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Address by the Minister of Education and Culture

The annual publication of "Partnerships between Education and Culture" demonstrates what has been achieved by the Secondary Education Service of the Ministry of Education and Culture, in cooperation with agencies and cultural institutions in Cyprus. It is with great pleasure that I address the current publication, which exemplifies the qualitative and creative ways of promoting music education in Cyprus.

Music, as a school subject, contributes in a particular manner and a holistic way both to the cognitive and social emotional development of students. Through experiences that help develop their skills, knowledge, attitudes and values in life, children are encouraged to experience music as listeners, performers and composers, establishing a lifelong learning relationship with music.

A fundamental innovation in music education in Cyprus has been the establishment of five Music Lyceums, one in each district in Cyprus. The establishment of Music Schools has been warmly welcomed by the Cypriot society, and the aforementioned institutions have been assessed as successful in becoming music educational as well as cultural points of reference.

The educational music programmes for Secondary Education in Cyprus are innovations that promote active and creative participation of young people in the social, political, cultural and economic life. These are carried out in cooperation with cultural institutions and other agencies, thus enabling their realisation through sharing of the financial burden, and at the same time enhancing interaction between school and society.

This year's partnerships include important musical activities, such as concerts and open rehearsals offered by the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra and other renowned artists from abroad, choir workshops with distinguished Cypriot choir conductors and the annual Secondary and Higher Education students' concert "Musical Vibes". Music groups from all five Music Lyceums participated in various music events and concerts in collaboration with prominent artists. A concert was organised by the Limassol Music Lyceum with Music Schools from the Czech Republic and Poland and the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra, a partnership initiated in the context of European programmes. Moreover, the Nicosia Regional Orchestra continued to present concerts all over the island in collaboration with municipalities and communities. Finally, the annual "Music Composition Contest" was organised with success.

The musical activities presented in the 2013-2014 annual report show that, despite economic and other difficulties experienced, education in Cyprus continues to invest in young persons' cultural development. As the Minister of Education and Culture, I welcome and support such collaborations between Education and Culture, which aim at developing cultural awareness and expression.

Costas Kadis

Minister of Education and Culture



A. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the "Cyprus Symphony Orchestra"

Educational programmes offered by the "Cyprus Symphony Orchestra":

- Morning educational concerts offered in concert halls or in schools
- Multi-disciplined major projects combining several art forms
- Family concerts for students and parents
- Concert general rehearsals, attended by students, and
- Educational visits of the Orchestra or chamber music ensembles to schools

Educational programmes offered by the "Cyprus Symphony Orchestra" during the school year 2013-2014:

Programme for Lyceum students

- "Cy.S.O.", educational visits to schools, on 27, 28 and 29 November 2013

Programme for Gymnasium students

- "The Colours of the Celestial City", educational concerts on 14, 15 and 19 November 2013

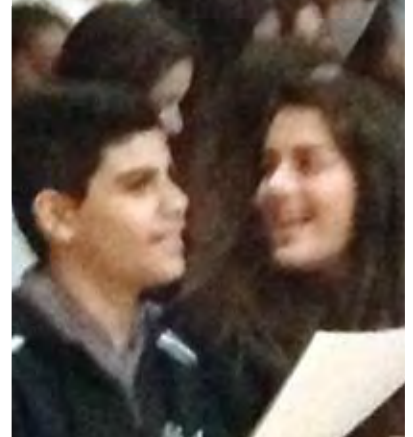
Programme for Gymnasium and Lyceum students

- "Musical Journey to the Mediterranean", educational concerts on 4 and 5 December 2013

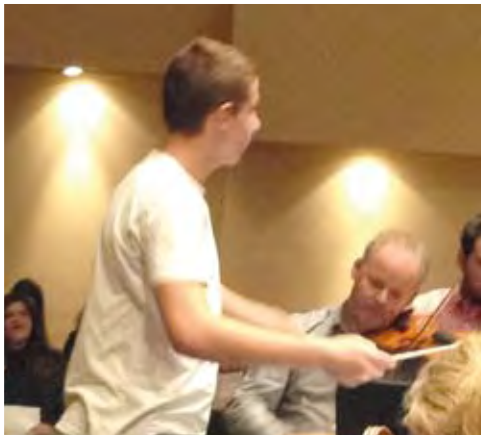
Family concert for students and parents - concerts for the public

