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## NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL- "MUSIC FOR UNITY"

### National You Choir, National Youth Orchestra and Dance Programme

It is the wish of the Ministry of Education & Higher Education to introduce Western Music to all the schools in the country. At the moment only a few schools are offering this subject. As a start, the Ministry hopes to introduce a vocal training programme in all A&B schools. This programme will replace the Western Music Competitions that are normally conducted by the Ministry.

#### 1.0 Aims & Objectives

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity to introduce Western Music to rural schools.
- 1.2 To encourage and develop the creative abilities of Teachers and Children.
- 1.3 To develop the ability to appreciate good music.
- 1.4 To develop the child's personality.
- 1.5 To promote performing together and thereby get disciplined.
- 1.6 To perform together and there by develop unity.

#### 2.0 General Rules

- 2.1 This programme is open to all A&B schools recognized by the Ministry of Education & Higher Education in the island.
- 2.2 It will be conducted at two stages, Provincial and National.
- 2.3 National Youth Orchestra - The National Youth Orchestra has been already established and is in the process of recruiting new members. There is no lower age limit. The upper limit is 25 years. (upper age limit has been so fixed so as to enable students who have been trained to continue even as undergraduates.)
- 2.4 Vocal - Provincial level - Open to students in A&B schools, any age, who are able to pronounce English properly and sing to tune. The maximum number of participants from a school would be 40.
- 2.5 National Level - Year 8 upwards. Students for the National level will be selected at the provincial level performance.

### Group Dancing

- 2.6 This is open to all. A&B schools and will be held only in Colombo.
- 2.7 A Description of the dance should accompany the application form for approval.

### Music

- 3.1 A request for music should be made along with the entry form.

### Training

- 4.1 Teachers of Western Music and Teacher's of English will be trained in Colombo.
- 4.2 Teachers of English will be trained on request.
- 4.3 The teachers who have received a training will undertake to train students in their respective areas.

### Applications

- 5.1 Applications must be made on forms prepared so as to conform to the specimen given a n d Registered Post to Head of the Western Music Unit Ministry of Education and Higher Education 'Isurupaya' Battaramulla on or before November 1st 1993. The words "MUSIC FOR UNITY" should be written on the top left hand corner of the envelopes enclosing them.
- 5.2 Application for the choir should be accompanied by a list of participants certified by the Principal of the School.
- 5.3 There should be a separate application form for each students joining the National You the Orchestra.

### Performance

- 6.1 Provincial level, in May 1994.
- 6.2 Finals will be held in early October 1994.

### Teachers accompanying Children

- 7.1 Girls should be accompanied by lady teachers and boys by male teachers. Mixed groups should be accompanied by both male and female teachers. It is desirable that at least one parent should accompany each group of participants.
- 7.2 If the number of participants is 15 or lass they should be accompanied by two teachers, one of whom should be the Western Music Teacher.
- 7.3 For every 10 childern over and above 15 there could be an extra teacher (Subject to stipulations in 8.1 above)

## 8.0 Reimbursement

8.1 Participants and teachers accompanying them will be paid approved S.L.C. T.B. fare for travelling from school to the nearest Railway Station and from the Railway Station to the venue of the performance. Railway warrents for the journey by train will have to be obtained from the Provincial Director of Education to which the school belongs, where there is no Railway, approved SLCTB bus fare will be paid.

### 8.2 Food & Accomadation

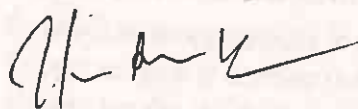
National Level - Food & Accomadation will be provided by the Ministry up to maximum of 4 days on request.

8.3 Teachers will be entitled to subsistence allowance at approved rates.

8.4 Claims for bus fare for children should be made on form general 35 by the principal of the school. The list of participants certified by an officer of the Ministry of Education to be attached to the voucher and receipted on a Rs. 2/- stamp if the amount is Rs. 100/- or over.

8.5 Teachers will submit their claims on form general 177.

8.6 All claims should be sent within two weeks of the programme to the Provincial Director of Education of the region to which the school belongs.



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