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New York City Labor Chorus Performs in Cuba's Province of Pinar del Rio

PINAR DEL RIO, Cuba, Apr 22 (acn) A representation of the New York City Labor Chorus is in the westernmost province Pinar del Rio to share their songs with the people of this Cuban region until April 24.

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Upon their arrival on Thursday at the Pedro Junco House of Culture, Barbara Bailey, president and founder of the chorus said: "On behalf of all the members of the New York City Labor Chorus, we thank you for the warm welcome we have received from the Cuban Friendship Institute in Pinar del Rio and the Pedro Junco House of Culture. Today, we come here to share our art with you and for this purpose we have brought a repertoire that includes protest songs and chansons de geste."

According to the website of the local Guerrillero newspaper, some of the titles include 'Imagine', 'Down by the Riverside', 'Step by Step', 'Do You Hear the People Sing?', and 'We Shall Overcome.' The Chorus also sings in Spanish 'La Guantanamera' and 'La Internacional.'

The New York City Labor Chorus, with 75 members representing over 20 labor unions and District Councils, was founded in 1991. It "promotes union solidarity by expressing through song the history and ongoing struggles of workers for economic and social justice."

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