- "The Colours of the Celestial City", on 15 and 20 November 2013

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http://www.cyso.org.cy/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=28&Itemid=59&lang=el











B. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture and "The Pharos Arts Foundation"

Educational programmes offered by "The Pharos Arts Foundation":

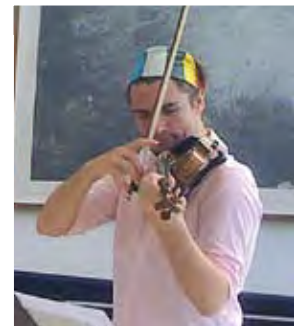
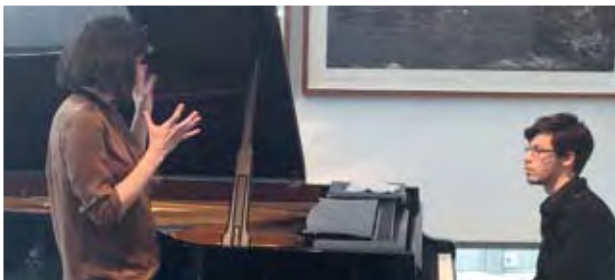
- Educational concerts for students
- Artists' visits to schools for students and teachers
- Master classes for students and teachers
- Workshops for students and teachers
- Lectures and seminars for students and teachers

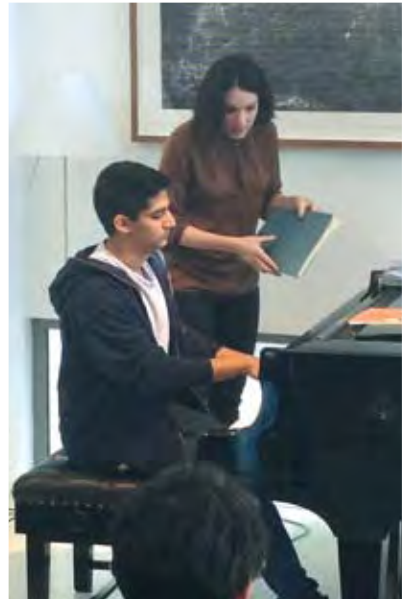
Educational programmes offered by "The Pharos Arts Foundation" during the school year 2013-2014:

- General rehearsals with the violinist Johannes Fleischmann and the pianist Philippe Raskin, attended by students on 22 October 2013
- Master class for piano players, with the soloist Gloria Campaner, on 9 December 2013
- Educational concert, with the Brodsky String Quartets and the mezzo soprano Lore Lixenberg, on 8 April 2014

http://www.schools.ac.cy/eyliko/mesi/themata/mousiki/ekpaidevtikes_synavlies.html

<http://www.pharostrust.org/musiceducation.htm>









C. *More... partnerships*

C1. Partnerships between students and teachers of the Music Schools and distinguished artists

- The choir of the Lefkosia Music Lyceum collaborated with the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra for the concert "Mozart: the history of a legend who has marked the history of music". The concert, which was presented within the framework of the International Festival KYPRIA 2013, took place on 3 September 2014.
- The choirs of the Lefkosia and Lemesos Music Lycea collaborated with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra for the Concert for the Cyprus Independence Day. The concert, which was presented within the framework of the International Festival KYPRIA 2013, took place on 2 October and 3 October 2013 in Lefkosia and Lemesos.
- The Lefkosia and Lemesos Music Lycea took part in a music concert celebrating the 60th year anniversary of OELMEK, which took place on 4 March 2014.
- The Lemesos Music Lyceum organised in collaboration with the American Embassy in Cyprus a seminar and a concert with the HIP HOP group "Audiopharmacy", on 22 March 2014.
- The Byzantine choir of the Lefkosia Music Lyceum collaborated with the Byzantine choir of the Holy Bishopric of Tremithounda School of Byzantine Music and the Strovolos Municipality for an Easter Concert, directed by Evangelos Georgiou, teacher at the Lefkosia Music Lyceum, on 9 April 2014.
- Collaboration of the Lemesos Music Lyceum choir and the choir of "ARIS LEMESSOU" for a concert in remembrance of the renowned Cypriot composer Marios Tokas, directed by Christos Manos, teacher at the Lemesos Music Lyceum. The Greek singer Manolis Mitsias and the Cypriot singer Kostas Hatzichristodoulou also participated at the concert that took place on 11 April 2014.
- The Lefkosia Music Lyceum presented a Concert commemorating the 40th year anniversary of the Turkish invasion in Cyprus that took place on 6 May and was directed by Christos Stavrinides, teacher at the Lefkosia Music Lyceum. The Greek singer Giorgos Dalaras also participated.

