

# MUSIC TRADITION



**Ying Wa College Orchestra** was founded in 1965. Past conductors include Ms Margaret Money, Mr John Cheng, Mr Keith Anderson, Mr Tam Chuen, Mr Yeung Wah and Mr Tong Lung. Now trained and directed by Mr Joseph Vickers and Mr Danilo Delfin, the orchestra has developed and expanded to a membership of more than 70, joined by students from S1 to S6. Following the success of the College Orchestra, the String Orchestra and the College Band were established and actively participated in various music events, including the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, Hong Kong Youth Music Interflow and Winterband Festival.

**Ying Wa College Chinese Orchestra** was founded in 1971, and is one of the earliest Chinese orchestras in secondary schools. Past conductors include Mr C. K. S. Chan, Mr C. H. Lau, Mr Y. C. Tam and Mr T.S. Lau. The orchestra consists of wind, plucked string, bowed string, percussion and bass sections as well as erhu and wind ensembles. Now trained and directed by Mr S. B. Yau and Mr H. K. Hung, the orchestra performs regularly, and received a number of prizes in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, Hong Kong Youth Music Interflow and New Tune Chinese Orchestra Contest.



**The College Band**, previously known as "the Brass Band", was established in 1998 and renamed as Ying Wa College Band in 2003. Under the baton of Mr Danilo Delfin, the band has expanded to its current size of 60 players. The College Band and the Brass Ensemble have won 3 gold prizes in Hong Kong Youth Music Interflow and 2 championships in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival since 2006. In 2007, the band was invited to perform in the Symphonic Band Gala of Guangzhou and Hong Kong in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR. In August 2009, a music tour was organized for 42 band members visiting Yamaha Factory, Kasukabe Kyoei High School Band in Saitama and Josai Gakuen High School Band in Tokyo, Japan.

**Ying Wa College Choir** was founded in the 1960s. Established as the Chapel Choir in their early years, the College Choir currently consists of four choirs, namely, the Treble Choir, the Intermediate Choir, the Senior Choir and the Senior Mixed Choir, totalling 150 members. They sing regularly in school assemblies, services and on other public occasions. Over the past 40 years, the College Choir participated in numerous religious choral activities. In spring 2006, they won 3 championships in church choral music events in the 58th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival. Hymn and anthem singing has long been a tradition of our school, as well as the use of the church organ dating from the 1960s.