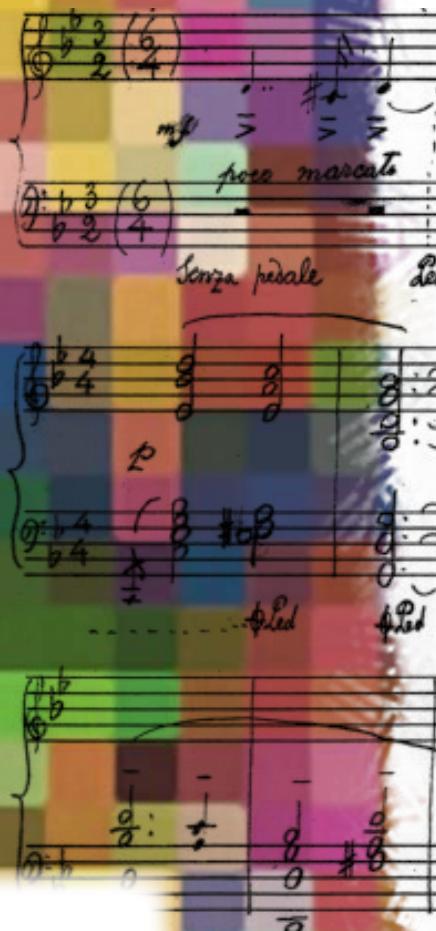




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Address by the Minister of Education and Culture

It is with great satisfaction that I welcome this year's online edition of music partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture and other cultural and educational institutions and organisations. This is an ongoing initiative taking place for the seventh consecutive year and it is realised through a series of remarkable musical actions implemented with the participation of a large number of students and the cooperation of major cultural institutions.

In the context of the recent educational reform, the Ministry of Education and Culture acknowledges the importance of an educational policy that promotes the values and ideals of humanistic education, considering the contribution of culture as particularly important. To this end, a key aspect of the educational reform has been the expansion of the institution of the Music School in lower secondary schools in all five regions in Cyprus. During the last ten years, the Music Schools institution has offered the opportunity for children with a special interest in music to develop their musical talent, to broaden their musical training and to further cultivate their musical education. The educational programme applied to Music Schools includes partnerships with agencies such as the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation, municipalities, communities and established artists from Cyprus and abroad.

Moreover, the Ministry offers, in collaboration with other cultural agents, a number of additional programmes aimed at children with a particular interest in music, such as the regional student orchestras in Nicosia and Pafos and a new wind instrument workshop inaugurated this year at schools of the Municipalities of Engomi and Ayios Dometios.

At the same time, ongoing partnerships with cultural agencies such as the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation, the Pharos Arts Foundation, the Photos Photiades Cultural Foundation, OPAP Cyprus, etc. continue to offer music education programmes to as many students as possible reaching all schools in Cyprus. Programmes offered include educational concerts, open rehearsals, master classes, seminars and annual musical actions such as the choir workshop and concert, the *Musical Vibes* concert and the student composition contest Marios Tokas - Kostas Montis.

The continuous enhancement and growth of musical partnerships proves that effective interaction between cultural institutions, the cost-effective use of existing resources and the possibilities of modern technology can promote the further development of music education in our country.

The Ministry of Education and Culture recognises and commends the Music Partnerships between Education and Culture presented in this year's edition and we confirm our willingness to continue investing in the cultural development of our country's young generation.

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 programme 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 knowledge of and participation in the cultural life of the community.
- 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 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 entrepreneurship by contributing to the personal and professional development of musicians.

About 10% of secondary school students currently participate in educational programmes. Although an increased number of educational programmes are offered in Nicosia, there is a need to promote new partnerships with cultural agents in other regions, so that all students in Cyprus have equal opportunities for participation.

In the context of improving dissemination through the use of digital technology, a number of programmes has been broadcasted 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/UCnZYZdAdGPcYDnKrg-iPWFA>



A. Educational programmes and concerts of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra

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

Educational programmes offered by the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra (CySO) during the school year 2015-2016:

A1. Educational visits in schools by members of the CySO

The woodwind ensemble of the CySO visited schools in Ammochostos on 14.10.2015, Lefkosia on 15.10.2015 and Pafos on 16.10.2015.

