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## Address by the Minister of Education and Culture

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It is with great pleasure that I have been following the development of Music Synergies in Education and Culture in recent years. The promotion of valuable cultural activities through a series of collaborations with organizations, cultural and educational institutions are an important asset for the development of music education in Cyprus.

The Ministry of Education and Culture recognises and supports the right of all children to participate in the contemporary social and cultural life. By opening the school to the community, our young people have the opportunity to meet artists from Cyprus and abroad, and participate in a variety of activities of high artistic value.

Part of the strategic planning in this direction is the continuous development and expansion of the Cyprus Music Schools. Their work is exemplified by the richness of the activities presented in this publication, showcasing their multifaceted contribution to local communities, such as the events organised this year in collaboration with the Organisation Pafos2017 - European Capital of

Culture. Moreover, there is a growing representation at an international level, through cooperation with schools abroad and invitations to events beyond the borders of Cyprus. The Music Schools' focus on choral development is demonstrated effectively at the yearly One-day Choir Workshop and concert, which has become established as an exceptional artistic and educational tradition. At the same time, the continued collaboration of the Music Schools with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra and the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra has presented this year a series of concerts in Cyprus and abroad, such as the "Exultate Jubilate" Christmas Concert, a concert featuring W. A. Mozart's Requiem and the "Zyriotishes Galakonzert", with the participation of the renowned Cypriot artists Kyros Patsalidis and Zoe Nikolaidou, at the Musikverein in Vienna.

Talented young people from Lefkosia, Pafos and Ammochostos had the opportunity to participate in the Regional Orchestra. At the same time, the pilot Wind Instrument Instruction Program, in cooperation with the European University of Cyprus continued its expansion.

Aiming for enhanced youth participation in cultural activities, the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation and the Pharos Arts Foundation continue to offer students a variety of educational programmes such as open rehearsals, educational concerts, music workshops and seminars. At the same time, co-operation between public and private secondary and tertiary education is encouraged through actions such as the “Musical Vibes” student concert and a number of school based educational programmes.

Within the framework of the four-year target for the development of singing, the Ministry of Education and Culture supported the establishment of the Pancyprian Singing Day, encouraging thus a variety of educational and recreational activities focusing on class singing and choral music. In this framework, a pilot singing development programme was successfully implemented, in addition to other traditional actions such as the 8th Pancyprian Students’ Composition Festival, which this year has focused on song compositions.

Finally, in the context of music educators’ in-service training, an International Music Education Conference was organised with the participation of internationally renowned music educators, such as Prof. Keith Swanwick, Prof. Patricia Shehan Campbell, Prof. Lucy Green, Prof. Graham Welch et al.

The development of qualitative and innovative cultural activities, as presented in the current electronic document, demonstrates in the best possible way that the Ministry of Education and Culture, continues to invest, through targeted partnerships, in young people’s cultural education. The impressive results let us hope that further development is to be expected.

**Costas Kadis**  
Minister of Education and Culture

## Aims of Music Educational Programmes and Actions

The educational programmes and actions showcased in this year's edition were developed in the context of a music education that aims to promote the interaction of school music and community, through a variety of musical experiences in performing, composing and active listening, inside and outside school, which are expected to encourage young people's life-long active participation in culture and the arts.

Specific aims:

- To encourage participation in the cultural life of the community.
- To promote life-long cultural engagement.
- To connect school music education with community music, thus enriching the music curriculum and formal music learning.
- To foster a diverse and comprehensive education for future artists, as well as to increase public participation in the arts, through appropriately designed musical experiences that promote musicality and creativity.
- To demystify the notion of the "classical orchestra" and "classical musicians", firstly, through enhancing active audience listening skills and secondly, through active participation in diverse musical activities
- To provide innovating approaches in the area of audience development.
- To develop personal and interpersonal communication and collaborative learning skills.
- To enhance a positive attitude towards local traditional heritage and the importance of its preservation.
- To develop a positive attitude towards music in an intercultural context.
- To enhance innovative cultural entrepreneurship by contributing to the personal and professional development of musicians.



