

HERMINIGILDO G. RANERA

Conductor

Hailed for his authoritative, articulate and soulful conducting, Herminigildo G. Ranera possesses a rare musical combination as a conductor, composer, arranger, performer and educator. He obtained his Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Master of Music Degree in Conducting from the University of Northern Colorado (with the Dean's Citation for Graduate Excellence and National Graduate Award) and Doctor of Philosophy major in Educational Management from Cagayan State University. A multi-awarded performer, he was a three-time prize-winner of the National Music Competition for Young Artists (NAMCYA).

His conducting mentors include Bernardino Custodio Duilio Dubrin, Kenneth Singleton, David Mackenzie, and Redentor Romero, among other international educators. As an orchestral conductor, he has led the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, California State University Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, Chia-Yi Wind Orchestra, San Miguel Philharmonic, Manila Philharmonic, the UST Symphony Orchestra, as well as the Transylvania Philharmonic Orchestra in Club, Romania. Various international and local artists have performed under his baton, including Alexander Tomescu, Tian Jiang, Maki Hirasawa, Theo Mertens, Zoltan Szabo, Nena Del Rosario-Villanueva, Fr. Manuel P. Maramba, Leonor Kilayko, Reynaldo Reyes, Rowena Arrieta and Raul M. Sunico.

Ranera is presently teaching at the UST Conservatory of Music, where he is the conductor of the UST Symphony Orchestra and Symphony Band. Aside from leading many symphonic bands, he is also Associate conductor of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, the nation's leading orchestra.