelor's degree at the University of the Philippines.

In order for UPAACC to succeed in fulfilling its mission, we have to continually seek ways to finance our various programs. This year, UPAACC has the distinct privilege of presenting the award-winning concert pianist, *Jovanni Rey V. de Pedro* in a show entitled "*Vintage Summer Concert 2006*", on **Saturday, August 26, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Tower Theatre for the Per-**

**forming Arts** in Fresno, California.

Jovanni started playing the piano at age three. At 14, he had his concert debut at the Baldwin Park Performing Arts Center. This was followed by numerous performances across the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, and Austria. Over the years, Jovanni expanded his repertoire to add jazz, religious, modern, and ethnic music to classical music. At present, Jovanni is taking his Masters degree at the Vienna Conservatory of Music in Austria under the tutelage of Professor Gerhard Geretschaefer.

In support of our cause, Jovanni will take a short break from his studies to donate his time and talent in August. We are therefore urging you to mark August 26, 2006, on your calendars. Come and experience an evening of wonderful musical talent. The show promises to be an experience you would not want to miss.

### SOUVENIR PROGRAM ADVERTISING

All members are being asked to solicit advertisers for the Souvenir Program. The advertising rates are as follows:

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Members who can not attend this concert due to previous commitments are encouraged to purchase tickets as donation to our Association. All members are encouraged to advertise in our souvenir program. Board members in your area will be in touch with you soon. Please contact Lydia Favor for details.

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### Important Dates to Remember

#### 2006 Calendar of Activities

**May 13 . . . . . Board of Directors Meeting, Fresno**

**June 17 \*\*. . . . . Summer General Membership Meeting, Bayer Park, Modesto**

**August 26 . . . . . Vintage Summer Concert 2006, Tower Theatre, Fresno**

**September . . . . . Board of Directors Meeting - (Date and location to be determined)\***

**October 14 \*\*. . . . . Fall General Membership Meeting & Election of Officers, Parkview Picnic Shelter, Woodward Park, Fresno**

**November 18 . . . . . Board of Directors Meeting, Fresno\***

*\* The schedule above is subject to change depending on availability of venue. Please watch for any announcement in this Newsletter or on the UPAACC website at [www.upaacc.org](http://www.upaacc.org)*

**\*\* Picnic shelters have been reserved for these dates.**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
Alumni Association of Central California (UPAACC)



cordially invites you to a

*Vintage Summer Concert 2006*

featuring pianist

**Jovanni-Rey V. de Pedro**



Gold Medal Award – Pacific Piano Competition, Richmond, Canada  
Silver Medal Award – 16<sup>th</sup> International Piano Competition, Ibiza, Spain  
Scholar & Boesendorfer Award – Conservatory of Music, Vienna, Austria

**August 26, 2006**  
**Saturday at 7 PM**

**Tower Theatre for the  
Performing Arts**

**815 East Olive Ave, Fresno, CA**

**559-485-9050**

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**General Admission . . . . \$ 20 Donation**

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**Jovanni-Rey de Pedro . . . . .**  
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At his high school graduation in 2000, Jovanni was awarded the Norris Foundation Scholarship. Additional scholarship awards came from organizations such as the Rotary International, the Los Angeles' Young Musicians Foundation, Southwest Heights Philharmonic, among others. He joined various piano competitions in USA and Canada and won First Place at the 1998 Los Angeles Junior Bach Festival, 2000 Southwestern Youth Music Festival, 2000 Missouri Western Young Artists Piano Competition, 2001 Music Academy of North Carolina Piano Competition, 2001 Cypress College Music Festival, 2001 United States Open Piano Competition and the 2003 International Pacific Piano Competition. Since his success in Canada in 2003, this young artist continued to receive awards; the prestigious Boesenboerfer Prize as the "Most Outstanding Pianist" at the Conservatory of Music in Vienna, Austria, the 2003 Ibiza International

Piano Competition in Spain where he took second place from 65 pianists representing 25 countries, and the overall prize of the 2004 Fidelio Competition given by the City of Vienna's Cultural Department. He has been invited as guest performer at the International Peninsula Music Festival in Palos Verdes, and has performed numerous solo piano recitals. He has three CD recordings and released a fourth, *Center Stage*, a collection of his live performances. In 2004, Jovanni performed in Stockton at the Summer Concert 2004 sponsored by the Filipino Pastoral Ministry of the Diocese of Stockton, and later that year he played Mozart's Piano Concerto K 414 at a two-week music festival in Prague, The Czech Republic.

**UPAACC SEAL COMPETITION**

UPAACC is a 24-year old organization that has many successes and also survived many trials and tribulations through these years. In all these years, we have been using the great UP Seal to identify our Association. In one of our general meetings, it was suggested that it is about time to have our own seal that uniquely reflects our organization and its members. It was therefore proposed that a UPAACC seal design competition be opened to all members.

One suggestion is to have a UP seal with a symbol of UP (Oblation) that is superimposed on a picture of the Yosemite National Park (probably the most identifiable symbol of Central California).

It is requested that all members send their ideas for a UPAACC seal and the membership will decide the winner. Your entry must be submitted one week before the general meeting in Fresno on October 14th. A \$ 100 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner.

Get those creative juices working and show your support and UP spirit by coming up with the winning UPAACC seal.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!**  
**UPAACC SEAL DESIGN**  
**COMPETITION— OPEN TO ALL**  
**UPAACC MEMBERS!**  
=====>  
**WIN A \$ 100**  
**GIFT CERTIFICATE**  
**Must be an original design!**