

## **ADRIAN NICOLAS C. ONG, violin**

17 years old. Born on May 28, 2000 to Drs. Alan and Jeanne Ong.

Adrian was awarded a full scholarship grant for the school year 2016-2019 at the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, USA. He started as a Grade 10 scholar and was included in the High Honors Lists both in the academics and the arts. He is now an incoming Grade 11 student under the tutelage of Professors Paul Sonner, Ara Sarkissian and Renee Skerik; all of whom are faculty at the Interlochen Center for the Arts.

He had his first solo recital "CONCERTINO" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino last August 26, 2016.

He started playing the violin at age 9 under Professor Mellissa Geronimo Esguerra and at age 12, he was accepted as a full scholar from Grades 7-9 at the Philippine High School for the Arts (PHSA) in Mount Makiling, Los Baños in Laguna, Philippines where he trained under Professor Gina Medina Perez. He received recognition with honors during his time in the said school.

He is a pioneering member of the Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra under Professor Jeffrey Solares. They recently won second place in the Summa Cum Laude Orchestral Strings Category in Vienna, Austria this July 2017.