

# Orchestra group from Germany coming here

A 19 MEMBER orchestra group from Chemnitz (Saxony) in Germany will be conducting a tour to Papua, New Guinea, and Solomon Islands later next month.

31 year old Hendrik Hofmann is the conductor of the orchestra. He has first to be convinced to be a member of the tour orchestra.

He feels this is a unique chance to discover a new culture. Hofmann for him is that he has got to 60 the job will be done.

He will be assisted by other musicians from the orchestra. Hofmann Harmonists. They will spend more than 20 hours in the airplane!

Hofmann is a member of the orchestra since the 1950s. He was founded in 1995 and since then had director Volkmar Thiermer.

The Orchestra counts nowadays 80 members. The orchestra has made this tour to Australia, the USA, Argentina and to Sweden.

The tour of the orchestra from Germany to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is a big project.

extraordinary experiences outside the daily routine. These extracurricular activities should widen the horizon of the young musicians and enrich their knowledge by encountering new cultures.



Why choose PNG and the Solomon Islands? Thiermer explains that a member of the orchestra was Brother Reto Wannier, a Salesian missionary in the newly erected SDB convent in Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands.

Two years ago he opted to serve in PNG. He is assigned as mechanical instructor at the Don Bosco Technological Institute in Port Moresby.

It became obvious, that the instrument "accordion" is not only popular in two countries. Based on this information the idea was born to discover PNG and SI.

Main targets are to introduce the unknown instrument according to the local conditions as well to get to know the cultures.

During these three weeks

journey - starting on 11th July from Germany and returning on 1st August - there are already 15 concerts planned in schools and for the public and many short concerts for selected groups.

The orchestra began practicing for these performances one year back. This has been an important mission is needed, says Thiermer, so that these young musicians could be moulded to a tour orchestra. Their repertoire has a wide range from German folk songs, pop songs, classical music pieces, soundtracks, and Don Bosco songs as well.

The accordion tour orthon will arrive in PNG from the University of Moree in the capital Port Moresby as they tried to march on parliament in support of a no-confidence motion against Mr O'Neill.

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Article by Br. Reto in Port Moresby

## Savio Haus celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart

BOROKO: The Salesian formation community of Savio Haus, Boroko, Port Moresby celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart by staging the play "The Household", on the 11th and 14th June, 2016.

"The heart that loves us so much, is meek and filled with immense mercy. This needs to be understood by the aspirants and the students," reflected Moresban post-novice, Sylvester Kull, who with Br. Bernard Kaisa, who

Together with Fr. Pankaj Xairo, edb, Boroko, and encouraged by Fr. Pedro Sachitulu and Fr. Eduardo Revilla, edb they selected the play "The Household" written by Paul Dunca sdb FIN province. It revolved on the seven capital sins as different stage characters with a gift of a visitor who entrusted them with a gift of transformation.

J-C. The play depicts the transformation that JC brings to the lives of the characters. Religious communities had the opportunity to watch the play on the 11th June while a packed house of Salesians, Don Bosco Technological Institute staff, Bokoiman and the Salesian sisters enjoyed the production on the 14th June, 2016.

Song, dance and the action on stage highlighted the actors as they drew several messages for themselves and their lives. "It's a great achievement to get the attention

of the young people to enjoy a play which serves the purpose of education. The Sacred Heart of Jesus, to trust in the Mercy of God and reflect on their weaknesses in life" said Br. Sylvester Kull, wdb director of the play.

"The production involved sacrifice and commitment as the actors spent time in rehearsal several evenings of the week. It's besides gaining professional great fruits the seven capital sins, the actors said they grew in team spirit and have also developed a confidence in themselves.

"It is wonderful that the aspirants have used theatre to convey a message that they have understood and are passionate about," added Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb as he congratulated the actors who participated for the audience to spread messages that are good and positive.

The play has been staged at a time when Papua New Guinea is going through a time of tension as its university students boycott classes in protest against corruption and the present government. Sadly there has been a lot of violence in the country. A few have been killed. The Holy Spirit is an opportunity to reflect on the presence of sin and selfishness in each one of us and encourage each one to make a change.

Br. Sylvester Kull, SDB

## One killed, buildings torched, in uni clashes

PORT MORESBY, RNZ - One person has died after violent clashes at a university campus in the northern Papua New Guinea city of Lae on Saturday night.

In a statement, the University of Technology or Unitech, said a group of men armed with bush knives attacked a student who was sleeping in a dormitory block, and the attacker to be a student, Unitech said. The student later died of his injuries.

The university's vice chancellor, Albert Schramm, said the group then set fire to various buildings on the campus, including the Student Representative Council Representative's office and the mess.

Crowds set fire to a number of buildings at the University of Technology in Lae, Papua New Guinea, leaving extensive damage. Photo: Supplied / Albert Schramm


Dr Schramm said security forces and police were outnumbered for some time before reinforcements arrived, and the situation was eventually brought under control early on Sunday morning when police fired tear gas into the crowd.

He said the university was evacuating students from the campus.

Unitech students have been boycotting classes for weeks as part of nationwide student protests calling on Prime Minister Peter O'Neill to step down to face fraud allegations.

However, it is not yet clear whether this weekend's clashes were related to the protests.

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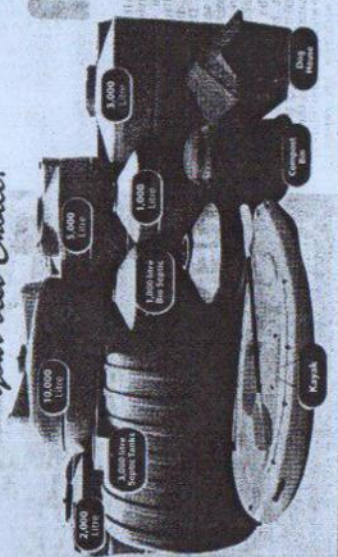
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