

## 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

