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### **Orchestra of the Filipino Youth.**

PARLIN, N.J. — The Philippine Chamber Rondalla of New Jersey, in fulfillment of its mission to promote appreciation of Philippine musical traditions and elevate musicianship, is presenting the Orchestra of the Filipino Youth String Quorum in two concerts as part of OFY's first International Awareness and Educational Tour.

The concerts will be held on Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at Zion Lutheran Church (559 Raritan Road) in Clark, NJ 07066; and on Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m., at Brotherhood Synagogue (28 Gramercy Park South) in New York, NY 10003.

The Orchestra of the Filipino Youth is a project of Ang Misyon, Inc., a Philippine-based nonprofit whose goal is to “help eradicate poverty in the Philippines through social change, simultaneously enhancing the country’s identity by creating career paths in classical music

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performance and redeveloping its arts & culture scene.”

It is inspired by “El Sistema,” the global movement of establishing “nucleos” or community-based orchestra programs for children in underserved communities.

Presently, over 400 scholars from disadvantaged families are given free music education and other opportunities to achieve their full musical potential.

They currently hail from northern and central Philippines.

A satellite program will soon open in southern Philippines.

OFY’s performances in the Philippines have been received with overwhelming acclaim.

In April 2015, the PFY joined forces with the ABS-CBN Philharmonic Orchestra and the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra to present “Ang Sistema: The Young People’s Concerence,” a fundraising concert & conference at the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Arts Center.

Gerard Salonga and Olivier Ochanine conducted.

Jamie Bernstein, Leonard Bernstein’s daughter, and music education author Tricia Tunstall annotated.

The OFY String Quorum, comprised of senior members of the orchestra, will be the featured performers during this international tour.

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They will be joined by artistic director Jovianney Emmanuel Cruz.

Admission is free to both concerts but donations will be much appreciated.

Donations of new and used instruments are welcome as well.

For the June 6 concert, the public is requested to register in advance at [www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org](http://www.brotherhoodsynagogue.org) under "Upcoming Events."

The concerts are made possible through the generous support of PCR's friends at Filipino Families and Friends of North Edison (N.J.), Our Lady of Fatima Filipino-American Association (Piscataway, N.J.) and at the Brotherhood Synagogue (N.Y.), especially its Interfaith and Social Action Committees.

For more information, call Del at 732.207.3284 or Tarit at 908.359.3297 or e-mail [PhilChamberRondalla@yahoo.com](mailto:PhilChamberRondalla@yahoo.com).

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**OFY scholars rehearsing at a park.**