

Recycled trash instrument orchestra in Paraguay

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Questions:

When did the orchestra begin?

Where do the kids live?

What are the guitars made from?

What music do the young people play?

What problems to the young people have?



Transcript 1

The orchestra of recycled instruments based in Paraguay began five years ago when Fabio Chevas decided to teach kids living near this garbage dump how to play musical instruments. There weren't enough instruments to keep the budding musicians busy and with no money Chevas decided to get local residents who make a living picking through and recycling trash to get some for him.

Guitars were made from cans. Chellos were made from metal drums and brass instruments from galvanized piping. They play everything from Beethoven to Mozart, to Frank Sinatra and the Beatles.

One man's trash is truly another's treasure. These treasures are keeping children off the streets and out of trouble. But some of the young musicians haven't been able to change their lives through music and fallen back into drug addiction and crime. But for those who have used the opportunity to turn their lives around.

They have traveled to different countries and they'll be shown on a documentary about the orchestra which could draw even more attention to the landfill slum where recycled rubbish has brought new opportunities for young people.

Answers

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