

Chairmen's words

Welcome to DSOBA Music!

Greetings! It gives me the greatest satisfaction to continue to bring old boys together through music. It wasn't too long ago since my return from overseas that I had the chance to join a series of music events organized by DSOBA. Needless to say, these events helped me treasure our brotherhood and legacy in a profound way, meeting amazing people, and giving me new inspiration to appreciate things and even overcome challenges in life.

From winning the Grand Prize at the Asian World Choir Games in Indonesia, to remembering one of our beloved brothers Thomas Chow Wai Tong '54 at his memorial service; from performing for thousands at main stage, to jamming with a few until dawn at a music bar; music bonds us together profoundly regardless of age, backgrounds, and life experiences. Together with Co-Chair Horace Mui '94 and brothers from the DSOBA Music Subcommittee of 2014, we are eager to build on past successes, and drive exciting music events that leverage our wide spectrum of performing groups such as the DSOBA Choir, String Orchestra, Chinese Orchestra, Il DBros & a cappella groups, bands, ensembles, etc.

Special thanks go to our DBS Headmaster Ronnie Cheng '83 for endless inspiration and support for music, and former subcommittee Chair David Wong '90 for his selfless leadership, work and passing of torch. We continue to strive for an optimal balance between talent showcase and inclusiveness; between performing and social entertaining.

This year, besides performing at large venues such as the school auditorium, City Hall, Convention Center, and even Asia Expo, we will also get music flowing at our social gatherings and other DSOBA dinners. Furthermore, we are working to gain deeper understanding of members' past and present experiences and involvement in music so we can get more members involved, making events more enjoyable for the broader DSOBA and DBS communities.

Let's toast to a wonderful year ahead!

Dr. Simon Tang ('92, Co-Chair, DSOBA Music Subcommittee) & Horace Mui ('94, Co-Chair, DSOBA Music Subcommittee)

The DSOBA Choir

Since its debut in 2012, the DSOBA Choir has quickly become an inspirational performing group that reunites Old Boy musicians from six decades of graduation classes through the art of choral music. Over the years, members of the DSOBA Choir had played integral parts in the continuity of the DBS choral tradition through various competitions and performances in local and overseas platforms.

The DSOBA Choir had performed in DBS Homecoming Concerts and Annual Dinners, as well as external church events and public performances by invitation. In October 2013, the DSOBA Choir became the first alumni choir in Hong Kong to embark in overseas international choir competitions. Under the leadership of our headmaster and choral maestro, Mr. Ronnie Cheng, the DSOBA Choir won both the Open Competition 'Male Choir Category Champion' title with a remarkable Gold VI Medal and the overall 'Grand Prize Champion' title at the 3rd Asia Pacific Choir Games (APCG) in Manado, Indonesia, amongst choirs from 130 countries. The commitment, determination and bonding among the singers in our APCG 2013 Team has become life-time memories for many.

With the help of talented conductors and musicians among us, the DSOBA Choir continues to grow with dynamic repertoires of pieces of different styles and languages. In July 2014, The DSOBA Choir will perform a sacred piece in French with the DSOBA String Orchestra, as well as classical Chinese pieces with the DSOBA Chinese Orchestra.



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DSOBA String Orchestra



It is usually of no surprise that DBS wins at the Senior Strings Orchestra competition in the Schools Music Festival. Why? Different people have different opinions, but the most convincing reason seems to be, "When we have the top violinists, the top violists, the top cellists, and the top bassists in HK, how can we lose?" This is DBS. And this is the pride that carried among us string players and many other old boys.

Graduating from the DBS family, some have become performing artists; some have become music teachers; some have worked in the music industry; but most of us have worked in a profession outside music, in areas such as law, medicine, engineering, business, finance, and police. Yet there is one thing that we all share in common: a passion towards music, an appreciation of artistic perfection, and a brotherhood that is rooted from the many battles we fought together at DBS. The DSOBA Strings group was established in 2012 when we debuted at the DSOBA Annual Dinner. In 2013, we participated in a Summer Music Camp organized by the DBS Music Department, at which two distinguished old boy musicians, Andrew Ling ('00) and Felix Tham ('00), performed as soloists in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. At DSOBA Annual Dinner in 2013, we performed with DBS PD Head Teacher, Ms Phyllis Lo (as flute soloist), DBS PD Choir, and selected members of DSOBA Choir, all under the baton of DBS Headmaster, Mr. Ronnie Cheng. In 2014, we kicked off the year by hosting a Dinner Gathering among the orchestra members on 13 March, at which we exchanged ideas about future activities and had a fun evening catching up with one another. Also, the music subcommittee have already planned a series of fun filled activities throughout the year of 2014.



