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Deep amber is waxed to shine the dimensions of the wood made for the player's palm, string stretched from neck to ear. Sounds from Beethoven are played from it and some Tchaikovsky, too. A violin, one of the most beautiful instruments in the world, but this violin is special. It's made from an aluminum salad bowl and the strings are turned with forks. A weird combination right? Believe it or not, but there is a band that takes garbage and makes it into instruments. The group is called *Orquesta de Instrumentos Reciclados* from Paraguay. They literally live in a landfill, but somehow they have found a way to transform the garbage into instruments. In this paper I will talk about: where the group is from, how they formed it and what is in store for them next. This is a very unique band that creates music with a twist.

First, let me tell you about where they are from so that you can understand how hard it must have been for them. The group comes from the South American country of Paraguay. They live in Cateura, a slum built on a garbage dump outside Ascension which is the capital of Paraguay. A lot of people work in the landfill including children which usually end up following the same path as their parents. There over 500 people there and is the biggest landfill in Latin America. The poverty has forced children to work in landfills, neglecting any education that might lead them to a better life. It seems like an unlikely place for a music miracle to happen right? **But in this forgotten and polluted corner of the world, an inspiring adventure is taking place: *La Orquesta de Instrumentos Reciclados*.**

Next, let's talk about the idea for the whole thing. In 2006 Fabio Chavez from Argentina, who plays the clarinet and the guitar, opened up a music school. **One day he got the idea to teach music to the recyclers and use his personal instruments; however, there weren't enough instruments for all the children that wanted to join. When he noticed all the garbage around them, he decided to try make instruments out of it.** For example an aluminum salad bowl with forks works as a violin. Raw materials such as discarded barrels, tins, drainpipes and bottle caps can all be used to make different instruments. From this unusual orchestra of 20 poor kids flows the music of Mozart and Beethoven. This isn't just about playing music, this also teaches the kids commitments, respect, compromise and discipline. The children also have a

lot of fun time performing. They first sparked attention when [Youtube](#) posted a video of them taking worthless garbage and making something beautiful out of it.

Finally, let me tell you about the outcome of all this. A lot of the kids have taken this opportunity and have become better people because of this. They now have a lot of commitment and creativity. A lot of other countries have tried doing the same thing as them hoping for the same success. Their instruments have even been featured the Musical Instrument Museum of Scottsdale, Arizona which is also the biggest instrument museum in the world. **Myrna Sislen even donated them 37 profession instruments, but they still use the ones that they make.** The group has performed in many places including the Orchestra Sympathy in Chicago. Thousands of people are sparked by their creativity every day.

In conclusion, this is a very emotional story that everyone can learn something from. It shows how a little creativity can go a long way. Music can easily bring people together because it doesn't matter where you are from you can play an instrument. The orchestra plays songs all the way from Tchaikovsky to Metallica. They don't only built instruments, but they also built hope for everyone back home. This goes to show that something worthless can turn into something priceless.