

CHINESE ORCHESTRA (JH & SH)

CCA days and timings:

Junior High: Monday (4.00 pm to 6.30 pm) and Friday (3.00 pm to 6.00 pm)

Senior High: Wednesday (3.00 pm to 6.00 pm)

Venue:

Chinese Orchestra room, Guzheng room, Music Practice Rooms

Introduction:

Led by Cultural Medallion recipient (1993), Dr Tay Teow Kiat, the Dunman High School Chinese Orchestra (DHSCO) is the most established school orchestra in Singapore. Founded in 1973, it comprises both the Junior High and Senior High section with more than 200 members today.

DHSCO receives special recognition in the National and International Chinese music scene. We have consistently received the highest accolades at every SYF Central Judging and SYF Arts Presentation since our inception. Our annual concerts, graced by distinguished guests and important music professionals in Singapore every year, have been well-received by the local audiences. On the International stage, DHSCO is regularly invited to perform overseas. Even in countries with a strong Chinese music scene such as China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, DHSCO's performance has always received rave reviews from the music luminaries and professionals.

Students can look forward to a holistic learning experience. Not only can they hone their instrumental skills as well as perform in concerts both locally and abroad, there are also ample opportunities for them to learn important soft skills such as teamwork and coordination, leadership and events planning. Students can also look forward to recreational and team-bonding activities during our leisure camps and cultural exchanges during our biennial Overseas Learning Journey.

Through hard work and the guidance from our instructors and teachers, many DHSCO members who started out with no musical skills eventually blossomed in the orchestra. Beyond musical proficiency, DHSCO is committed to the school vision of developing students into leaders of honour - leaders with sound values, a strong work ethic and more importantly the commitment to serve the larger community. The discipline and strong work ethic of our members is often complimented by the public, allowing DHSCO to stand out from other student orchestras.

(Special note: DHSCO incorporates the Guzheng Ensemble)

Achievements:

SYF Awards (held biennially)

SYF Central Judging (2005, 2007, 2009, 2011): Gold with Honours Award

SYF Arts Presentation (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019): Certificate of Distinction

Overseas Learning Journey

Recent overseas concerts staged include Beijing (2011), Hangzhou & Nantong (2013), Xiamen & Gulangyu (2015), Penang (2017), and Hainan (2019).

NAC National Chinese Music competition (held biennially)

Clinched an average of three awards in the solo categories at every competition since 1995.