A2. Open rehearsals offered by the CySO

Gymnasium and Lyceum students attended open rehearsals of the CySO at the Pallas Theater in Nicosia on 3.11.2015, 16.11.2015, 30.11.2015, 10.2.2016 and 24.2.2016.

A3. CySO concerts in collaboration with Cyprus Music Schools

- A collaboration between the CySO and the Lefkosia Music School for the CySO Christmas concert, conducted by the CySO music director Alkis Baltas, was presented on 17.12.2015 at the Strovolos Theater in Lefkosia, on 18.12.2015 at the Municipal Theatre in Larnaca and on 19.12.2015 at the Rialto Theatre in Lemesos.

- A collaboration between the CySO, the Lemesos Music School and the Cyprus Film Days International Festival for a live presentation of the original music written by the composer Yiannis Sfyris for the silent movie Joan of Arc, conducted by Matthew Legakis, was presented at K-Cineplex in Limassol on 14.4.2016 and at K-Cineplex in Lefkosia on 15.4.2016.

More information:

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

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

Participation: 2.000 students







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B. Educational programmes and concerts of the Pharos Arts Foundation

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

Educational programmes offered by the Pharos Arts Foundation during the school year 2015-2016:

B1. Educational concerts

- Educational concert with Peter Sheppard Skarved (violin), Carly Lake (french horn) and Roderick Chadwick (piano) on 5.10.2015.
- Educational concert with Robin Green (piano) on 12.10.2015.
- Educational concert with the music group Ergon Ensemble on 12.11.2015.
- Educational concert with Mathew Trusler (violin) and Ashley Wass (piano) on 26.11.2015.
- Educational concert presenting the EnLIVE project - Live Music in Silent Film on 29.1.2016.
- Educational concert with the Erato Piano Trio on 17.2.2016.
- Educational concert with Levon Mouradian (cello) and Hayk Melikyan (piano) on 30.3.2016.
- Educational concert with the Jazz Trio Benjamin Faugloire Project on 20.4.2016.

B2. Workshops and master classes

- Percussion workshop with the percussion group Schlagwerk den Haag on 2.10.2015.
- Piano master class with Robin Green on 12.10.2015.
- Music technology and composition workshop with Alexandros Mouzas on 27.1.2016.
- Piano master class with Galina Chistiakova on 26.2.2016.

More information:

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

<http://pharosartsfoundation.org/>

Participation: 800 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 a class presentation organized for the students of the Engomi Gymnasium by the Lebanese educator and recorder soloist Farid Rahme on 12.10.2015.
- Educational visit at the Pafos Music School by the renowned Greek composer and singer Dionysis Savvopoulos on 29.1.2016.
- Collaboration of the Ministry of Education and Culture with the Rialto Theater for an educational presentation organized for the Lemesos Music School students by the Greek pianist Stavros Gasparatos presenting his project Expanded Piano on 22.2.2016.
- Educational visit at the Lemesos Music School by the renowned santouri artist Angelina Tkacheva on 30.3.2016.

More information:

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

Participation: 150 students



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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

- Participation of the Larnaca Music Lyceum ensemble at the GSZ Museum opening on 7.12.2015.
- Collaboration of the Pafos Music School with the Holy Bishopric of Pafos and the Organisation Pafos 2017 European Capital of Culture for a concert at the A' Pafos Lyceum on 12.12.2015.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School flute ensemble at a prize award ceremony that took place at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 19.2.2016.
- Collaboration of the Pafos Music School with the Organisation Pafos 2017 European Capital of Culture and the cultural movement Ex-Artis for a concert dedicated to the renowned Cypriot pianist Nicolas Oikonomou at the A' Pafos Lyceum on 27.2.2016.
- Collaboration of Lemesos Music School students with a visiting group of Rethymnon Music School students for a presentation at the Lemesos Music School on 29.2.2016.
- Participation of the Larnaca Music Lyceum ensemble at a concert organized by the Hellenic Foundation for Culture at the Hellenic Bank Head Office Building in Nicosia on 10.3.2016.
- The Lemesos Music School in collaboration with Mrs Tatiana Pugacheva hosted a three-day piano master class by the renowned pianist at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory Mrs Irina Kirillova on 10-12.3.2016.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School byzantine choir and traditional music group at a student conference organized by the Holy Archbishopric on 18.4.2016.
- Collaboration of the Lefkosia Music School with OPAP Cyprus and the Lefkosia School Board with the participation of the renowned Greek artist Giannis Kotsiras for a concert at Strovolos Theater on 21.4.2016.
- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School choir at a charity event organized in collaboration with the Frenaros Municipality at the Frenaros Community Hall on 22.4.2016.

