

THE FILHARMONIC EPK

BIOGRAPHIES

With Los Angeles as home base, we now present you with The Filharmonic, a band unique in their musical talent and cultural diversity. The Filharmonic, an a cappella group of Filipino-American youngsters who were featured in NBC'S hit musical competition, The Sing-Off, has much to sing about. The 5-piece vocal group made the semifinals, joined The Sing-Off national tour, and were featured in the Universal Pictures hit movie, Pitch Perfect 2, then became a viral sensation after their Late Late Show appearances. In 2016, The Filharmonic brought their unique blend of hip hop, pop and 90'S nostalgia to more than 150 stages nationwide and was named the #1 college booked entertainment group of the year. They consist of vocalists Vj Rosales, Joe Caigoy, Trace Gaynor, Vocal Bass Jules Cruz, And Beat Boxer Niko Del Rey.

What started as friendly chance encounters at singing competitions in college eventually solidified into a harmonious group as the boys discovered their shared genuine chemistry, unparalleled love of music, and undeniable musical talents. Through social network and a strong kinship to their Filipino culture they have found their niche in the musical community. Though their passion for great music is on par, their combined talents come from a wide variety of backgrounds in the performing arts industry, including pop, a cappella, jazz, opera, theater, classical, etc. Together they honor their Filipino heritage through incredibly nuanced musical performances that are both moving and fun to experience.

Currently, the boys can be found working hard on their music, videos, and doing what they love most: simply performing. Ultimately the group aspires to work with the greatest in the music industry for the greatest audience in the world: you. To this end, they invite you to join them on this amazing journey they've embarked on as they work joyfully and tirelessly at their art.





NAME: JOE CAIGOY BIRTHDATE: APRIL 1989 FAVORITE FOOD: LUMPIA & PANCIT BIHON PARENTS ORIGINALLY FROM: ILOILO & MANILA

Joe Caigoy is the big cuddly bear of the group! His voice has been given many nicknames during The Filharmonic's journey on "The Sing Off," ranging from "The Voice of God" to "Chocolate Covered Strawberries." Joe brings a lot to the table in terms of vocal variety. Not only was he a part of Mt. Sac's winning ICCA group in 2009 (Alongside Pentatonix's Avi Kaplan), he also has merits in both vocal jazz and opera. However, his diversity doesn't stop there. Joe was born to perform and was even praised by Jewel for his sultry body roll choreography on the show. Studying vocal performance at Michigan State University, Joe hopes to become a music educator someday.

NAME: VJ ROSALES BIRTHDATE: JUNE 1987 FAVORITE FOOD: PEPPERONI PIZZA PARENTS ORIGINALLY FROM: BATAAN & CAVITE

Being the driving force behind The Filharmonic's soothing melodic sound, VJ is the group's "Musical Director". Since graduating with a Bachelors of Music degree in Choral – Vocal and Jazz studies from Cal State, Long Beach, VJ has had a variety of accomplishments in the music industry, such as being a contestant on Season 3 Of NBC's The Voice. He is considered to be an expert in the world of a cappella and has a yearly mentoring position at the famed A Cappella Academy which is run by Ben Bram and Avi Kaplan of Pentatonix. Even though VJ is working round the clock on numerous projects you might be able to find him on his downtime watching Netflix or listening to Beyoncé and Fifth Harmony.





NAME: NIKO DEL REY BIRTHDATE: OCTOBER 1990 FAVORITE FOOD: CARNE ASADA FRIES PARENTS ORIGINALLY FROM: MANILA & CAVITE

His beats can only be rivaled by his long, luscious hair. You may have heard others call him "The Bad Boy" of the group but that is only because he marches to the beat of his own drum. In actuality Niko isn't a law breaker but an aspiring Law Enforcement Officer with his degree in Political Science that he earned from the University of California, Riverside. You can see his hip-hop rooted personality through his unique style of beatboxing and his street inspired fashion choices. The group also considers him the best dancer which could be a result from his love of 90's Hip-Hop. When he isn't working on his rhythms, you can find him working it out at the gym.

NAME: TRACE GAYNOR BIRTHDATE: MAY 1992 FAVORITE FOOD: CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES PARENTS ORIGINALLY FROM: BACARRA

Trace is The Filharmonic's personal social media wiz and video editing guru. Although he is originally born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, these techy skills he acquired are from the University of Southern California, where he graduated with a degree in Broadcast and Digital Journalism. Prior to singing with The Filharmonic, he was holding the esteemed title of Musical Director for a cappella group, the USC Troy Tones. Although he illustrates a boyish demeanor onstage, Trace is very business minded and takes a lot of pride in The Filharmonic's social presence. So if you ever get a heartfelt reply or a cute emoji, chances are you can thank Trace for that.





