



11 July 2012- A violin recital cum art exhibit, entitled, "*The Philippines: Alive with music and color,*" held at the *Chapelle Saint Louis* of the *Ecole Militaire* in Paris on June 15, capped the week-long celebration in France of the 114th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence.

The event was a triple treat that highlighted the best of Philippine music, arts, and culture. It featured world class Filipino artists - violinist Alfonso Bolipata, pianist Jourdann Petalver and painter Manuel Baldemor.

In her opening remarks, Philippine Ambassador to France Cristina G. Ortega noted that like our forebears who had demonstrated great courage and determination, a number of Filipinos today are making their mark in their chosen fields, through hard work and dedication. The acclamation given them not only locally but internationally brings joy and pride to the Philippines and the Filipino people.

The centuries old *Chapelle Saint Louis*, with its nearly perfect acoustics, provided the right mood and ambience for the violin recital of Mr. Alfonso Bolipata, accompanied by pianist Jordann Petalver.

Their repertoire of classical and Filipino compositions, received long, appreciative applause from the audience, which included the diplomatic corps and the French public.

Mr. Alfonso Bolipata is one of the country's leading violinists. A seasoned performer, teacher, writer, and administrator, he has earned wide recognition for his performances and efforts in cultural development, including being awarded as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines in the year 2000.



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