

# GETTING TO KNOW

## *The Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra*

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*Musical Director/Conductor*  
**Robert Shroder**

**Strings**

**Violin I**

Cecilia Cruz - Concert Master  
Jerico Flores  
Virginia Gutierrez  
Christine Ho  
Samantha Lee  
Justina Nadal  
Roth Ramos  
Edgar Sandoval  
Elisa Arnesto- Siasoco

**Violin II**

Kendro Calica - Principal  
Julia C. Ataat  
Therese Marie Demasa  
Julia E. Geber  
Paul Grant  
Jean April Metica  
Kenneth Palaad  
Stephen Ramos  
Charlene Rugayan  
Andy Tecson  
Eleanora Wilkinson

**Viola**

Angelito Molina - Principal  
Cecille Asuncion  
John C. Ataat  
Katie Boyle  
Jonathan Coo  
Ramyllé Gache  
Clarise San Juan

**Cello**

Arthur Ocdamia - Principal  
Jose Carlo Ataat  
Victor Coo  
Sean duBois  
Matthew Ignacio

**Double Bass**

Cielito de Jesus-Holben - Principal  
Tagumpay M. de Leon  
Martin Rocca  
Eddie Stephens

**Guitar**

Vincent Reyes

**Harp**

Charlene Rugayan

**Wind**

**Oboe**

Leonid Belinsky - Principal  
Phillip Koscak

**Flute**

Cheryl Lopez - Principal  
Mini Zabala

**Clarinet**

Rommel Agatep - Principal  
Kevin Manahan

**Bassoon**

Angie J. Kim - Principal

**French Horn**

Janeen Apodaca - Principal  
Nicole Calica  
Jennifer Bliman

**Trumpet**

Nino Buan - Principal  
Jesse Grepo  
Joselito B. Juson

**Trombone**

Ermuel Navarro - Principal  
Lara Aquino  
Ralph Buan

**Tuba**

Noel Buan

**Piano/Keys**

Resty de la Cruz  
Allan Sims

**Percussion**

Christian Buado - Principal  
Damion Frigillana  
Miguel Navarro

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- Roger Oriel, Publisher and CEO, Asian Journal Publications