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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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SPECIAL ADVISORY TO SCHOOLS/CHRUCHES/INTEREST GROUPS

To: Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Attached is a letter from the President of Manila Broadcasting Company (MBC), Mr. Ruperto S. Nicdao Jr. inviting schools to join their 2016 National Choral Competitions on December 6-10, 2016 at the Aliw Theater.
2. Participation of interested schools in this activity shall be on Official Time only and no government funds shall be used.
3. Dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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SPECIAL ADVISORY TO SCHOOLS / CHURCHES / INTEREST GROUPS

Dear friends

Manila Broadcasting Company will mount the 2016 MBC National Choral Competitions on December 6-10 at the Aliw 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.

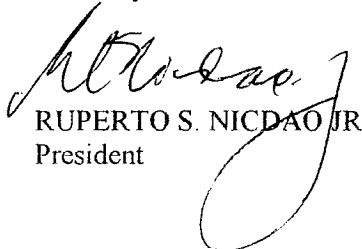
Live auditions will be conducted in Cauayan, Isabela (September 3); General Santos City (September 10); Dagupan, Pangasinan (September 17); Iloilo (September 24); Cebu (October 1); Cagayan de Oro (October 8); Legazpi City, Albay (October 15); and at the Star Theater (October 22-23). Choirs from other provinces outside Metro Manila may also opt to send an application packet consisting of a high quality audition video and the attached application form, which must be received at the MBC head office on or before October 14. Detailed mechanics have also been provided for your reference

To register for the live auditions, or inquire about other details, please contact the following:

YesFM Cauayan 0927.388.8277; zaldy619@gmail.com
Love Radio GenSan 0916.509.2222; dodie_jr@yahoo.com
Love Radio Dagupan 0917.370.5717; noeldwid983@yahoo.com
Love Radio Iloilo 0917.501.7070; baybzy@yahoo.com
Yes FM/Easy Rock Cebu 0917.315.3539; baula_marlon@yahoo.com
Easy Rock Cagayan de Oro 0917.704.0527; wisedvo@yahoo.com
Love Radio Legazpi 0999.345.6787; luvleg49653@yahoo.com
MBC Head Office 0917.865.9400; siouxstar@gmail.com

Thank you very much.

Sincerely


RUPERTO S. NICDAO JR.
President

2016 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, 2000; photocopies of birth certificates should be submitted together with the 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.

Competition format

Children’s Choir Division

- Live auditions will be conducted in Cauayan, Isabela (September 3); General Santos City (September 10); Dagupan, Pangasinan (September 17); Iloilo City (September 24); Cebu City (October 1); Cagayan de Oro (October 8); Legazpi City (October 15) and at the Aliw Theater, CCP Complex, in Pasay (October 22-23).
- Choirs should pre-register with the assigned radio station handling the elimination round in that region;
- On the day of the audition, choirs should bring three clear copies each of the songs they will sing (one liturgical/inspirational piece, one pop/contemporary work, and/or a regional/folk number), to be submitted to the production staff in a folder, together with the detailed registration form, one hour before the audition proper.
- Other choirs, particularly those from the regions, may opt to audition by sending a high-quality video recording in which the choir sings 3 songs of the different genres mentioned above, together with the registration form. The entire application packet should be sent to the head office of Manila Broadcasting Company, Sotto Street, CCP Complex, Pasay City, and must be received on or before October 14, 2016
- The semifinal contests will be conducted on December 6-10, 2016 at the Aliw Theater, in which 16 choirs will compete. Choirs will be bracketed into groups of four for the semifinals. Laoag City Children’s Choir, having been elevated to the Hall of Fame for three consecutive wins in 2012-2014, is still on hiatus from the competition.
- 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.
- 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 10, 2016;

Open Category

- Live auditions will be conducted in Cauayan, Isabela (September 3); General Santos City (September 10); Dagupan, Pangasinan (September 17); Iloilo City (September 24); Cebu City (October 1); Cagayan de Oro (October 8); Legaspi City, Albay (October 15), and at the Aliw Theater, CCP Complex, in Pasay (October 22-23).

- Choirs should pre-register with the assigned radio station handling the elimination round in that region;
- On the day of the audition, choirs should bring three clear copies each of the songs they will sing (one liturgical/inspirational piece, one pop/contemporary work, and/or a regional/folk number), to be submitted to the production staff in a folder, together with the detailed registration form, one hour before the audition proper.
- Other choirs, particularly those from the regions, may opt to audition by sending a high-quality video recording in which the choir sings 3 songs of the different genres mentioned above, together with the registration form. The entire application packet should be sent to the head office of Manila Broadcasting Company, Sotto Street, CCP Complex, Pasay City, and must be received on or before October 14, 2016
- The semi-final contests will be conducted on December 6-10, 2016 at the Aliw Theater, in which 28 choirs will compete. Choirs will be bracketed in groups of seven for the daily contests. University of Baguio Voices Chorale, as the 2015 MBC National Choral Competition Champion, will automatically be invited and does not need to audition, but needs to confirm its participation.
- 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 on the spot.
- Two winners will be declared each evening of the semifinal round.
- Daily winners will compete in the grand finals at the Aliw Theater on December 10, 2016.

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 18, 2016.
- 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 10, 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 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 18, 2016: 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

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 Grand Finals, the winning choirs will receive trophies plus cash prizes as follows:

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

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

Special awards for Best Show Choir (P10,000) and Best Original Arrangement for a Novelty Number (P10,000) shall also be given during the grand finals.

MBC NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION

Application Form

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:** _____

In case, the choir qualifies for the subsidy, check will be payable to:
 _____ T.I.N. _____

Person authorized to receive the subsidy (must bring identification) : _____

REPERTOIRE (include names of composers and arrangers; please indicate if song will be rendered a'capella or specify accompaniment, if any):

GENRE	SONG TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER	ACCOMPANIMENT

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- Recording _____
- Choir Profile _____
- Choir Photo _____
- Music sheets _____