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cordially invites you to the

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY CHORALE In Concert

7:00 pm, Tuesday, 6th of July 2010

Royal Over-Seas League

Park Place, St James St, Green Park

London SW1A 1LR

**£12 with refreshment
during the interval**



The DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY CHORALE, a group composed of young music-loving and talented students, was established in 1987 as the official choir of De La Salle University - Manila, to cater to the musical requests in and outside the university. Not long after its inception, the DLSU Chorale began carving its name in the local international choral scene. Under the leadership of its then conductor Noel Bugarin, the group participated and won in various local competitions, testing the waters of competitive choral music. Soon, the group ventured internationally as it received an invitation to perform in Tokyo, Japan in 1989 and the International Choral Festival in Ancona, Italy in 1990. In 1992, the choir participated in its first international choral competition in the 46th Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales, England where they garnered awards for the Folkloric and Chamber Choir categories.

A change of leadership in 1992 brought about a new sound for the group, but definitely still had the same determination to continuously prove itself in the competitive choral scene. Prof. Rodolfo Delarmente took hold of the reigns and led the group to sweep recognitions from all over Europe in 1995. This tour brought home a total of six first prize accomplishments and two Grand Prix Awards from Arnhem, Netherlands and Tampere, Finland. In Finland, the group bested 53 other choirs from all over the world, with a rating of Three Gold Stamps (the highest recognition given in the festival), and was the first time in the history of the festival that the organizers gave such honor to just one group. And in the once-every-four-years Arnhem International Choir Festival, the DLSU Chorale swept through the awards taking home the Grand Prix, Public's Choice Awards, Folkloric, Light Music A Capella, and Mixed Choir Awards.

This competitive feat was repeated in 1999 and 2004 with more participation and prizes from competitions and festivals all over Europe. Apart from competing, the DLSU Chorale reaches out to Filipino and foreign audiences with concerts staged all over the world. In 2002, the group embarked on its first North American Tour, visiting several cities in the United States and Canada. The tour was so very well received that after a mere two years, the group's benefactors abroad were very eager to welcome back the group with even more engagements.

Despite its busy schedule abroad, the DLSU Chorale also gives importance to sharing its music locally. Apart from its regular concert season and outreach concert to various local communities and churches, the DLSU Chorale stages productions and charitable events that promote choral, classical, and Filipino music. As choral music in the Philippines continues to grow, so does the De La Salle University Chorale.

This year 2010, as the group embarks on its first major tour since 2004, it is driven by the determination to make its mark in the international scene, as done by its forerunners. The group attempts to reach out to its audience and be a source of pride for Filipinos everywhere.

You can book your tickets with the Inter-Cultural Society of London c/o Loline Reed at loline_reed@yahoo.co.uk or 07720288838 - Philippine Embassy c/o Cecile Santos at culturalofficer@btconnect.com or 02074511810 - OneLASALLE UK c/o Peps Villanueva at pepsville@gmail.com or 07803755744 - www.Fil-Event.com c/o Malcolm Conlan at malcolm@fil-event.com or 07862006175 - Toto de la Cruz at totodelacruz@hotmail.com