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Diocesan 145 Anniversary Dinner

This year marks the 145th Anniversary of DBS. This is a time to celebrate our legacy and brotherhood, a time to recognise the selfless contribution of our old boys and teacher staffs. It is with their profound guidances, younger brothers and students are motivated to overcome adversities to steer towards great success as seen from their numerous accomplishments in academics, sports, music and arts.

It is therefore my pleasure to invite you to the DBS 145th anniversary dinner on behalf of the Dinner Organizing Committee. Let us come together at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday, 21st November 2014, to share with brothers and friends the fond recollections of school life, and those valuable assets we take with us beyond school.

As an integral member of the DBS family, your



presence at that evening will add meaning and substance to the occasion, making the event complete and unforgettable. DSOBA Choir will perform enthusiastically with the School Orchestra as well as the PD and SD Choirs at the Grand Hall. Our musicians will play the songs “海闊天空”, “You Raise Me Up”, “Pomp & Circumstance” etc. in this magnificent birthday party to share the joy and happiness with over 2,400 distinguished guests, parents, teachers, alumnus, students and friends.

We appreciate your continuous support and it would be our pleasure to have you joining this significant night to celebrate of this very milestone. See you ALL at the Grand Hall!

Cho Ka Wai '88 & David Wong '90
(Coordinators of the 145th Anniversary Dinner,
Members of the Dinner Organizing Committee)

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Our very own – IL DBROS

Founded two years ago, the DSOBA's official all-male acappella singing group – IL DBros (pronounced “eel” “dee” “bros”) – has come a long way, performing a broad spectrum of songs from lively classic western tunes to unforgettable Cantonese pop songs by iconic giants from the 80's and 90's. [正所謂，義大利有IL DIVO，亞皆老街有IL DBROS](#). “Home court” performances on the DBS hills of Argyle Street include Chapter Dinners, reunions, and a guest appearance at Horace Mui's ('94) Sun & Moon Children Music Show. The group also has spread music fun at Lan Kwai Fong, Stanley Plaza, and the HK Convention and Exhibition Centre. Since its inception, IL DBros has comprised vocal and acappella enthusiasts representing the mighty DSOBA Choir and the General Committee, including brothers who bring over former experiences with established US groups such as the Harvard-Radcliffe Veritones, the Harvard Krokodiloes, the Indiana University Singing Hoosiers, the Dartmouth Dodecaphonics, etc. IL DBros aims to become the acappella platform for Old Boys, helping to support the growth of small vocal groups and drive bonding through vocal entertainment.

Dr. Simon Tang '92 (Co-Chair, DSOBA Music Subcommittee)

D'AcaBand Jam 2014 - Fueling Fun with **Voices and Passion**

On September 26th, Il DBros hosted its first full concert called D'AcaBand Jam, held at Backstage Live Bar in Central. It was implemented in an invitational jam format, also featuring youth vocal talents from O'Blue – an all-male acappella group also consisting of DBS Old Boys and recent graduates, and Papillon Blue – an all-female acappella group consisting of DGS alumni and recent graduates. Fellow DBro Richard Ann '90 mastered the ceremony throughout the evening with his incredible “stand-up” talents.

Six white-shirt-and-jeans men of O'Blue opened the show with ladies-melting tunes like “Can't Take My Eyes Off You” and a soulful cover of “我們的故事”. Subsequently, the five-women Papillon Blue put on a great show as well with beautiful tunes including Adele's “Rolling in the Deep” and the grand “Danny Boy.” The vocal invitational was anchored by the host Il DBros. Opened with Billy Joel's classic “The Longest Time,” showcasing Il DBros' signature vitality. The crowd was carried away by the exchange of soulful magic through a bilingual cover of “It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday.” Afterwards, a passionate expression of One Republic's “Apologize” to the Boys' better halves in the audience (just kidding!), followed by the powerful grand finale of an 80's/90's

medley of classic “Canton-Pop.” The “Danny Trio” and the “Leslie Duo” reminded everyone of the golden days of Canton-Pop. The group ended with a lively encore, “Vive L'Amour.” “Let every old bachelor fill up his glass....,” the room was filled with toasts and joy with everyone celebrating DBS brotherhood and friendships. After a short break, the climax of the climax came when the DSOBA Band took the stage to fill the air with more memorable music. They kicked it off with tunes from U2, Matchbox 20, Daughtry, and Beyond, and then set the stage for the ultimate in interactive fun with others jamming until the bar closed.

