

MEET YOUR PRESENTERS

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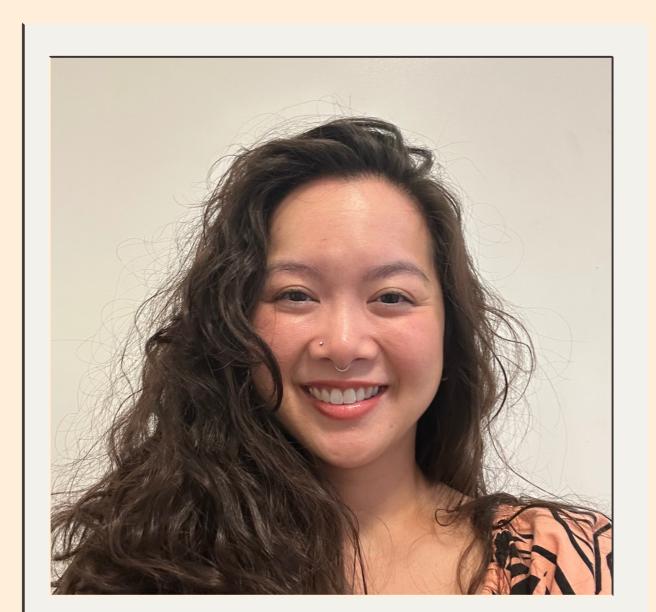
Hinahanap is a musical collective based out of San Jose, California, comprised of Filipino-Americans, born to immigrant parents.

Our aim is to learn, revive, and preserve traditional filipino folk/love songs---garnered from an era in the Philippines where harana and kundiman were once used as a vessel for romantic courtship, as well as a declaration for national pride.

With song selections ranging from Tagalog, Ilocano, and English, Hinahanap is looking to embody the nostalgic sounds of past generations through their music.

EMELYNN MONTOYA





EMELYNN

- Music Educator, and Choir teacher at Rolling Hills Middle School.
- Previously taught at Sierramont Middle School for 10 years
- Bachelor's of Music with a double emphasis on Music Education and Vocal Performance
- Masters of Arts in Music Education from San Jose State University
- Has sung with Choral Audacity,
 The San Jose State University Choraliers,
 SJSU Concert Choir,
 and West Valley College Masterworks Chorale in tours throughout California, Europe, and at Carnegie Hall.

JORDAN GABRIEL





JORDAN

- Tattoo artist at Humble Beginnings Tattoo Studio in the Bay Area.
- His art focus is in black & grey realism, lettering, and contemporary tribal with an emphasis in Filipino/Polynesian art styles.
- Travels the world to study, to explore, and develop a deep understanding of the different cultures (and art forms) which ground his visual art in authenticity.
- Artist of different mediums: primarily graphite, acrylic paint, digital painting, and sculpting.
- Aside from visual art, he also finds creativity in music and food.

BERNARD SAPITOLA

GUITARIST



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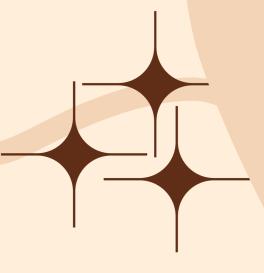
- Multi-instrumentalist, live performer, music director, & session recording musician from San Jose, CA.
- Over 18 years of experience in teaching, recording, and performing professionally.
- Entering 6th year as live music director for recording artists.
- Uses industry experiences help empower aspiring/professional musicians and artists through deep learning, solidifying good work ethic in music, and fostering healthy networking habits.

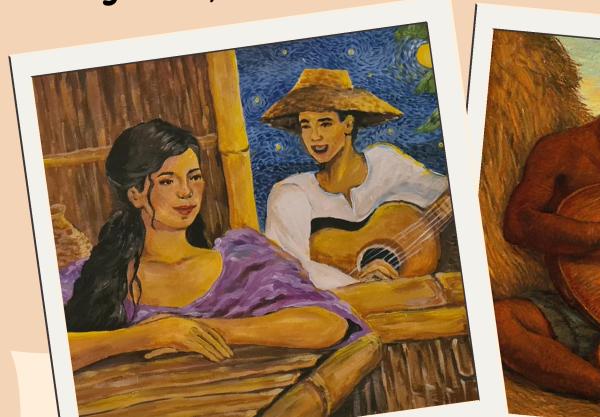






- Harana is an old and dying Philippine tradition of courtship.
- A man bears his heart in a song to a woman (and sometimes vice versa) while standing underneath her window at night.
- Plea or a call to gather, and have fun.