- Around 10% of students in Cyprus Gymnasiums, Lyceums and Technical Schools participate yearly in educational programs. Further dissemination of educational programs is promoted through live-broadcasting and publishing of video recordings on a specific YouTube channel. Systematic monitoring and evaluation ensures the continuous upgrade of the quality and effectiveness of the programs.
- In the context of improving dissemination through the use of digital technology, a number of programmes has been broadcast live during school time or video recorded and broadcasted through a special channel on the Cyprus Ministry of Education and Culture website, thus making the video recordings available for future educational use.
- There is a continuous effort to consistently upgrade the quality and long-term effectiveness of all programmes through systematic monitoring and evaluation.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZs452fOuzlnYb7eKMkoLhA>



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## A. Educational Programmes and Concerts of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation

### Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation

The collaboration with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation aims to promote lifelong engagement with the arts, the enrichment of school music provision in collaboration with professional musicians aiming at enhanced audience development. The programmes offered by the Symphony Orchestra include educational concerts, open rehearsals, educational visits in schools and collaborations with the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra (CySO) and the Cyprus Youth Symphony Orchestra (CyYSO).

#### **Educational programmes offered by the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra (CySO) during the school year 2016-2017:**

##### **A1. Educational concerts offered by the CySO**

Two educational concerts were organized at the Pallas Theater in Lefkosia on 16.2.2017.

##### **A2. Open rehearsals offered by the CySO**

Gymnasium and Lyceum students attended open rehearsals of the CySO at the Pallas Theater in Nicosia on 20.10.2016, 25.11.2016, 26.1.2017.

##### **A3. CySO and CyYSO concerts in collaboration with Cyprus Music Schools**

- A collaboration between the CyYSO and the Lefkosia Music School for the concert “Zyriotishes Galakonzert”, conducted by the CyYSO music director Giorgos Kountouris and presented at the Musikverein in Vienna Austria on 25.11.2016.



- A collaboration between the CySO and the Lefkosia Music School for the CySO Christmas concert “Exultate Jubilate”, conducted by the CySO music director Alkis Baltas and presented at the Rialto Theatre in Lemesos on 21.12.2016, at the Municipal Theatre in Larnaca on 22.12.2016 and at the Strovolos Theater in Lefkosia on 23.12.2016.
- A collaboration between the CySO and the Lemesos Music School to present W.A. Mozart’s Requiem, conducted by the CyYSO music director Giorgos Kountouris and presented at the Rialto Theatre in Lemesos on 10.4.2017 and at the Strovolos Theater in Lefkosia on 11.4.2017.
- Collaboration of the Lefkosia Music School Choir and the CyYSO, with the participation of the Cypriot artists Kyros Patsalides and Zoe Nikolaides, for a concert organized during the EBRD 2017 Annual Meeting and Business Forum at Kourion Ancient Theater on 10.5.2017.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/ekpaideftikes-synavlies>

<http://www.cyso.org.cy/>

Participation: 2,500 students







## B. Educational Programmes and Concerts of the Pharos Arts Foundation

### Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Pharos Arts Foundation

The Pharos Arts Foundation continues to offer a variety of educational programmes with renowned international and Cypriot artists.

#### **Educational programmes offered by the Pharos Arts Foundation at the Shoe Factory venue during the school year 2016-2017:**

##### **B1. Educational concerts**

- Educational concert with Marianne Pousseur and the ensemble Het Collectief on 5.10.2016.
- Educational concert with the male vocal ensemble Amarcord on 23.11.2016.
- Educational concert with Wolfgang Schroeder (violin), Valentin Radutiu (violoncello) and Florian Uhlig (piano) on 16.11.2016.
- Educational concert with Clare Hammond (piano) on 14.12.2016.
- Educational concert presenting the EnLIVE project - Live Music in Silent Film on 27.1.2017.
- Educational concert with the Jazz ensemble Arne Jansen Trio on 8.2.2017.
- Educational concert with Wenzel Fuchs (clarinet) and Elisaveta Blumina (piano) on 15.2.2017.
- Educational concert with Nihad Agdac (violin) and Emil Duncumb (piano) on 23.2.2017.
- Educational concert with Christian Elliott (violoncello) and Robin Green (piano) on 5.4.2017.
- Educational concert with the Tetraktys string quartet on 12.5.2017.