Dr. Simon Tang '92 &
The DSOBA Subcommittee



DSOBA Music Jamming Session - The music journey back **“Home”**

Upon our DSOBA String Orchestra's successful performance at the Homecoming Concert, we had an enthusiastic discussion among ourselves about coordinating a series of jamming sessions among old boy string musicians. Taken place in a regular basis at School, brothers are able to reunite and to appreciate music together through strings ensemble and music collaborations. A platform that enables us to re-live our Diocesan moments where we would pick and play our favorite music pieces with our brothers in the music room.

Special thanks goes to Seanon Wong ('99) whom, driven by a strong passion towards ensemble music, volunteered to lead the coordination of the jamming sessions. This initiative was very well received with many encouraging comments from our fellow Boys:

Vincent Chui ('94), “I can only think of Andrew Lam ('93) 師兄的一句: ‘回家的感覺真好!’”

Danny Kwan ('95), “This re-calls the good old days in DBS. Seeing old friends again whom we seldom meet now. Although we don't play the music perfectly, it's just fun and a great time together. A night filled with laughter and joy. ‘Siu yeah’ and little chats about the old days after each session!”

Vincent Law ('97), “We are like 水滸傳108個好漢重出江湖!”

For any old boys who are interested in picking up your string instruments again, accomplished amateur musicians who are bored with practising concertos at home, or professional musicians who desire an occasional informal indulgence in music, please join our DSOBA Strings group or any of the jamming sessions! Please contact the coordinators below for questions or details.

Andrew Tsang '89 & Justin Siu '94 (DSOBA String Lead Coordinators)

DSOBA Choir - **A Season** of Performances



the lively spiritual piece "Do Lord", our choir also performed two SATB pieces with Heep Yunn Old Girls' Association Choir, namely "雪花的快樂" in Putonghua and "Cantique de Jean Racine" in French, which were both seamlessly companied by our DSOBA String Ensemble. At the end of the concert, we joined forces with over 350 choristers from all the teams, and sang a meaningful finale "孩子的呼聲" with the children, for the audience of 2000.

Simon Leung '87 (DSOBA Choir Lead Coordinator)

The DSOBA Choir has enjoyed a fruitful season, with 2 public performances after the Homecoming Concert 2014. It's an honor for the Choir to perform with the [Yao Yueh Chinese Music Association \(樂樂國樂團\)](#) at their 《千古風流現沙場》 Concert on July 18, 2014. Our choristers had a blast singing at the Hong Kong City Hall Auditorium with such a large chinese orchestra, which is under the baton of a fellow old boy, Dr. Leung Chi Cheung. Perfectly blended with the accompanying tunes of the chinese instruments, the choir sang a chinese medley, composed of the generationally acclaimed Canto Pop "男兒當自強" and 2 renowned songs in DBS's music history "黑龍江的波濤" and "旗正飄飄", conveying emotions of national pride and sorrow along with the history of men.

The DSOBA Choir also gave its debut performance at the AsiaWorld Expo on Oct 4, 2014 at the "童夢成真" Charity Concert by [Gratia Foundation \(華恩基金會\)](#). We were among several choral groups in the city with the privilege to participate in this meaningful concert. Besides performing

Charity Concert by **Gratia Foundation**

The Gratia Foundation, founded in 1999, has been dedicated to provide financial support to underprivileged students and to establish orphanages in Mainland China. This concert, marking the 15th anniversary of the foundation, aimed not only to provide the children valuable chances to shine and be acknowledged, but also to show how music changes lives and feeds their souls.

