

Rolls-Royce of grand pianos featured in HAU concerts

ANGELES CITY — Holy Angel University will stage one concert per week in the next three weeks, featuring a Bosendorfer grand piano imported from Vienna.

Considered the Rolls-Royce of grand pianos, the Bosendorfer was the preferred brand of such notable pianists as Franz Liszt, Johann Strauss and Anton Rubinstein. Famous owners of a Bosendorfer in history include the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Japan and Empress Eugenie of France.

The concerts are: "A Night of Chopin" featuring Rudolf Pelaez Golez, sole prizewinner of the recent Chopin Competition in Kuala Lumpur, September 20 (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (free concert for HAU employees and scholars); "A Classical Music Lecture-Concert" featuring tenor Randy Gilongo, soprano Nenen Espina, flutist G.J. Herman

Gomez and pianist Mary Ann Espina, September 26 (Friday) at 3 p.m.; and "Romancing the Piano" featuring top Filipino concert pianist Raul Sunico, October 1 (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

All three concerts will be held at the University Theatre, which music critics acknowledge as the best concert hall outside Manila and among of the country's top three concert halls in terms of acoustics.

The concerts are part of HAU's Diamond Jubilee offerings.

"There's more to come in the next few months," Robby Tangingco, AVP for Student Affairs and chair of the Jubilee Year Committee, said. "But these concerts this month are our special gift to our teaching and non-teaching personnel who have served our University all these years, and to our working students on scholarship."

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"They are also our way of giving back to the community out there that has been our partner in progress," Tangingco added.

All performers in the three concerts will use the Bosendorfer grand piano, which was especially brought to the University Theatre through the Ros Music Center, headed by Rey Sison, flutist of the Manila Symphony Orchestra, which also performed at the University Theatre early this year. (Press Release)