##### **B2. Workshops and master classes**

- Piano master class with Andre Gallo on 29.10.2016.
- Guitar master class with Antoine Moriniere on 10.12.2016.
- Piano master class with Clare Hammond on 14.12.2016.
- Clarinet master class with Wenzel Fuchs on 15.2.2017

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/ekpaideftikes-synavlies>  
<http://pharosartsfoundation.org/>

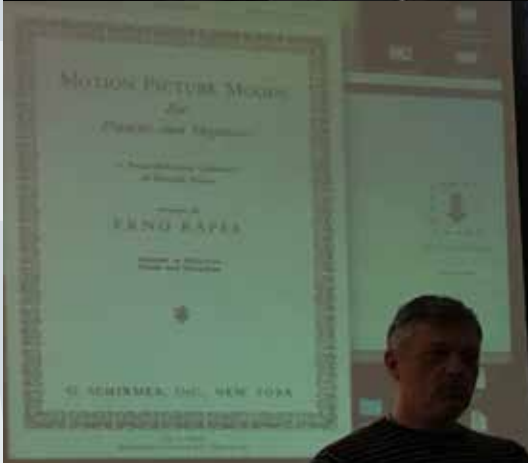
Participation: 850 students

















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## C. Artists Visits in Schools

### Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, distinguished artists from Cyprus and abroad and other cultural agencies

Distinguished artists from Cyprus and abroad offer lectures or workshops at schools.

- Collaboration of the Ministry of Education and Culture with the European University Cyprus for class presentations on African Music organized for the students of the Ag. Ioannou Chrysostomou, Archangelou and Kokkinotrimithia Gymnasiums and offered by the Ghanaian educator and musician Sowah Mensa on 15-17.11.2016.
- Workshop on improvisation by the duo Piano & Percussion Project Christos Pehlivanis and Aggelos Michaeloudis at the Arch. Makarios G' Gymnasium on 21.2.2017.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/draseis-scholeion>

Participation: 220 students









## D. Cyprus Music Schools Events

**Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, distinguished artists from Cyprus and abroad, municipalities, communities and other cultural agencies**

### **Educational visits - seminars**

- Educational visit at the Pafos Music School by the Greek singer Christos Thivaivos on 23.9.2016.
- Educational visit at the Pafos Music School by the artists Zohar Fresco, Ross Daly και Kelly Thoma in collaboration with the Organisation Pafos2017 - European Capital of Culture on 28.9.2016.
- Educational concert for the students of the Lemesos Music Gymnasium by Theodoros Krasides (flute) and Angela Manjarova (harp) on 11.10.2016.
- Seminar on musical studies and employment prospects by Nenad Bogdanovich, director of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation, for the students of the Lefkosia Music School on 12.12.2016.
- Piano masterclass by Christodoulos Georgiades for the students of the Larnaca Music School on 12.1.2017.
- Seminar on the development of the piano by Panos Christofides for the students of the Lemesos Music Gymnasium on 26.1.2017.
- Orchestral conducting seminar by the conductor Constantinos Diminakis for the students of the Lefkosia Music School on 8.2.2017.
- Orchestral conducting seminar by the CyYSO conductor Giorgos Kountouris for the students of the Lemesos Music School on 8.2.2017.
- Vocal masterclass by Dr Konstantinos Giannoudis for the students of the Lemesos Music School on 21.2.2017 and the Larnaca Music School on 22.2.2017.
- Presentation by Hilary Marie Johnson on Amerika's music styles, with the support of the American Embassy, for the students of the Lemesos Music School on 24.3.2017.
- Piano masterclass by the Greek artist Eleni Mouzala for the students of the Larnaca Music School on 16.5.2017.
- Seminar on Music studies in Cyprus, with the collaboration of the ARTE Music Academy, the European University and the University of Nicosia on 24.5.2017.

