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THE MARIAN CHOIR of the Our Lady of the Pillar Parish in Imus, Cavite goes on its first world concert tour and pilgrimage from May 31 to Oct. 24.

## Marian Choir of Imus, Cavite, sets off for world concert tour

The Marian Choir of the Our Lady of the Pillar Parish Church in Imus, Cavite will be venturing on their first World Concert Tour and Pilgrimage from May 31 to Oct. 24.

The choir are scheduled to perform in Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Luxembourg, United Kingdom, France, Monaco, Spain, Italy, United States, Singa-

pore and Hong Kong. Likewise, they will represent the Philippines and Asia in the World Choral Festival in Tilburg, Belgium (June 9), Geneva International Music Festival in Geneva, Switzerland (June 22), the 8th International Competition of Chamber Choir Chorus Camera in the Czech Republic (June 28-31), 1st International Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Choir Competition in Hesse, Germany (July 18-21), the XLIV International Polyphonic

Contest Guido d'Arezzo, Italy (Aug. 22-26), International Choral Festival and Competition of Karditsa in Karditsa, Greece (Sept. 1-8) and at the XXXI Jornadas Internacionales de Canto Choral in Barcelona, Spain (Sept. 9-14).

They will be featured in the Grand Philippine Centennial Concert on June 22, sponsored by the Philippine Consulate in Geneva, and the Embassy of the Philippines in Switzerland at the International Labor Organization auditorium in Geneva before an audience of foreign dignitaries and Filipino communities in Europe.

They are also scheduled to perform at the Archaeological Area of the Marcellus Theater in Rome, Italy sponsored by the Philippine Embassy and the City Government of Rome as the main feature for the 1996 Summer Flower Festival in Italy.

They are performing in New York under the auspices of the Philippine Consulate in New York, Cavite Association of New York and the Santissima Nombre de Jesus of Cebu in the United States. Other major performances are: a series of concerts in Brussels for the benefit of the ERDA — an NGO project funded by Jesuit Father Pierre Tritz for the education of Filipino children; A private audience with Pope John Paul II in Vatican City with a celebrated mass with the Pope at the Basilica Santa Prudenciana in Italy; Concert at the Basilica of Notre Dame in France and a concert at St. Heinrich Church in Kiel, Germany.

The choir will be the guest choir at mass in over 70 cathedrals in 45 cities worldwide.

The choir regularly serves the 7 a.m. Sunday Mass at the Imus Cathedral. The Marian Choir is under the direction of Patrick Frias y Soriano (American tour coordinator).

The choir members are: Julie Ann

Aguinaldo, Rosalie Mangalaban, Claire Dandan, Helen Pape-leras, Kristin Tenorio, Lady Francisca Valmores, Malou Ebron, Riza Mangalaban, Mayette Torreliza, Lovella Rivera, Julius Corre, Thomas Frias III (Overall World Concert Tour coordinator and president), Eric Michael Nolasco, Carlo Reyes, Gene Albert Chan, Patrick Lara (Asian tour coordinator), Jobert Narvaes, Alex Rivera, Rommel Reyes (production manager). The American tour coordinator is Patrick Frias and Fr. Virgilio Mendoza, the spiritual adviser.

This project is made possible through the help of the Philippine Centennial Commission; Philippine Amusements and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR); Sugarland Philippines; San Miguel Yamamura Glass Corporation; Alitalia Airlines and the Municipality of Imus.



MARIA LOURDES 'SNOWBELLE' RIVERA, daughter of Engr. Celso Rivera and Lourdes Rivera (nee De Los Reyes) of Lucena City, will wear this Eddie Escondo gown for her coronation as Ugat-Lucena muse.

## UGAT of Lucena City sets annual grand ball to celebrate 14th year

Lucena City's annual UGAT celebrates its 14th anniversary with a grand ball today, May 25 at 7 p.m. to be held at the L. Guinto Memorial Amphitheater in Lucena, Quezon.

UGAT-Lucena '96 will be highlighted by the traditional rigodon-de-honor and the cotillon. Participants in the rigodon are well-known and prominent Lucenians, based here and abroad while the cotillon will be performed by members of KABATAAN-UGAT. Music backup and ballroom music will be provided by Iggy de Guzman and his orchestra, supported by Gloria Gatmatian and her band.

This year's Ugat presidents are Archt.

Celing Sandoval who is based in Los Angeles, California and Lourdes delos Reyes Rivera, auditor at the Department of Trade and Industry. Executive vice president are Congressman Danny Suarez and Mayette Manalo Padillo.

To be crowned Ugat-Lucena '96 muse is 16-year-old Ma. Lourdes "Snowbelle" Rivera, daughter of Engr. Celso Rivera and lady president Lourdes delos Reyes Rivera. She will be escorted by Kabataan Ugat president Alfred Villa Fuerte III. Teis Carlos Balquiedra is the lady president of Kabataan Ugat.

Also coordinating Ugat Lucena '96 is Lydia delos Reyes-Hao, past Ugat lady president and Archie Ilagan, past chairman of Pasayahan sa Lucena.

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