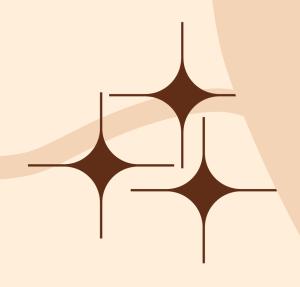








- Believed to have started in the 1800's
- Influenced by Spanish folk songs
- Reached its peak across Philippine provinces by the 1930's

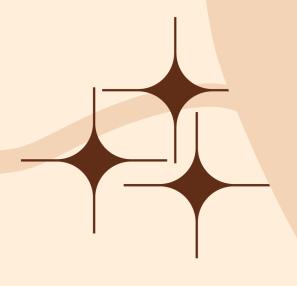






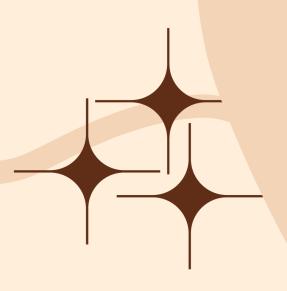
• During the 18th & 19th century, Spanish galleon ships that sailed for over 250 years, traded:

Spices, food, textiles, culture, and music.





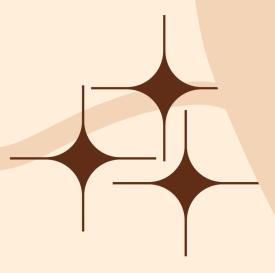
- Spain appropriated music from other cultures:
- Muslims of Andalusia
- The Roma (Flamenco from Rome)

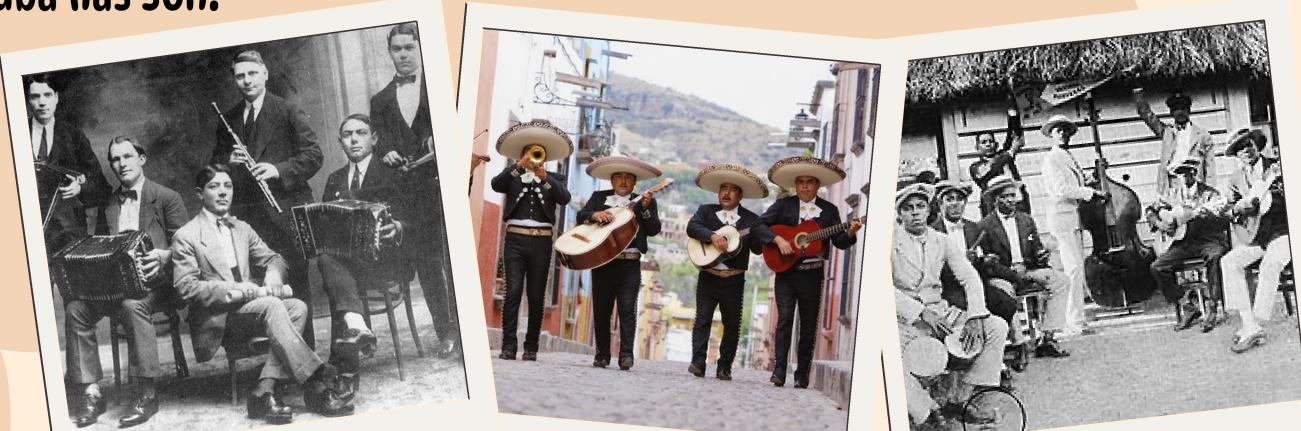




• Other countries that were colonized by Spain also adapted Spanish folk songs into their own culture and branched into their own renditions.

 Argentina has Tango, Mexico has Mariachi, and Cuba has Son.

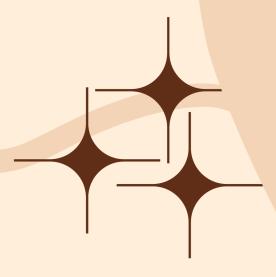




KUNDIMAN

- 'Kung+hindi+man' = "If not, then otherwise."
- All or nothing attitude in lyrics in relation to yearning.
- If kundiman are sad songs, haranas songs tend to be joyful.

