

JOSEPHINE MANZANO

Josephine wore her first tutu and stepped into the world of ballet in 2018. What started as a summer activity eventually became her passion which fueled her to pursue the art even when the world paused for a while.

During the pandemic and under the tutelage of teacher Mark Sarmiento Simbiling, Josephine actively participated in local and international competitions online which honed her skills and won her a slew of awards.

In November 2022, she made her debut in the international onstage live competition circuit in Singapore's Youth Arts Festival where she not only won Gold but bagged the top performer award in the Classical category. This paved the way for more international medals including overall champion with the highest marks at the Asia Open Dance Championship 2023 (New Generation Star award), Top Scorer award in the Hong Kong Challenge Cup Dance Competition, and as finalist in the 2024 Youth America Grand Prix.

With her versatility, talent and dedication, plus the support of her mentors and school, Josephine endeavors to make her mark on the ballet stage and personify the future of dance.

Achievements:

2020

ABAP
Neo Classical Ballet Solo - Online
Junior 1 Group 3 Girls
First Place

Asian Open Dance Championship – Online
Children A 5-6 years Old
Lyrical
1st Place

2021

International Youth Dance Competition - Online
Level One
Gold Award

2nd Asian Open Dance Championship – Online

Ballet Repertoire & Fragment
Gold Award (Top Scorer)

The Hong Kong Cup Dance Competition - Online
Toddler – Solo
Gold Medal

2022

ABAP International Dance Competition - Online
Neo Classical Group 3 (8 years old)
1st Place

Youth Grand Prix, Philippines Semi-Finals Ensemble
1st Place

Dream Cup Dance Challenge Competition - Online
Classical Ballet (Junior Division)
Gold Award and Rank 3 in overall Junior Division
Duo
Gold Award

Youth Grand Prix Philippines
Ensemble “Mincusiana”
First Place

2023

International Ballet Grand Prix
Silver
Junior 2 Classical

The Hong Kong Challenge Cup Dance Competition

Gold Medal and Top 6
Classical 7-9 years old

Gold Medal and Top Scorer
Contemporary 7-9 years old

Ensemble Classical - Gold
10-12 years old

Asian Grand Prix Semi finals

Silver - invited to Asian Grand Prix Finals

7-9 years old

Asian Open Dance Championship

New Generation Star Award - awarded to the Junior with the highest overall score

Gold and Best performance

Duo - Coppellia with Tiffany Jocelyn Ong

Gold and Top Scorer

Classical 9-11 years old

Gold and Top Scorer

Contemporary 9-11 years old

Gold

Pax de Deux "Sylphides" with Kiefer Guinto

Youth Grand Prix Philippines

Top 12 Classical 9-11 years old

Top 2 Contemporary 9-11 years old

Youth America Grand Prix Virtual

Top 1 - Duo "Copellia with Tiffany Jocelyn Ong

Summer Intensive Australian Ballet

2024

Japan Ballet Competition

Silver Classical 9-11 years old

YGP Nervie Festival invite

