

RAQUEL VIELEEJINE ROCAS

Piano, Flute and Oboe Teacher

Born in Cavite, Philippines, Raquel Vieleejine Rocas received her Bachelors degree in Music Education (major in Flute and Oboe) from the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music.

Her first flute lessons started at the age of 10 and immediately became a member of a symphonic band in the Philippines called 'Banda Matanda'. At the age of seventeen, she was awarded a scholarship at the University of Santo Tomas. She studied under the tutelage of Prof. Gary Silangeruz in flute and Prof. Reynato Ressurrecion in oboe.

During her tertiary studies, Raquel was the principal oboist of the University of Santo Tomas Wind Orchestra. Outside the University, she was a member of a renowned symphonic band in the country: the *Philippine Youth Symphonic Band (PYSB)*. Annually from 2004 to 2008, Raquel, together with PYSB, participated in the Chia-Yi International Band Festival in Taiwan. Performances included the 'Die Fledermaus' opera.

After PYSB, Raquel joined the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra and the Manila Symphony Orchestra. She was also contracted as a casual oboist for the Philharmonic Orchestra.

Currently, Raquel teaches piano, flute, and oboe at Jumeirah Music Centre.