 Ambiguity in lyrics on whether about love for a lover, or love for one's country.





COMPOSERS OF KUNDIMAN



Bonifacio Abdon 1876-1944



Francisco Buencamino 1883-1952



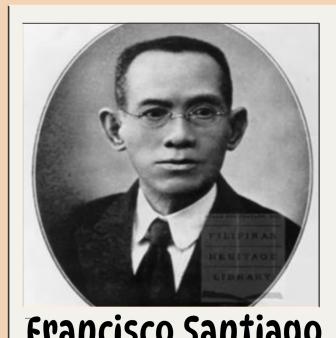
Honorata "Atang" Dela Rama 1926-1985

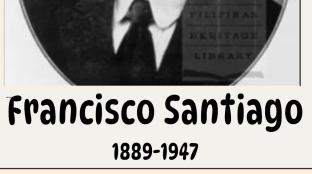


Conching Rosal 1926-1985



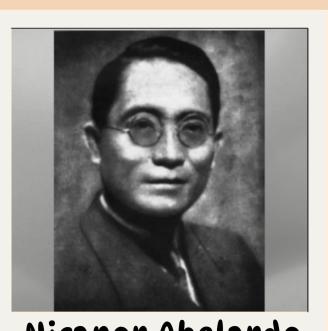
Sylvia La Torre 1933-2022





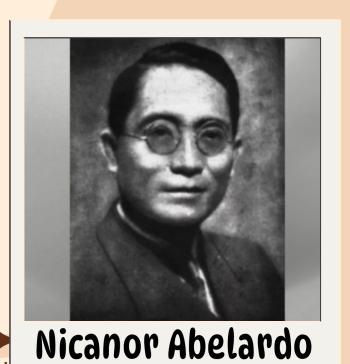


Jovita Fuentes 1895-1978

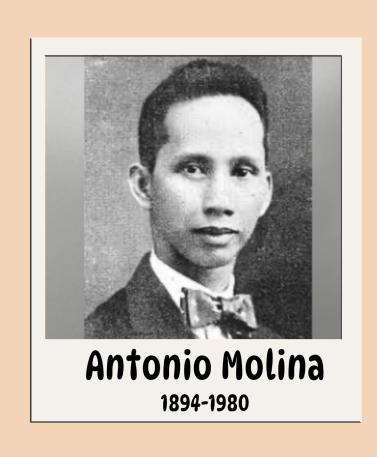


Nicanor Abelardo 1893-1934

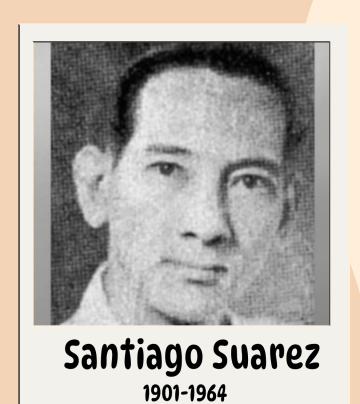




1876-1944









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STRUCTURE

- Verse 1
- Chorus
- Guitar Solo
- Verse 2
- End

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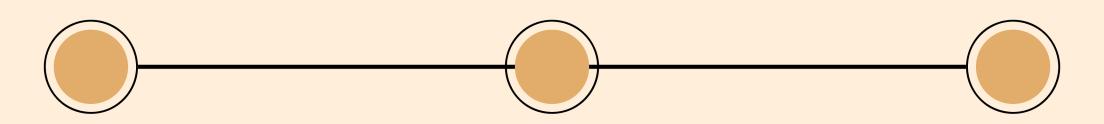
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- Verse 1 in minor key
- Verse 2 in parallel major key
- End

SO EASY BY OLIVIA DEAN (To Fall In Love)



ORIGINAL

HARANA

SAMPLE STRUCTURE

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ORIGINAL

- Key of E flat
- 4/4 Bossa Nova double time over a halftime R&B Feel
- Endearing attitude toward romance in lyrics

HARANA

- Key of E flat
- 4/4 Habanera maintaining halftime feel
- Endearing attitude toward romance in lyrics

SAMPLE STRUCTURE

- Intro
- Verse
- Chorus
- End







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