### **Participation at concerts - official events**

- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at the European Citizen 2016 award ceremony on 23.9.2016.

- Participation of the Lefkosia Music School ensemble at a concert celebrating the European Day of Languages on 26.9.2016.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School traditional music ensemble at a concert organised in collaboration with Japanese artists on 30.9.2016.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School ensemble at the Pafos2017 - European Capital of Culture presentation of its official programme of events for 2017 on 6.10.2016.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at a Monument Unveiling event organized by the Sotira Municipality at the Sotira Municipal Centre on 11.10.2017.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School supervisor and students in the national selection committee for the Junior Eurovision Contest 2017 on 20.10.2016.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School flute ensemble at an event organized in the framework of the German Language Month on 22.11.2016.
- Participation of the Lefkosia Music School ensemble at the School for the Deaf award ceremony on 29.11.2016.
- Participation of the Lefkosia Music School ensemble at an event during the Meeting of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development on 8.12.2016.
- Christmas concert of the Lemesos Music School presenting the Gymnasium and Lyceum choir the byzantine choir, the traditional music ensemble, the flute ensemble and the symphonic band, that took place at the Rialto Theater on 20.12.2016.
- Participation of Larnaca Music School students at a concert with the accordion orchestra, at the Oroklini Community Centre on 24.12.2016.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School traditional music ensemble at an event organised by the Avgorou Community Volunteerism Council at the Avgorou Community Centre on 22.1.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School ensemble at the opening ceremony of the European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017, in collaboration with the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 that took place at the Pafos Town Hall Square on 28.1.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School choir at an event under the title “Connecting Aarhus and Pafos” at the Pafos Municipal Gallery on 29.1.2017.
- Participation of the Lefkosia Music Gymnasium choir at a concert organised by the Paediatrics Oncology Centre of the Makarios Hospital and the Elpida Foundation at the Presidential Palace on 15.2.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School choir, wind ensemble and improvisation ensemble at an event under the title “Second Nature”, in collaboration with the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 that took place at the Pafos Municipal Garden on 19.2.2017.

- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at a Cyprus - Cretan event that took place at the Frenaros Community Centre on 10.3.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School ensemble at the opening of the conference under the title “Prevention of school delinquent behaviour” organised in collaboration with the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 on 11.3.2017.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School Choir at two concerts with the Greek artist Nicos Portokaloglou at the Paticheion Theatre in Limassol on 12.3.2017 and at the Strovolos Municipal Theater in Nicosia on 13.3.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School students at a five-day work shop with four Valetta artists that took place in collaboration with the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 on 13-15.3.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School traditional music ensemble at the opening of the symposium under the title “Pafos 3200 years of history and culture” on 16.3.2017.
- Participation of the Lefkosia Music School traditional music ensemble at an award ceremony organized by the Holy Archbishopric on 17.3.2017.
- Collaboration of the Larnaca Music School, the German School St. Benno Gymnasium and the Larnaca Municipality, for a joint concert that took place at the St. George Lyceum Theatre on 19.3.2017.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at the opening of the Cyprus Chairmanship Conference in Nicosia on 22.3.2017.
- Participation of the Larnaca Music School traditional music ensemble at a student conference organized by the Holy Archbishopric in Nicosia on 28.3.2017.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at a conference organized by the Holy Bishopric of Ammochostos at the Thalassa Museum in Ayia Napa on 3.4.2017.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School byzantine choir at a religious concert that took place at the Pattichion Municipal Theater on 5.4.2017.
- Participation of the Larnaca Music School choir, accordion ensemble, traditional music ensemble and the byzantine choir at a concert organised by the Bishopric of Kition at the St. George Cultural Centre in Larnaca on 28.4.2017.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School vocal ensemble at the opening of the two-day conference for the Lanition Schools, at the Lanition Theater on 28.4.2017.
- Participation of the Larnaca Music School choir, traditional music ensemble, byzantine choir, accordion orchestra at an event organised by the Bishopric of Kition on 28.4.2017.
- Participation of the Larnaca Music School traditional music ensemble and byzantine choir, at a charity concert organised in collaboration with the Ayios Dometios Municipality on 5.5.2017.

