



SUMMARY

Folk Ridge is a four-piece live band specializing in timeless music with a modern, engaging feel. Our repertoire spans **Folk, Country, Rock & Roll, Blues, Easy Listening, and Alternative**, featuring familiar classics and crowd favorites from artists such as CCR, Johnny Cash, James Taylor, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, The Eagles, The Beatles, and Cat Stevens.

We bring a flexible live set suited for **bars, restaurants, weddings, private parties**, and other **special occasions**—from laid-back acoustic performances to more upbeat sets that keep the room engaged.

With a strong appreciation for the classic sounds of the 1950s through the 1970s, Folk Ridge also embraces a wide range of musical influences. Our versatility allows us to move comfortably between classic favorites and different styles, creating performances that resonate with longtime music lovers while remaining accessible and engaging to younger audiences.

Folk Ridge is about preserving the songs we grew up with, sharing them with those who may be hearing them for the first time, and keeping timeless music alive.

BAND MEMBERS:

Rap Esteva – Vocals / Guitar / Violin
Julius Acido– Vocals / Guitar
Allan Galiga– Bass / Backing Vocals
Casper Santillan – Drums

GENRES:

Main: Folk, Country, Blues

Others: Alternative, Easy Listening, Rock N Roll, Pop, Reggae

EXPERIENCE:

Bambu Intramuros

June 2019 - Aug 2019

BAND MEMBER INFORMATION:



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

Ralph is an experienced live performer with a diverse background in music and live entertainment.

Ralph occasionally performs as a **violinist for weddings and private events** and continues to perform regularly as a **performer at Robinsons Metro East**, where he has been active since 2022. In addition to regular busking sessions, he has also performed as part of **Robinsons-organized events and seasonal celebrations**.

He has participated in band competitions, including 3rd Place in the 2015 Sessionistas at Tiendesitas and Champion of the 2016 Band Clash at Trinity University as a guitarist of **29th of February**.

He's a former member of **Janemist (2011–2019)**, where he performed Pop Punk and Alternative Rock. He also spent 10 years with **Repertory Philippines**, participating in theatre workshops, and has experience teaching guitar at **Ephesus Theatron**.

Outside of music, Ralph works professionally as a Programmer, bringing a technical and creative background to his work both on and off the stage.

Julius Edmund Acido *(vocals/guitar)*

Julius is a **guitarist and vocalist** with experience in alternative rock, punk, and country music. His musical experience includes **performing in bands, occasional bar gigs, church performances, and singing at weddings**.

He placed 2nd in a Battle of the Bands competition and was also a regular guitarist for his church, building experience performing for different audiences and settings.

Julius has a keen ear for song structure, dynamics, and musical detail. He values tight arrangements, good chemistry between musicians, and an authentic approach to live performance.





Allan Paul Galiga (*bass/ backing vocals*)

Allan is a **bassist** with a strong foundation in groove, musicality, and versatility. He began playing bass in high school and has since gained experience performing with original bands, church music ministries, and as a session musician.

In college, Allan co-founded **Presentlight**, writing and performing original music, and later spent **seven years serving in his church's music ministry**. He also worked as a **session bassist for Polymerase**, gaining experience collaborating with different musicians and adapting to various musical arrangements.

In 2022, Allan returned to performing and reunited with former bandmates to form **Aldehyde**, a virtual band producing original music available on Spotify. His influences include **Buddy Zabala, Paul McCartney, Abraham Laboriel, Dirk Lance, and John Myung**, reflecting his appreciation for both groove-oriented and technically driven bass playing. Allan joined **Folk Ridge in 2025**, bringing his experience and versatility while continuing to explore different musical styles.

Outside of music he is also an Operations Associate for Real Estate.

Zyril Nath Santillan (*drums*)

Zyril, or better known as **Casper**, began playing in 2008 and developed his skills through band competitions, college performances, and live events.

In 2016, Casper began taking on professional part-time gigs, gaining valuable experience performing for different audiences and adapting to the demands of live sets.

His musical foundation is rooted in **Alternative, Punk, Metal, and Nu Metal**, drawing inspiration from bands such as **Blink-182, Green Day, Nirvana, Paramore, Slipknot, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Linkin Park**. He is particularly influenced by **Travis Barker**, whose energetic and precise style has shaped his approach to drumming.



Casper is also expanding beyond his heavier musical roots, exploring **Country and other genres** to become a more versatile drummer capable of adapting to different musical styles and live settings.