

Camping on 'I'mPULSE'

A gathering of young musicians from Asia and Europe in Makiling, Laguna

YOUNG musicians from Asia and Europe will gather at the National Arts Center in Makiling, Laguna, on February 2 for *I'mPULSE*—The First Asia Europe Music Camp to be held in the Philippines.

I'mPULSE will provide the participants a unique creative experience of sharing and learning from their fellow musicians from Asia and Europe.

The participating artists will interact and collaborate by playing original music compositions with fellow musicians from China, Indonesia, The Netherlands, Philippines, Singapore, Portugal and the United Kingdom. They will employ a varied combination of musical instruments from the different countries and be exposed to diverse

music concepts of Asian and European cultures.

The emphasis of the music camp is on the creative process and exchange. Its focus is to encourage collaboration among young artists for future artistic cooperation and career opportunities.

Professional conductors and musicians from Asia and Europe will facilitate the music camp as well as present the creative output of the young musicians into a public performance and recording.

Dr. Robert Casteels, a Singapore-based Belgian conductor and composer and recipient of the Christoffel Plantin Prize in 2001, is the artistic director of the music camp. Associate artistic director is composer Prof. Josefino Toledo, chair of the

Composition and Theory Department of the University of the Philippines College of Music.

I'mPULSE is an activity of the Cultural Exchange Program of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ACEF), which seeks to promote better mutual understanding between the peoples of Asia and Europe through greater intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges between the two regions.

ACEF was founded in 1997 by the members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), which had its inaugural summit in 1996 in Thailand, bringing together heads of states from Asia and Europe.

Member-countries of ASEM are: Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany,

Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Myanmar, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam and the European Commission.

I'mPULSE will be held in cooperation with the Cultural Center of the Philippines as one of the featured events of the National Arts Month in February.

The culminating event of *I'mPULSE* will be held on February 8, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (CCP Little Theater).

For more information, call the CCP Marketing Department at 822-7125 local 1300-1806.