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**Folk Ridge**

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**SUMMARY**

Folk Ridge is a 5-piece band committed to bring you the best Acoustic Music in town.

Each member puts their souls into the music they love and makes sure to share it to the discriminating audiences.

Inspired by famous artists of the 1950s-70s: CCR (Proud Mary), Johnny Cash (Folsom Prison Blues), James Taylor (You’ve got a Friend, How Sweet It Is), Elvis Presley (Blue Suede Shoes), Chuck Berry (Johnny B Goode, Route 66), Eagles (Peaceful Easy Feeling, Take it Easy), The Beatles (Here Comes the Sun, Get Back) and Cat Stevens (Wild World, Father and Son) to name a few.

Folk Ridge also play other genres and alternative music that will suit the taste of chosen music lovers of these kinds.



**BANDMEMBERS:**

**Ralph Esteva** – Vocals / Guitar / Violin

**Jamil Villanueva**– Vocals / Guitar

**Hirohito Ruiz** – Vocals / Harmonica

**Aron Ape** – Bass

**Alex Mendenueta** – Drums / Backing Vocals

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**GENRES:**

**Main:** Folk, Country, Rock N Roll

**Others:** Alternative, Blues Rock, Modern Acoustic, Reggae, Soft Rock

**BAND MEMBER INFORMATION:**

**Ralph Martyn Esteva** (vocal/guitar/violin)



Rap started to play the guitar at age 12. He started listening to New wave, Alternative and Punk music, which lead him to form his 1st band in High School. As he stepped into College, he joined a Pop/OPM band called 29th OF FEBRUARY where they won 3rd place in the 2015 SESSIONISTAS (Tiendesitas) and became Champion in the 2016 BAND CLASH (Trinity University).

He joined Theatre Acting workshops in Repertory Philippines for 10 years and did shows like JOSEPH AND THE DREAMCOAT, ONCE ON THIS ISLAND, and MAMMA MIA to name a few. He was also part of the College Chorale for a year.

Inspired by his musician uncles in Hong Kong, he dedicated his life into forming this Acoustic band, hoping to show the audiences the greatness of Folk, Country and Rock N Roll music. Aside from the Guitar, he also enjoys playing the Violin, DOTA and watch Comedic movies in his past time. He currently works for StraightArrow Corporation as a Web Specialist.

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**Jamil Villanueva** (vocal/guitar)



Jamil Villanueva is one of a kind vocalist playing Alternative, Jazz, Rock, Pop Music with his colleagues in college back in 2006 – 2010 putting themselves as a quality performer. They've played a lot of songs such as Original and Cover songs performing in different bars in the metro and placing their heart in music career as one of their advocacies in life.

He’s now back on track after separate lives on the band due to different professions that they have right now. Knowing music is one of his priorities now, he later became a Solo Acoustic Artist for food concessionaries & party events. He still continues to write songs and poetry and independently record his own music style.

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**Hiro di Angelo** (vocal/harmonica)

Hiro di Angelo, known simply as HIRO by his peers, is a stage actor, singer, dancer and model. Having had his first soloist experience during Second-year

High School where he sung a Psalm to the entire student body, he later joined

an acoustic band YOUREDGE during his college years as a Vocalist. He went back into the world of performing arts by joining Repertory Philippines' Adult Class 2017. After their showcase MAKE A SCENE, where he played Marius and Aladdin, he has since played in various shows such as Enchanted Kingdom's ENCHANTÉ: MAPHISTA'S JAM, as Socrates (2017), Direk Nestor Torre's

NASAAN SI HESUS and PADRE PIO (2017), and Julie Borromeo's Performing

Arts Foundation Inc.'s GUADALUPE THE MUSICAL (2018).

An occasional commercial and film actor on the side, he has additional training under Master School

For Models (Basic and Secondary Modelling), Yamaha School of Music (Basic and Intermediate Voice), Beast House Studios (Basic Ballet, Contemporary Dance), and ShowBT Phils (Korean Pop Artist program).

**Aron Christopher Ape** (bass)



Ace was inspired by his musician father, a drummer. He was later introduced to musical instruments like the trumpet and trombone and was convinced to join the CCB (Cainta Community Band) at the age of 13 where he was taught there about musical theory and how to read note sheets. Of late, his father made him familiarize to the sound of electric bass and was amazed by it so he started playing bass. He both play bass and trombone since then.

He is currently in 4th year in college taking up Bachelor of Science in Criminology and at the same time, hoping to experience performing in a rock band by joining Folk Ridge Band.

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**Niño Alexis Mendenueta** (drums/backup vocals)

Alex started playing the Drums and Guitar when he was 12 years old. His passion for Music fuels his desire from exploring different genres namely: Rock, Acoustic, Jazz Rock, Heavy Metal, Country, among others.

He was a leader of an Acoustic/Rock Band called JUST HEART for four years followed by being a member of FIVE POINT ZERO for two years. He

has played more than 10 gigs in School, Events, Band Contests and Bars combined. Just recently he played for a Metal/Underground Band called CAIMERA.

During his college, he was the Head Snarer for JOSE RIZAL UNIVERSITY, actively played in every

NCAA event. He can also arrange songs, make mashups and turn pop music into acoustic music.

Alex earned his Bachelor’s Degree, BSBA Major in Accounting at Jose Rizal University. He is currently working as the 2nd Accounting Assistant for Voyager Innovations Inc.