

## Leyte Dance Theater embarks on an American tour June 13

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The show must go on for the Leyte Dance Theater.

With the province of Leyte still reeling from the massive destruction wrought by Super Typhoon Haiyan, the world-renowned dance troupe — whose 20 members are all Haiyan survivors — is embarking on a U.S. tour this year that will bring them to New Jersey on June 13 (at 7 p.m.) at Montclair State University's Memorial Auditorium.

Sponsored by the not-for-profit Handang Tumulong Foundation, Inc., the U.S. tour is a culmination of the performers' love and commitment to continue preserving the Philippines' rich heritage, culture and history through dance, music and drama.

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The international press described the troupe's performance as "artistically awesome in its totality; you will be enthralled; you can't ask for a better cultural show; an utterly absorbing experience."

Under the artistic guidance and tutelage of its founder Jess de Paz, a former dancer of Joffrey Ballet in NYC, the Leyte Dance Theater has successfully infused contemporary dance with ballet resulting to a virtuoso act displaying indigenous movements.

Ticket to the June 13 show are \$35, \$50, \$100 and VIP.

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