

## JOSEPHINE MANZANO

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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 "Coppellia" with Tiffany Jocelyn Ong

Summer Intensive Australian Ballet

2024

Japan Ballet Competition

Silver Classical 9-11 years old

YGP Nervie Festival invite