- Participation of the Ammochostos Music School byzantine choir and traditional music group at an Easter charity event organized in collaboration with the cultural department of the Ayios Dometios Municipality on 13.5.2016.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School jazz improvisation ensemble at an event organized for Europe Day, with the collaboration of the Lemesos Municipality at the Lemesos Multifunctional Seaside Park on 7.5.2016.
- Participation of the Lemesos Music School choir ensemble at an event dedicated to the renowned Greek composer Marios Tokas, organized in collaboration with the Lemesos Municipality and the Lemesos School Board at Laniteio Stadium on 17.5.2016.
- Collaboration of the Pafos Music School, the Pafos Holy Bishopry and the Pafos Municipality with the participation of the Greek artist Giannis Charoulis for a concert at Pafos Ancient Odeon 30.6.2016.
- Participation of Ammochostos Music School students at an event organized, in collaboration with the Sotira Youth Club, at the Sotira Amphitheater on 21.7.2016.

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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: 400 students





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E. One-day choir conference

A partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute

The 2016 one-day choir conference under the title “With song and dream” was organized by the Department of Secondary General Education and the Cyprus Pedagogical Institute with the support of the Strovolos Municipality. The conference included a workshop aimed at Music School students and secondary school Music teachers and concluded with an evening concert open to a wider audience, promoting thus the interaction of education and community.

The workshops were led by the Music School choir conductors Loizos S. Loizou (Lefkosia Music School), Solon Kladas (Lemesos Music School), Iakos Demetriou (Larnaka Music School), Maria Stylianou-Rousou (Ammochostos Music School), Isavella Christofidou (Pafos Music School) and Eleni Kyprianou (Lemesos Music Gymnasium Supervisor).

At the evening concert, a short presentation by each Music School was followed by two joint performances, one by all Music Gymnasium students, led by Maria Stylianou-Rousou and one by all Music Lyceum students, led by Loizos S. Loizou.

More information:

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

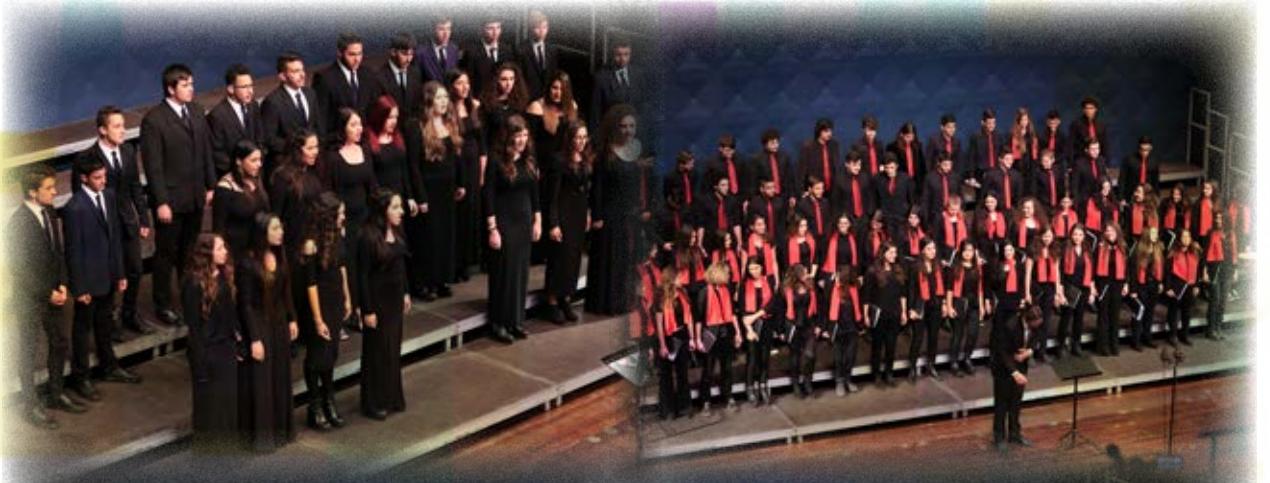
Participation: 400 students















F. 7th Student composition contest Marios Tokas - Kostas Montis 2015-2016

A partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Photos Photiades Foundation

This year, the contest featured three categories: Gymnasium, Lyceum and Music School and was open to song and instrumental compositions. In addition to the three awards given to each of the three categories, two special awards were given: one to an outstanding instrumental composition and one to an outstanding song set to lyrics by the Cypriot poet Kostas Montis.

