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Team Guam represents well in Vienna; Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra scores 3rd place with Excellence

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From July 5 to 9, 2024, Team Guam, USA comprised of the Guam Territorial Band - Official Band of Guam, USA (GTB) and the Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra (TBYO) became the first two ensembles from Guam to officially participate in the Summa Cum Laude International Music Festival which was held in Vienna, Austria.

The 2024 Summa Cum Laude International Music Festival hosted 37 orchestra, band and choir ensembles from 14 countries and included performances in several unique concert venues in Vienna, tours to famous museums and landmarks and music workshops at the University of Vienna. Learn more about the festival at sclfestival.org

Musical activities on tour began in the city of Salzburg, Austria with rehearsals and tours of local historic landmarks including Mozart's childhood home and famous scenes from *The Sound of Music*.

On July 6, the GTB, led by Jessica Pangelinan - the ensemble's 9th (first CHamoru woman) music director in its 48 year legacy, made Guam history with their Austrian debut concert at **MuTh concert hall** - the home of the Vienna Boys Choir. The concert also included musical performances by the TBYO and the Orchestra Magister Harmoniae di Associazione Musica Insieme APS from Italy.

On July 7, both groups performed at the **Golden Hall of the Musikverein** where TBYO performed as a competition ensemble and the GTB performed as a showcase celebration ensemble in front of fellow musicians, family members and a music jury panel. In the category of SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, the Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra took home **3rd place with EXCELLENCE** among the youth orchestras worldwide.

2024 Summa Cum Laude International Music Festival - Vienna, Austria
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CATEGORY
1st Place - China - Hong Kong
2nd Place - Spain
3rd Place - Guam, USA
4th Place - China - Taiwan
5th Place - Australia

On July 8, both ensembles participated in musical workshops led by Festival jury members at the University of Vienna and later performed at historic **Prater** Amusement Park. July 9 marked the final day of the festival where festival participants were treated to a yodelling class prior to the closing Gala awards concert and farewell dinner.

The Guam Territorial Band, originally formed as a youth marching band to represent Guam at the Inaugural Parade for US President Jimmy Carter in January 1977, is Guam's well decorated (internationally award-winning) community band who presents memorable band concerts locally and abroad. Membership into the Band is open to musicians of all ages - from middle school to senior citizen. Learn more about the GTB at www.guamband.org

The Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra was formed In September 2018 by the Guam Philharmonic Foundation, Incorporated to provide the youth of Guam and Micronesia the opportunity to perform orchestral music which includes the masterworks of centuries past to the latest movie soundtracks. TBYO now consists of two orchestras: a non-auditioned orchestra for youth with at least one (1) year music ensemble experience and an auditioned group for youth with at least three (3) years music ensemble experience. Potential members can learn more about TBYO's audition process at www.guamphilharmonic.org

Team Guam, USAs trip to Austria is the second collaboration between the GTB and TBYO. In July 2019, both group represented Guam at the Australian International Music Festival and brought home double GOLD awards.

Team Guam, USA would like to extend their sincerest THANK YOU to their families, friends, supporters, and the community-at-large for their support in making this historic trip to Austria possible. Large Kudos goes to W. Brandon Aydlett, Team Guam head of delegation and tour manager for organizing the tour which consisted of 147+ musicians, support staff and family.

Both ensembles have open invitations to perform in Japan, South Korea, Carnegie Hall in New York, Sydney, Australia and Africa in the upcoming years. New members for both ensembles are welcome at any time. ***Join now, practice and get your chance to perform on the world stage!***

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1. Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra
2. Guam Territorial Band
3. Jessica Pangelinan, Chief Bandmaster, Guam Territorial Band
4. William Brandon Aydlett, timpanist/. Team Guam, USA head of delegation

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Location: Golden Hall of the Musikverein (Home of the Vienna Philharmonic)

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Guam Territorial Band – Official Band of Guam, USA

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Joy Gregson

OBOE

Amanda Bateman

BASSOON

Joseph JB Pangelinan

CLARINET

Micah Edusma
Atsuko Eck
Malia Edusma
Nami Fiedler

BASS CLARINET

Ian Wusstig

ALTO SAX

Jayven Botha
Rozelle Ragat

TENOR SAX

Tomoya Tisdale

BARI SAX

Anthony Carino

TRUMPET

Rin Bejerana
Azelet Lopez
Ross Miller
Landon Aydlett
Wayne James
Shangrong Jiang
Nathaniel Cepeda
Jad Lee Thompson

FRENCH HORN

Joseph Ngowakl
Kangsan Yoon

EUPHONIUM

Jayvee Elomina

TUBA

Kwame Nyame
Theodore Parker

BASS GUITAR

Xander Castro

PERCUSSION

Nathaniel Dafrad
Brandon Aydlett
Brielle Lee
Kai Spence
Tristan Alvarez
Helen Chen

Tumon Bay Youth Orchestra
Maximo Ronquillo, Jr., Interim Resident Conductor

VIOLIN

Elizabeth Mamczarz, concertmaster
Vinicia Kim, principal 2nd
Chantel Cabrias
Kate Ishida
Sophia Jang
Caleb Kim
Clara Kim
Jayon Lee
Noey Lee
Sean Lee
Shiyori Shibahata
Clara Teller
Jariah Tiong
Jamie Xu
Justine Xu
Claire Yi

VIOLA

Seohee Min, principal
Marissa Ko,
Yelin Byeon
Ruah Choi
Zoe Leung

CELLO

Seth Lu, principal
Jace Baik
Alfred Joshua Morales
Daniel Ohno
Jayaniah Tiong
Kailee Wong

FLUTE

Mcbella Park, principal
Chaewon Han
Siena Kim
Justin Lee
Isabella Perez

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