- Collaboration of the Pafos Music School with the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 for a concert titled "Travelers of the world" with the participation of the Greek singer Melina Kana that took place at the Pafos Castle on 6.5.2017.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School traditional music ensemble at the opening of the Pan-hellenic Educational Conference on the History and Culture of the Hellenism of Asia Minor, at the OELMEK premises on 6.5.2017.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School improvisation ensemble and traditional music ensemble at an event organized for the celebration of Europe Day, with the collaboration of the Lemesos Municipality, at the Lemesos Multifunctional Seaside Park on 7.5.2017.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School improvisation ensemble at an event organized for the celebration of Europe Day, at the Acropolis Park in Nicosia on 13.5.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School wind ensemble at a parade organized by the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 in the framework of the programme "Schools in Action" on 26.5.2017.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at the opening of the Environmental Information and Education Centre at Cape Greco, organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment on 27.5.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School traditional music ensemble at the opening ceremony of the 7th European Forum on Music organized by the European Music Council (EMC) and (IAMIC) and hosted by the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 at the Palia Ilektriki on 9.6.2017.
- Collaboration of the Larnaca Music School and the Ensemble of Eastern Music for a concert that took place at the House of Arts and Literature in Larnaca on 9.6.2017.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School ensemble at the theatrical performance of "Axiothea" organised by the Geroskipou Lyceum, at the Pafos Ancient Odeion on 16.6.2017.
- Collaboration of the Pafos Music School, the Lyceum A' Arch. Makarios G', the Nikolaideion Gymnasium and the Pafos Bishopric for a concert organized with the participation of the Greek artist Costas Makedonas at the Pafos Ancient Odeion on 25 and 26.6.2017.

#### **Participation at international events**

- Participation of the Lemesos Music School ensemble at an event during the Euroscola Program at Strasburg, France in collaboration with the European Office of Cyprus on 8-11.11.2016.
- Collaboration of the Lefkosia Music School choir and the CyYSO, with the participation of the Cypriot artists Kyros Patsalides and Zoe Nikolaides, for a concert organized by the Cyprus Cultural Centre at the Musikverein in Vienna on 25.11.2016.

- Participation of the Lemesos Music School flute ensemble and traditional music ensemble at an event organized in Strasburg, France for the assumption of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 9-12.12.2016.
- Participation of the Pafos Music School choir and ensembles at the celebrations organised for the European Capital of Culture with the collaboration of the Organisation European Capital of Culture - Pafos2017 at Aarhus, Denmark on 19-23.1.2017.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School ensemble at an event during the Euroscola Program at Strasburg, France in collaboration with the European Office of Cyprus on 27.4.2017.
- Participation of the Paphos Music School traditional music ensemble at the International Festival Edutopia2017 that took place in Aarhus Denmark on 25-29.7.2017.

#### **International school collaborations**

- Collaboration of the Lemesos Music School students with a visiting group from the Thessaloniki Music School that included a concert on 14.3.2016.
- Collaboration of the Larnaca Music School students with a visiting group from the St. Benno Gymnasium in Dresden, Germany, organized in the framework of a student exchange programme of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, that included participation in classes, and a concert on 15-22.3.2017.
- Collaboration of the Larnaca Music School students with a visiting group from the 6th Iraklion General Lyceum that included a concert on 29.3.2017.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/mousika-scholeia>