If you are interested in sharing your stories of the good old strings days or playing together in an orchestra with your fellow comrades, please join us in DSOBA Strings!

Andrew Tsang ('89, DSOBA Music Subcommittee) & Justin Siu ('94, DSOBA Music Subcommittee)

Establishment of the DSOBA Chinese Orchestra

We are excited that DSOBA has formed our own Old Boys' Chinese Orchestra (拔萃男書院舊生會中樂團) in February this year. The main objective of forming the DSOBA Chinese Orchestra is to reunite old boy Chinese orchestral musicians from graduation classes that stretch over decades. Despite of our short establishment, we have already received great responses from a number of old boy Chinese orchestral musicians. Many of them are from the three existing reputable Chinese Orchestras organizing bodies in Hong Kong, namely 宏光國樂團, 樂樂國樂團 and 薈萃國樂團. 宏光, 樂樂 and 薈萃 are three of the finest active amateur Chinese Orchestras in the city which are founded by our very Old Boys and many of their existing members are previous orchestral musicians at school as well.

Through this opportunity, we would like to express our special thanks to Dr. Li Chun Sang 李俊生 ('68, Music Director of 宏光), Dr. Lawrence Leung 梁志鏞 ('74, Music Director of 樂樂) and Mr. Jason See ('05, Committee Member of 薈萃) for their full support on this meaningful initiative. We hope you will all enjoy the amazing debut performance that our Old Boys' Chinese Orchestra is bringing to you at the DBS Homecoming Concert on July 5!

Albert Wong ('83, Convener of DSOBA Chinese Orchestra) & David Wong ('90, DSOBA Music Subcommittee)





DBS Music Department

2014 has been a fruitful yet challenging year for the music department. We lost in certain competitions, but also managed to overcome many obstacles and extend our legacy. Nonetheless, it is very heartwarming to know that our boys have been very eager and hardworking, and will continue to strive for the best. Other schools have also achieved great standards in recent years, constantly reminding us not to be complacent but to keep exploring new horizons. Our big challenges this year include singing newly commissioned compositions, competing in the 8th World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia, performing a Mahler symphony movement and a complete symphony (Prokofiev's Classical Symphony). Much of these will be performed in the Homecoming Concert on 4th and 5th July, and I am looking forward to sharing them with you all.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to DSOBA, especially the APCG Choir brothers. Receiving your selfless unending support throughout the school year in different music activities is really a huge blessing. Mr. Samuel Pang ('07) and I have learnt so much from you all, and we will ensure that the torch of excellence and perseverance is passed on to the next generation.

Once a Diocesan, forever a Diocesan,

Felix Shuen ('02, Head of Music Department, DSOBA Music Subcommittee) & Samuel Pang ('07, DSOBA Music Subcommittee)

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	Description	Participating DSOBA music ensembles
5/7	DBS Homecoming Concert 2014	An annual celebrated event that brings current and old boys, also extended Diocesan members back to school. Together, we recognize and celebrate DBS's outstanding music achievements over the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Orchestra Choir String Orchestra
18/7	Years of War: Glories and Tears (千古風流現沙場)	Hosted by the Yao Yuen Chinese Music Association (樂樂國樂團) at Hong Kong City Hall, DSOBA Choir is honored to be invited as guest in performing the choral medley alongside with the Yao Yuen Chinese Orchestra.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir
Mid Sept (Actual date TBC)	Acappella & Band Jam	Our first jam session among DSOBA music to rekindle our brotherhood and share our passion towards music.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone
4/10	Gratia Foundation's 15th Anniversary Concert 2014	Presented by the Gratia Foundation, DSOBA Choir and String Orchestra are invited to collaborate with the underprivileged children in performing at the Asia World Expo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir String Orchestra
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"> Choir String Orchestra Chinese 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

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DSOBA Music Subcommittee



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	Andrew Mack	90	The Pianist
	Felix Shuen	02	
String Orchestra	Andrew Tsang	89	
Band / String Orchestra	Justin Siu	94	
String Orchestra / Choir	Samuel Pang	07	
Chinese Orchestra	Albert Wong	83	
	David Wong	90	Daewong
Acappella / Membership	Jackson Ng	07	
PR / Membership	Roy Wong	07	Prince

