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**Department of Education**

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**CUERDAS SANG PANGHILIUSA: THE 5th INTERNATIONAL RONDALLA/  
 PLUCKED STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL SYMPOSIUM-WORKSHOP**

To: Undersecretaries  
 Assistant Secretaries  
 Bureau and Service Directors  
 Regional Directors  
 Schools Division Superintendents  
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
 All Others Concerned

1. In support of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Department of Education (DepEd), the NCCA, through the National Music Competitions for Young Artists Foundation Inc. (NAMCYA) and the Musicological Society of the Philippines (MSP), will hold the **Cuerdas Sang Panghiliusa (Strings of Unity): The 5th International Rondalla/Plucked String Music Festival Symposium-Workshop** from November 3 to 11, 2018 in Silay City, Negros Occidental. The festival includes concerts, an exhibit, and a symposium-workshop.

2. The symposium-workshop with the theme **Plucked String Music: Evolutions** will be held from November 6 to 8, 2018 at the Silay Civic Center in Silay City. It shall include the following activities:

Activity	Description
Lectures	Features experts and scholars in music, musicology, and ethnomusicology who have done studies in the field of plucked string music in different parts of the world will give lectures.
Workshops	Local and foreign <i>luthiers</i> will demonstrate and impart techniques on plucked instrument-making and care.
Lecture-Demonstrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected performers from the festival participants will discuss the history of their group, development of their repertoire, instruments they play, and their playing techniques.</li> <li>Festival participants will include local rondalla groups, as well as artists from Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East.</li> </ul>

3. The symposium-workshop aims to:

- present current scholarly research and impart knowledge on plucked string music traditions from different parts of the world;
- provide practical knowledge about the production and care of plucked string instruments; and
- provide local audience, especially music educators and artists, with the opportunity to experience live performances of different plucked string music traditions.

4. The target participants are music teachers, conductors, instrument-makers, scholars, and artists. Public school teachers may attend the symposium-workshop **on official business**. Their registration fee may be charged to local funds, subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. The registration fee is as follows:

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Non-student</b>
Early Registration (until October 26, 2018)	P1,500	P2,500
Regular/Onsite Registration	P2,000	P3,000

6. The registration fee covers the kit (symposium and workshop materials) and food (lunch and snacks) from November 6 to 8, 2018. The fee does not include travel and accommodation expenses. The list of nearby lodging options in Silay City is found at the website <https://stringsofunity.org/> or in the enclosure.

7. Registered participants will be given certificates of participation and attendance, and may view the exhibits and watch concerts for free.

8. Early registrants are requested to deposit payments to:

**Landbank of the Philippines**

University of the Philippines Diliman EO Branch  
Account Name: Musicological Society of the Philippines Inc.  
Account Number: 3071 0150 59


They are also required to register online, or send the following documents through email:

- a. Registration Form,
- b. Proof of Payment, and
- c. Copy of Identification Card (for students only).

9. All registration forms must be submitted online or through email by **November 2, 2018**. The registration form may be accessed via <https://form.jotform.me/81042121258445>

10. For more information, please contact **Ms. Monica F.A. W. Santos**, Symposium-Workshop Secretariat at telephone no. (02) 926-0028, mobile phone no. 0927-7566-547, or through email addresses: [stringsofunity@gmail.com](mailto:stringsofunity@gmail.com), [stringsofunity.sw@gmail.com](mailto:stringsofunity.sw@gmail.com), website: <https://stringsofunity.org/>, or [www.facebook.com/rondalla.festival](http://www.facebook.com/rondalla.festival).

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 327, s. 2010

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