

The Golden Boy with the Golden Voice

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fans everywhere. He has performed on-stage with some of the biggest names in the Fil-Am music industry—Apl de Ap of the Black Eyed Peas, Florante, Nora Aunor, Martin Nievera, Dolphy, Judy Ann Santos, Jed Madela, AJ Tavaldo, Ramielle Malubay etc. Edsel was also a runner-up in the 2008 Hollywood's Best New Talent Award held in Kodak Theatre last year.

What sets Edsel apart is his amazingly high voice range which is very rare for a boy. While there are currently many little girl singers, there are hardly any boy singers; in fact, some have said Edsel is the only outstanding Filipino boy singer today. His voice, which is in the soprano range, is very high pitched; thus he can easily sing the songs of Celine Dion, Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston without much effort. His voice coaches say there is no boy currently performing in the Filipino community as good as Edsel in his age range. That's why people call him "The Golden Boy."

The son of insurance whiz, Eddie Sotiangco, who was also a singer and dubbed as the Elvis Presley of the Fil-Am community, the eleven year old singer remains humble and does not want to

call attention to himself. In fact, he doesn't want his classmates at the First Lutheran School in Glendale to know that he's a performer. "He gets embarrassed and does not want to get teased so Edsel prefers not to tell his teachers and classmates that he performs in concerts," said his mother, Becky. Now in grade 6, Edsel has been a consistent straight A student. "Even when he has rehearsals and shows, Edsel never fails to do his homework. In fact, the earliest he sleeps is 12mn and he wakes up early to make sure he has done his school assignments," Becky added.

With his dad as his 24/7 coach, Edsel is preparing for the concert everyday.

"All the songs that he'll be singing are custom-built to his voice, with orchestra accompaniment," revealed the golden boy's proud father, Eddie. "We are working hard to make sure Edsel's concert will be one of the best concerts in town. There will be surprise celebrities and guest performers. There will be music videos, back-

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