- The Pafos Music Lyceum collaborated with the Nicolaidion Gymnasium and the Byzantine choir of the Holy Bishopric of Pafos in a concert titled "A tribute to Manos Loizos", presented on 20 June 2014. At the concert, which was directed by Socrates Terpizes, teacher at the Pafos Music Lyceum, the Greek singer Gerasimos Andreatos also participated.

C2. Partnerships between the Music Schools in Cyprus and Music Schools from other European countries in the context of EU programs

- The Lemesos Music Lyceum collaborated with the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Music Schools of South Prague in the Check Republic and Biesko Biala in Poland to present a concert under the title "Music without borders". The concert, which was directed by Solon Kladas, choir conductor at the Lemesos Music Lyceum, took place on 14 and 15 April 2014 in Lefkosia and Lemesos.



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D. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Cyprus Theatre Organisation, the Strovolos Municipality, the Organisation "Pafos 2017" and the OPAP Cyprus in the context of the in-service training programme for music teachers with the participation of students

- Two-day choir workshop

A two-day choir workshop, led by the choir conductors Solon Kladas, Eleni Kyprianou, Loizos S. Loizou and Angelina Nicolaidou, took place on 17 March 2014 and 4 April 2014. It was organised in the context of the in-service training programme, so as to meet the need of empowering secondary music teachers on issues concerning choir conducting, teaching and organising the choir. The collaboration between the parties involved was very fruitful and was celebrated with two evening concerts, open for the public.

<http://www.schools.ac.cy/eyliko/mesi/themata/mousiki/seminaria.html>









E. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the non-profit "Photos Photiades" Foundation and the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation

The "Music Composition Annual Contest" was held in December 2013, within the framework of the cooperation between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the non-profit «Photos Photiades» Foundation and the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, with the participation of Lyceum students from all over Cyprus.

Three composition contests are part of the "Music Composition Annual Contest":

- The 5th "Marios Tokas" songwriting contest, commemorating the Cypriot composer Marios Tokas
- The 3rd "Costas Montis" songwriting contest, based on lyrics by the renowned Cypriot poet
- The 1st Instrumental Composition Contest, a new contest that was inaugurated in 2013

The regional contests took place on December 2 and 4, 2013 and the final contest took place on December 12, 2013.

http://www.schools.ac.cy/eyliko/mesi/themata/mousiki/diagonismos_tokas.html









F. Partnerships between the Lycea Regional Orchestra, Public and Private Secondary Education Schools, the Music Lyceum of Lefkosia, the Music Lyceum of Pafos, the European University of Cyprus, the Strovolos Municipality, the Pafos Municipality and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation

The establishment of the Lycea Regional Orchestra is another innovation of the Ministry of Education and Culture, which has been implemented in Secondary Education, by a decision of the Council of Ministers in November 2003. Music teachers who are specialised in orchestral conducting have been appointed as conductors and the orchestra is open to all students through audition. The aim of such activities is to offer young people the opportunity for enhance creativity and communication skills, create incentives for qualitative music performance and develop Music and Aesthetic Education. The repertoire varies accordingly, from classical to Cypriot and Greek, as well as students' compositions.

- Concert at the Dianellou and Theodotou Gymnasium with the collaboration of the Parents' Committee, on March 8 2014. The concert was organised aiming to help impoverished families.
- Concert at the Tseriou Primary School with the collaboration of the Parents' Committee, on March 15 2014.
- Concert at the Tamasos Primary School with the collaboration of the Parents' Committee, on March 8 2014. The concert was organised aiming at helping impoverished families.
- 5th Music Camp in Pafos in collaboration with the Pafos Music Lyceum and presentation of a final concert on April 5 2014, aiming to help impoverished families.
- Concert on May 10 2014 in collaboration with the Ayioi Omologites Cultural Centre.

http://www.schools.ac.cy/eyliko/mesi/themata/mousiki/eparchiaki_orchistra.html



G. Partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture, Public and Private Secondary Education Schools, the European University of Cyprus and the Strovolos Municipality

- "Musical Vibes I" concert

This is an annual event. An evening concert was organised on April 3, 2014, with the participation of students from the Ayios Ioannis Lakatamias Gymnasium, the Kykkos B´ Lyceum, the Lefkosia Music Lyceum, the American Academy, the Grammar School, the English School, the Lefkosia School District Orchestra, the String Orchestra of the European Conservatory and the European University of Cyprus - Strovolos Municipality Band. The project was organised by the independent committee of "Musical Vibes" and was supported by the Strovolos Municipality and the European University of Cyprus.