Through this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude to the school, the DSOBA Choir and Strings for their support on this meaningful event. The participation of the DSOBA Choir and Stings has shown to the children and all audience that, music is a lifelong journey, it binds us, nurtures us, and defines us. [May this Diocesan's legacy be passed on, in the form of an old Chinese saying "薪火相傳", to the far reaches of the world.](#)

Chow Yip Cheong '04 (Music Director of the Gratia Foundation)



World Choir Game 2014, Lavita - Our **Fifth** Straight Champion

After the successful performances in the Homecoming Concerts held on 4th & 5th July, the Diocesan spirit continues to soar across international waters as the Diocesan Choirs obtained very pleasing results in the recent [World Choir Games 2014 held in Riga, Lavita](#). Rated as one of the most prestigious international choir competition, World Choir Games 2014 attracted 460 choirs from 73 nations comprising over 27,000 participants. The festival is divided into two parts, and our choirs participated in the first.

The results of intensive rehearsing and competing were very satisfying. The Diocesan Boys' School Choir again captured the champion title in the Young Male Choirs Category, making us the 5-time World Champion in this category. Our Mixed Choir with Diocesan Girls' School also obtained Gold Medal awards in the Youth Mixed Choirs Category and Musica Sacra with Accompaniment Category. The choirs also performed in the Champions' Concert and the Friendship Concert, receiving much applause and compliments from the audience. Thanks must be given to the Headmaster, the supporting teachers, and DSOBA for their undying support.

The new school year has started for about a month, and we're glad to inform you that all our ensembles have finished their recruitment and has started rehearsing for this school year's performances including the Annual Schools Music Festival, the ensemble performances during School Fete, and the celebration performances for our 145th Anniversary Dinner. We sincerely hope to see you then!

[Once a Diocesan, forever a Diocesan.](#)

Felix Shuen '02
(Head of Music Departement)



Grand Prix at **International Youth Music Festival** - 拔萃中樂揚威海外

我校國樂會中樂團剛於7月下旬遠赴東歐斯洛伐克，出戰「[布拉提斯拉瓦國際青年音樂節暨音樂比賽](#)」之 Free Instrumental 組別，並勇奪金獎及全場總冠軍。此外，樂團的駐團指揮郭亨基老師更獲得最佳指揮獎。此三項錦標令我們十分鼓舞，亦肯定了指揮、舊生和同學的無私付出。

拔萃國樂會自50年代成立以來，一直不遺餘力於校園內外推廣中國音樂，甚至曾於九十年代代表香港，前往英國為當地之校際音樂節獻技。但說到國際比賽，這卻是首次。能夠奪得此佳績，除了指揮及各器樂導師的悉心指導，也有賴低年級同學的踴躍參與。憑著是次寶貴的經驗，希望本團於今年之校際音樂節更上一層樓。明年1月3日，國樂會將於葉傑全音樂廳舉行一專場音樂會，誠邀各位家長、舊生與同學前來支持！

The Diocesan Boys' School Chinese Orchestra was awarded the Grand Prix (Overall Champion) and the Gold Band in the [International Youth Music Festival held in Bratislava, Slovakia](#). In addition, Principal Conductor of the Orchestra, Kwok Hang-kei, was awarded the Best Conductor of the Festival.

Wong Ka Long, Alan '99 (Master in Charge of DBS Chinese Orchestra)



Upcoming Events

Listed below are DSOBA Music's upcoming projects. Do not hesitate to contact us* if you are interested in participating in any of them! We look forward to making great music with you!

Date	Event	Descriptions	Participants
21/11	DBS 145th Anniversary Dinner	Taken place at the Grand Hall of Hong Kong Convention Exhibition Center, we all come under one roof to celebrate our school 145 years of heritage and legacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ChoirStrings Orchestra
29/11	Advent Carol Service	DSOBA Choir and the DOGA Choir will be holding a Advent Carol Service in the All Saints' Cathedral.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Choir
11/1	DSOBA Strings Concert	Since the debut of DSOBA Strings in 2012, the group has grown much bigger and performed in various occasions. Now, the group will proudly hold their first concert ever, with Andrew Ling ('00), our old boy and also the Principal Violist of HK Phil, joining the team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strings Orchestra
17/1	Diocesan Graduate Singers Annual Concert	Extending the collaboration with the DOGA Choir, DSOBA Choir is honoured to be invited to perform in their Annual Concert.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Choir
Late April	DSOBA Music Concert	Welcome to the first Old Boys music concert with guest performance from our fellow school alumni. A night to be filled with great music that reconnects distanced friendship and demonstrate our showmanship. Further details of the venue will be announced in due time, please stay posted!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ChoirStrings Concert

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