

St. Matthew's Feast Day Choral Eucharist and Concert September 21, 5:30pm



The highly acclaimed **Philippine Madrigal Singers** will be the guest choir for our feast day celebration at the 5:30pm Mass on Thursday, **September 21**. This appearance is made possible by the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Washington, DC and the US-Philippines Society.

The Madz, a world-renowned choral group and UNESCO Artist for Peace, will present a 45-minute concert immediately following the Mass.

Recognized by the UNESCO as an Artist for Peace for “putting their fame and influence to promote cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and a culture of peace,” the **Philippine Madrigal Singers** is one of the most awarded choral groups in the world, having consistently won all top prizes in major choral competitions, including the Grand Prix in the recently concluded 64th Concorso Internazionale di Guido d’ Arezzo last August 2016 in Arezzo, Italy. They hold the distinction of being the first choir in the world to win the prestigious European Grand Prix for Choral Singing twice (1997 and 2007).

The group’s virtuosity spans a vast repertoire range, including its continuing promotion of Filipino choral works resulting in an aesthetically moving and deeply emotional impact on audiences the world over. Their distinctive choral arrangement and finely honed technique of performances without a conductor have established their reputation as a pioneering force in choral music and an inspirational role model for other choirs.

This event is free and does not require reservation. Donations for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma will be accepted as a part of the Mass and Concert. For more information, contact Tom Stehle tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.