

## 'I'mPulse' music camp in Makiling

Thirty young musicians from Asia and Europe will attend the "I'mPulse-The First Asia-Europe Music Camp" on Feb. 2-8, at the National Arts Center, Makiling, Laguna.

The "I'mPulse-The First Asia-Europe Music Camp" will provide participants with 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 by 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 the different cultures and music professionals participating in the camp.

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.

Associate artistic director is composer Prof. Josefino Toledo, chairman of the composition and theory department of the

University of the Philippines' college of music.

"I'mPulse-The First Asia-Europe Music Camp" is an activity of the Cultural Exchange Program of the AsiaEurope 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 state 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" is one of the events held in celebration of National Arts Month in February.

The culminating event of the I'mPulse-The First Asia Europe Music Camp will be held on Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (CCP Little Theater).