The contest, 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.

The first round of the contest took place on 10.2.2016 and the final contest took place on 12.2.2016, both at the Laniteion Theater in Limassol.

More information:

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

Participation: 200 students















G. Lefkosia Regional Student Orchestra and Pafos Regional Student Orchestra actions

Partnerships between the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Pafos Municipality, the Nicosia Municipality, other communities and the Pancyprian Union of Public Servants (PASYDY)

The regional school orchestras aim to offer talented children the opportunity to perform in an orchestral ensemble, regardless of level of achievement. The orchestra programme aims to promote musical progress, as well as to improve social skills, the opportunity for self-expression, 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.

The Lefkosia Regional Student Orchestra (EOSL) has been active since 2003 and was led in 2015-2016 by Kyriakos Limniotis. The Pafos Regional Student Orchestra (EOSP), which was inaugurated in 2014, was led by Chrysostomos Neofytou.

- Collaboration of the EOSL, the EOSP, the Pafos Music Lyceum, the A' Pafos Lyceum and PASYDY for a two-day music workshop organized in Pafos on 12-13.12.2015.
- Collaboration of the EOSL, the American International School and the Nicosia Municipality for a Christmas concert presented at City Plaza on 22.12.2015.
- Collaboration of the EOSL, the Municipality of Nicosia and the Volunteer Network Lefkosiazoo for a Christmas concert presented at the Christmas avenue event on 27.12.2015.
- Participation of the EOSL at the Acropolis Lyceum inauguration ceremony organized in collaboration with the Nicosia School Board on 1.2.2016.
- Participation of the EOSL at the Unite concert organised in cooperation with the American International School, the English School and the international humanitarian and the independent organization "Hope for Children" UNCRC Policy Center, presented at the Strovolos Municipal Theatre on 30.3.2016.
- Collaboration of the EOSL with the Nicosia Municipality for a concert under the title "Music and Cinema" held at the Pallas Theatre in Nicosia on 9.5.2016.
- Participation of the EOSL at the opening ceremony of the 11th Congress of Pediatrics that took place at the Hall of the Cultural Foundation of the Holy Monastery of Kykkos on 28.5.2016.

More information:

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

Participation: 80 students







H. *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 five 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 three one-day workshops that took place at the European University on 28.2.2016, 6.3.2016 και 20.3.2016 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, was held at the Strovolos Municipal Theatre on 21.2.2016.

More information:

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

Participation: 200 students



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I. 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 2015-2016 a new instrumental programme was implemented on a trial basis, in order to offer the opportunity to children with particular music potential to develop performance skills on wind instruments. The programme was co-organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture and the European University of Cyprus and was implemented with the contribution of the Engomi School Board and the Ayios Dometios Municipality.

This community music programme aims at offering young people the opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument encouraging, therefore, life-long music ensemble participation. The wind ensemble presented its first concert at the European University of Cyprus on 5.7.2016.

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

Participation: 26 students

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J. Participation at the 3rd International Music Olympiad

A partnership between the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Pafos Municipality

In 2016, Cyprus was represented for the first time in a Music Olympiad. A group of students from the Pafos Music School were selected to take part in the 3rd International Music Olympiad held in Lithuania on 28-30.3.2016. The three contestants, Savvas Chrysostomou, Maria Christina Tsiakourma and Stella Helen Konstantinidou, were awarded a bronze medal for their performance after competing in music listening and theory related tasks, sight singing/playing, performing a song and performing an original composition. The student Savvas Chrysostomou also got the special award for best song performance.

More information: <http://mousm.schools.ac.cy/index.php/el/programmata/diethn>

Participation: 4 students

TOTAL: 4.260 students







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