NAME: JULES CRUZ BIRTHDATE: NOVEMBER 1991 FAVORITE FOOD: SUSHI PARENTS ORIGINALLY FROM: MANILA

Every great team has an even greater captain. The Lakers had Kobe Bryant, the Avengers have Captain America and The Filharmonic has Jules Cruz. Jules is the foundation of the group in terms of leadership and singing, setting the underlying tone as the vocal bass. Jules went to Mt. San Antonio College where he studied Environmental Biology. EHe has also performed alongside, Avi Kaplan with Mt. Sac's Chamber Choir. Some may give credit for his skills as an entertainer are drawn from his upbringing in Henderson, Nevada, neighboring the western hemisphere's biggest stage, Las Vegas. Before singing full-time with The Filharmonic, some of his previous occupations consisted of a train conductor, wildlife sanctuary attendant and sandwich artist.

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PRESS



THE FILHARMONIC PERFORM ACAPELLA VERSION OF 'LOVE YOURSELF' FOR IN YOUR LIVING ROOM



The six members of The Filharmonic stopped by the SUSPEND studio in Downtown Los Angeles to perform an acapella version of 'Love Yourself' (written by Justin Bieber, Ed Sheeran and Benny Blanco) for SUSPEND's IN YOUR LIVING ROOM series. Vocalists VJ Rosales, Joe Caigoy, Trace Gaynor, Barry Fortgang, Jules Cruz (vocal bass), and Niko Del Rey (beat boxer) performed the following rendition in one take.



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VULTURE

How *A Christmas Story Live!* Made Its Chinese-Restaurant Scene Less Racist



When families and "You'll shoot your eye out!" obsessives gather 'round the old flat-screen to watch Fox's ambitious musical event, *A Christmas Story Live!*, they may notice a few adjustments to the beloved 1983 film that inspired the special.



Representation, 'Pitch Perfect 2,' and a Love for '90s Music: Meet A Capella Group The Filharmonic



What began as a hobby for the individual members of a capella group The Filharmonic has now become their careers — from competing in NBC's "The Sing-Off" to performing in the record-smashing film "Pitch Perfect 2." The group discusses their families' journeys, their love of '90s music, and representing their identities in their work.

Look for new "Life Stories" videos published on Thursdays beginning in May and through September. Episodes can be watched on NBCAsianAmerica.com, NBC Asian America's Facebook page, NBC News' official YouTube channel, and the

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The Filharmonic Mash-Up Justin Bieber & Britney Spears

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with Los Angeles as nome base, we now present you wate the minimum experience to the second state of the s musical competition, "The Sing-Off", has much to sing about. Making the semi-final

Off" National tour, sharing the stage with Linkin Park, Black Eyed Peas and Pentate

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The Griffin

Niko: Surreal. I grew up listening to Linkin Park and the Black Eyed Peas have some great party songs. So performing with them was incredible and just so much fun. Are there any artists you guys really hope to work with in the

future? Barry: I believe I speak for all of us when I say Beyonce. I also think it would be cool to work with Justin Timberlake and Nsync.

Niko, you have a political science degree, do you have any plans to do something with that in the future? Or what you might have done if you weren't in the Filharmonic?

Niko: If I hadn't been in the myself to the two Filharmonic I would've worked in members I got law enforcement because I really straight down to just want to help people. Now that asking questions. I'm in the Filharmonic I really just So how old were want to donate money to charities. I'm in the Filharmonic I really just you guys when you Barry, you studied at the started becoming American Musical and Dramatic Academy, any future plans to maybe be in a show on Broadway?

Barry: Yeah I grew up with musical theater and I like it a lot just as The group began as just Barry: My parents were really much pop music. So I guess if the college students who saw interested in music and I was in opportunity arose I'd consider it. opportunity arose I'd consider it. Finally what advice do you have

 really started.
 for aspiring musicians in college?

 it like being in Pitch
 Niko: Love what you do, just ride
along with what you feel and just ras a really amazing continue to chase your passion. 🔵





had a phone interview with Barry Niko: I actually got started by Fortgang and Niko Del Rey of the playing guitar for church when I A-capella group The Filharmonic. was 12

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choir in middle school so I guess

because we are super of acapella music and ct. Personally it was my . It was a lot of fun and big fans. ut touring with such big uch as the Black Eyed Linkin Park?



THE FILH ARMONIC, a unique and harmonious a -cappella band, is coming to Southern Utah University Jan. 29. Their culturally diverse tone and style exemplifies a melodic, urban-esque sound with a 90's vibe. The Filipino-American group was brought into recognition when they won NBC's "The Sing-Off," which launched them on a national tour, performing alongside Linkin Park, Black Eyed Peas and Pentatonic. For more information, visit www thefilharmonic com

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