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Educational Programmes

Aims of educational programmes

- More unified and stronger potential for music education and music development through the Music Curriculum
- Higher achievement of the Cyprus Music Education objectives
- Increase of the number of people-especially of young people-who attend the orchestral concerts
- Personality development (interpersonal relationships), as well as leadership and communication skills
- Partnership development
- Development of positive attitudes towards the traditional music of Cyprus and of other countries
- Development of positive attitudes towards all genres of music
- Smooth adaptation to the changes and demands of the 21st century (multicultural society, equal opportunities, ICT skills)
- Strong support and empowerment of schools and music teachers
- Demystification of the words "orchestra" and "musician"
- Enrichment of the lives of everyone involved, through the development of aesthetic education
- Contribution to the personal and professional development of musicians

Aims and targets not completed

- Extension of the Music School to the Gymnasium-cycle

- Establishment of rules for the Music School
- Establishment of rules and credibility to the Certificate of Musical Studies
- Programme evaluation (partial implementation because of insufficient funding)
- Digital presentation of the programmes (partial implementation)
- Establishment of rules for the programmes, so as to be offered to all students among Cyprus (insufficient funding)
- Open school (insufficient funding)
- All day school (insufficient funding)

Future aim

Systematic evaluation to support feedback in order to drive stakeholders to provide such programmes for all secondary school students, 43.340 during the school year 2013-2014, on an equal basis.

Objectives: The need

- to find ways that integrate successful projects in a structured system
- to ensure the necessary scale (towards universal accessibility) and sustainability (continuity and viability are considered prerequisites for consolidated results)
- to invest in synergies between cultural agencies and education organisations, from simple exchange of information and routine actions (the lowest level) to the most complicated events, where all partners contribute to the content and the materialisation of the above programmes, bearing equal responsibility as to the process and the result as well as to the sharing of expenditure.

Some numbers

A. Partnerships with the "Cyprus Symphony Orchestra"

Educational Programmes

- **"The "Cy.S.O." goes to school:**
960 students from 16 schools
- **"The Colours of the Celestial City":**
1.650 students from 33 schools
- **"Musical journey to the mediterranean":**
1.800 students from 36 schools

Number of participants: 4.410 students

B. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture and "The Pharos Arts Foundation"

- General rehearsals, with the violinist Johannes Fleischmann and the pianist Philippe Raskin, attended by students
- Master class for piano players, with the soloist Gloria Campaner
- Educational concert, with the Brodsky String Quartet and the mezzo soprano Lore Lixenberg

Number of participants: 70 students from 6 schools

C. More... partnerships

- C1. Partnerships between students and teachers of the Music School and distinguished artists
- C2. Partnerships between the Music Schools in Cyprus and Music Schools from other european countries in the context of EU programmes

Number of participants: 183 students

D. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute, the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra, the Cyprus Theatre Organisation, the Strovolos Municipality, the Organisation "Pafos 2017" and the OPAP Cyprus in the context of the in-service training programme for music teachers with the participation of students

- Two-day choir workshop

Number of participants: 420 students from 10 schools and orchestra

E. Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the non-profit "Photos Photiades" Foundation and the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation

- The 5th "Marios Tokas" songwriting contest
- The 3rd "Costas Montis" songwriting contest
- The 1st Instrumental composition contest

Number of participants: 165 students from 22 schools

F. Partnerships between the Lycea Regional Orchestra, Public and Private Primary and Secondary Education Schools, the Music Lyceum of Lefkosia, the Music Lyceum of Pafos, the European University of Cyprus, the Strovolos Municipality, the Pafos Municipality and the Cyprus Tourism Organisation

Number of participants: 180 students from 25 schools and orchestras

G. Partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture, Public and Private Secondary Education Schools, the European University of Cyprus and the Strovolos Municipality

- "Musical Vibes I" concert

Number of participants: 150 students from 9 schools and orchestras

Total: 5.587 students