<http://mousiko-scholeio-lef.schools.ac.cy/>

<http://mousiko-scholeio-lem.schools.ac.cy/>

<http://mousiko-scholeio-lar.schools.ac.cy/>

<http://mousiko-scholeio-amm.schools.ac.cy/>

<http://mousiko-scholeio-paf.schools.ac.cy/>

Participation: 450 students

















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Ανακλιτέων Χριστούγεννων, Ήχος δ΄  
ΕΥΖΑΝΤΙΝΟΣ ΚΟΡΦΟΣ ΓΥΜΝΑΣΙΟΥ













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## E. One-day Choir Conference

**Event organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture with the support of the Strovolos Municipality**

The 2017 one-day choir conference was organized by the Department of Secondary General Education and the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute with the support of the Strovolos Municipality. The conference, which included a workshop aimed at Music School students and secondary school Music teachers, concluded with an evening concert open to a wider audience that took place at the Strovolos Municipal Theater on 24.2.2017.

The conference programme began with a workshop on the common song medley that would culminate the evening concert being sung by all music school choirs. The common song was led by Isavella Christofidou (Pafos Music Lyceum). The evening concert included performances by all Music School choirs led by the conductors Loizos S. Loizou (Lefkosia Music Gymnasium and Lyceum), Solon Kladas (Lemesos Music Gymnasium and Lyceum), Iakos Demetriou (Larnaka Music Gymnasium and Lyceum), Chrysanthi Loizou (Ammochostos Music Gymnasium), Miltos Georgiou (Ammochostos Music Lyceum), Isavella Christofidou (Pafos Music Lyceum) and Eleni Kyprianou (Pafos Music Gymnasium).

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/epimorfosi/imerida-chorodion>

Participation: 450 students













## F. 8<sup>th</sup> Student Composition Festival Marios Tokas - Kostas Montis 2016-2017»

### **A partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Photos Fotiades Foundation**

The festival, which is dedicated to two renowned Cypriot artists, the songwriter Marios Tokas and the poet Kostas Montis, aims at promoting awareness of cultural heritage as well as student creativity and new cultural production.

This year's festival, which focused on songwriting, took place at the Lanition Theater in Limassol on 19.12.2016. Before the final presentation at the festival, the groups that were chosen had the chance to work with renowned Cypriot composers on further development of their work

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/festival-tokas-montis>

Participation: 200 students









## G. International Conference “Teaching music musically in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”

### Event coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Culture

The Department of Secondary Education organized in collaboration with the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute an international conference in music education under the title “Teaching music musically in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: Keith Swanwick at 80 - A celebration in music education”, that took place at the European University on 3-5.3.2017.

The conference, as part of the music educators’ in-service training program, aimed at the discussion and promotion of innovative music teaching and learning strategies and included keynote speeches, presentations and workshops. These were presented by the following invited speakers: Prof. Keith Swanwick (Emeritus Professor, UCL Institute of Education), Prof. Patricia Shehan Campbell (University of Washington D.C.), Prof. Lucy Green (UCL Institute of Education), Prof. Graham Welch (UCL Institute of Education), Prof. José Alberto Salgado e Silva (Brazil), Prof. Mari Shiobara (Japan), Prof. José Godinho (Portugal), Prof. Graça Boal Palheiros (Portugal), Dr Mary Lennon (Ireland), Dr John O’Flynn (Ireland), Dr Zoe Dionysiou (Greece) and Pepy Michaelides (Cyprus).

The conference programme included student performances from Music School and secondary school students.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/epimorfosi/imerides-synedria>

Participation: 180 teachers and 150 students







## H. 1<sup>st</sup> Pancyprian Singing Day

### Event coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Culture

Acknowledging the power of singing and its benefits for the young, the Ministry of Education and Culture has inaugurated the Pancyprian Singing Day aiming for schools in collaboration with community and other cultural agencies to organise a series of educational and recreational events focused on promoting the power of song to all people involved.

During the official Singing Day on 28.4.2017 as well as the weeks around this date, schools organised concerts, festivals, competitions, workshops on a variety of singing styles, vocal development and vocal hygiene etc.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/stochos-2016-20-tragoudi>

Participation: 1,000 students









## I. Singing Development Programme

### Educational programme coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Culture

A new music educational programme was piloted during the school year 2016-2017, in the framework of the four-year 2016-2020 target for the development of singing in schools. This programme aimed firstly, to enhance students' vocal skills and secondly, to train music teachers in effective vocal development.

