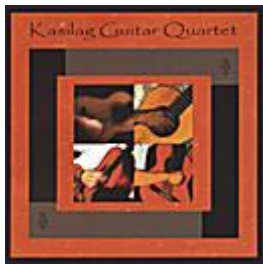


# Mp3 Kasilag Guitar Quartet - Classical: Contemporary



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Details: The Kasilag Guitar Quartet is one of the very few guitar quartets in the Philippines today. It is composed of Benchito Cario, Perfecto De Castro, Edgardo de Dios and Phil Valdez. All of them studied under one of the country's best guitar pedagogues, Maestro Jose Valdez, and are individual prizewinners of the National Music Competition for Young Artists (NAMCYA). The quartet is named in honor of Philippine composer and National Artist Lucrecia Roces Kasilag, whose significant contributions to Philippine music are part of the nation's pride and treasure. Her outstanding leadership in cultural administration, leading the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) for twenty years since its founding in 1969 and her pioneering works in the East-West idiom has truly made her the 'First Lady of Philippine Music.' The group's main thrust is to explore new possibilities in the art of classical guitar performance in the Philippines where the instrument is usually confined to the playing of standard Classical-Romantic styles. Also in line with this is the broadening of the instrument's repertoire through transcriptions and arrangements of music of all cultures as well as commissions from various composers.

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