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Rehearsal camp for Asian Youth Orchestra

THE Malaysian Youth Orchestra Foundation will organise the first Malaysian rehearsal camp for the Asian Youth Orchestra.

The AYO Malaysia Programme presents an opportunity for Malaysians to understand and appreciate the unique musical experience which is what orchestral music is all about.

"Orchestral music is the embodiment of an aural beauty presented by a multitude of instruments in a disciplined and expressive manner," MYOF chairman Mirzan Mahathir said.

To kick off the MYOF initiative, the foundation is organising the AYO 1997 Rehearsal Camp and gala performance in Kuala Lumpur, collectively known as the AYO Malaysia Programme. The event is sponsored by the foundation.

The AYO was formed in 1987 to pool and showcase the talents of young Asian musicians in an orchestra.

The 130 young men and women of the AYO are chosen through highly competitive auditions held throughout the region. Close to 1,500 musicians from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Japan, South Korea and the Philippines will compete for a place in the orchestra.

It gathers members for a three-week intensive rehearsal in a specific location before embarking on a rigorous tour in Asia, North America and Europe.

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