The pilot programme was implemented at the Ayios Dometios Gymnasium in Nicosia, specifically chosen to offer students with limited opportunities the possibility to engage in fine arts. The programme was led by Alexia Pafitis, music educator and Iakos Demetriou, choir conductor, under the coordination of the Secondary Music Supervisor.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/stochos-2016-20-tragoudi>

Participation: 40 students



## J. Regional Student Orchestra Events

### **Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Pafos Municipality, the Nicosia Municipality, PASYDY and other cultural agencies**

The Regional Student Orchestra, which included this year students from Nicosia, Pafos and the Ammochostos Region, aims to offer talented children the opportunity, to perform in an orchestral ensemble, offering the opportunity for self-expression and promoting thus musical progress, improving social skills, leadership skills and team-building. Moreover, the activities of the regional orchestras aim to create strong community connections and to promote volunteering through charitable actions.

- Participation of the String Section of the Regional Orchestra at the “Unite 2016” concert organised in cooperation with the American International School, the English School and the international humanitarian independent organization “Hope for Children” UNCRC Policy Center, presented at the Strovolos Municipal Theatre on 20.12.2016.
- Collaboration of the Regional Orchestra, the American International School and the Nicosia Municipality for a Christmas Concert presented at Hilton Hotel on 22.12.2016.
- Collaboration of the Regional Orchestra, the Pafos Music Lyceum, the A' Pafos Lyceum and PASYDY for a two-day music workshop organized in Pafos on 3-5.2.2017. The workshop culminated with a concert at the A' Pafos Lyceum on 5.2.2017.
- Participation of the Regional Orchestra at the “Musical Vibes” concert held at the Strovolos Municipal Theater on 27.3.2017.

- Collaboration of the Regional Orchestra with the Nicosia Municipality for a concert held at the Pallas Theatre in Nicosia on 3.5.2017. All profits from tickets sold were donated to the Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation.
- Participation of the String Section of the Regional Orchestra at the opening ceremony of the 12th Congress of Pediatrics that took place at the Hall of the Cultural Foundation of the Holy Monastery of Kykkos on 6.5.2016.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/eparchakes-orchistres>

Participation: 60 students















## K. “Musical Vibes” Concert

**A partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the European University of Cyprus and the Strovolos Municipality**

This annual event has been organized in Nicosia for the last six years with the participation of more than 200 secondary school and university students. This programme aims at promoting cultural activities and enhancing collaboration between secondary and higher education public and private institutions.

The programme included a one-day workshop that took place at the European University, on 20.3.2017 and an evening concert. The concert, which was presented by choirs from public and private schools of Nicosia and the European University, the Lefkosia Regional Student Orchestra, the European Conservatory String Orchestra, the Symphonic Band of Strovolos Municipality - European University Cyprus and orchestras from the English School and the Falcon School, with the collaboration of the Multimedia and Graphic Arts Department of TEPAK, was held at the Strovolos Municipal Theatre on 27.3.2017.

All profits from tickets sold were donated to the Cyprus Anticancer Society.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/draseis-scholeion>

Total: 200 students







## L. Wind Ensemble Workshop

**A partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the European University of Cyprus, the Engomi School Board and the Ayios Dometios Municipality**

In 2016-2017, the wind ensemble workshop continued to offer the opportunity to children with particular music potential to develop performance skills on wind instruments. The programme is co-organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture and the European University of Cyprus and is implemented with the contribution of the Engomi School Board and the Ayios Dometios Municipality.

Aiming to enhance group performance and life-long music ensemble participation, the wind ensemble participated this year at the Ayios Dometios October 28th Parade and two concerts that took place at the European University of Cyprus on 27.12.2016 and 13.6.2017.

More information:

<http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/pnefsta-organa>

Participation: 30 students

TOTAL: 6,330 students









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