

Sounds



of
Joy



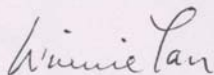
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Foreword

"Praise ye the Lord... Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Ps 150 encourages us to praise God and this is what the first Paya Lebar MGSS CD attempts to do. All our music groups - Choir, Band, Handbells and Guzheng Tuan - joyfully dedicate their songs to the Almighty. It is a labour of love and an act of joy for our girls and teachers who have practised hard to produce this "Sounds of Joy". I wish to congratulate them and thank them for their commitment to the school. May God bless them for their effort.

It is our sincere prayer that those who hear the music will not only enjoy the music but also listen to the message of some of the songs and be blessed. May your joy be full as you listen to "Sounds of Joy"

Yours in His Name



Paya Lebar MGSS Daisybells

Since the **Daisybells** started in 1987, it has grown in popularity and renown, judging by the number of invitations to the group to perform. The handbell group has since achieved a Merit and 2 Distinction Awards at the Singapore Youth Festival. Besides performing at school functions, the **Daisybells** has given public concerts at the Shell Theatre, SLF Auditorium and at the National University of Singapore. The group also performs at various venues under the NAC Arts Education Programme as well as at hotels and shopping centres during the Christmas season. The **Daisybells** has been invited by different Churches and Charity organisations like the Community Chest and the Salvation Army, to play at their respective Christmas Light-Ups and Kettle Launches.

The **Daisybells** has gone on tour to Perth, Western Australia (1988), West Malaysia (1992), and Bangkok (1995) and is preparing for a concert tour to Brisbane, Queensland in mid-1996.

The **Daisybells** is ably led by Mrs Wong Yu Ting, a teacher and old girl of the school and Ms Yap Foon Lyn, Specialist Inspector (Music), MOE, Singapore.

PL Guzheng Tuan

The **PL Guzheng Tuan** was first established in 1989 under the dedicated leadership of our instructor, Thum Soon Boon. It made its debut in 1991 and won the first of its 3 Distinction awards at the Singapore Youth Festival.

In 1996, the **Guzheng Tuan** will be making another PL first - going to Shanghai and Nanjing on a concert cum lecture tour.

The teachers looking after the **Guzheng Tuan** are Mrs Ding Siew Tin and Miss Wong Gim Leng. It is their hope that more students will be given the opportunity to master the skills needed to play a wide variety of music in their four years at PL. It is also their hope that the girls would continue to cultivate their interest and love for Guzheng music after they leave school and help raise the standard of Guzheng music in Singapore.

PL Band

The 100-strong **Band** is a principal music component at all major school events. Besides, the **Band** has participated in National events such as the National Day Parade Band Display, Chingay Procession and even performed at the Istana on New Year's Day. In 1994, the **Band** gave its first Band Concert "Emmanual". The **Band** hopes to go global as well by making its debut in 1996 in Kuching, East Malaysia.

The **Band** had 35 members when Mr Tan Kok Kheng started directing it in 1985. Under his excellent tutelage, our **Band** received two Certificates of Distinction and several awards in the Singapore Youth Festival Band Competitions. An experienced conductor, he is currently inspiring the **Band** to greater heights of achievement. Ms Koh Chin Ling has also been giving training to a section of the Band, along with Mrs Molly Hu, an old girl on the staff, the teacher-in-charge then.

Through the years, God has shown us His mercy and grace as we respond to His highest calling. **"To God Be The Glory"**

PL Choir

The **Choir** formally began in 1990 under Ms Amy Wei, an old girl and ex-teacher of the school. From 1991, the **Choir** has been trained by Ms Yap Foon Lyn and she has made it a point to go places with the group. The **Choir** has performed two full - scale musicals, "It's Cool in the Furnace" (1991) and "Miracle After Miracle" (1994) and is currently working hard at its third, "Gideon", for PL's 80th Anniversary Celebrations in 1996.

Besides performing at numerous school functions, the **Choir** has sung at the 17th SEA Games (1993) and the National Day Parade (1994). The versatility of the **Choir** was shown when the girls accompanied the PL Band in the Parade of Bands (1992 & 1993) as a tambourine troupe. The **Choir** has performed in public at the Christmas Light-Up, the Sharity Gift-box Carolling, at Shell Theatre Lunchtime Concerts and has been invited to give concerts at Goodwood Park Hotel and The Catholic High.

The **PL Choir** made its international debut in Bangkok in 1995 and is now preparing to take part in the "Southern Cross International Music Festival 1996" in Brisbane, Australia.

and featuring :

The Voice Of Karen Chou, Mabel Goh and Adeline Loh

In this special segment we have two songs composed by **Ms Adeline Loh**. The lead vocal **Ms Karen Chou**, together with the back-up singers **Ms Mabel Goh** and **Adeline** herself, are all old girls of the school and we are very happy that they have used their talents to praise God in this way. **Karen** is presently a Training and Development Manager with Motorola. **Mabel and Adeline** are preparing to serve as teachers at PL.

Coming together and working on this project with them has both been a privilege and an experience for me ... it is good to know that PL girls have made it a habit of "singing and making melody in (their) heart to the Lord" (Eph 5:19)

- Yap Foon Lyn -

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PL Handbell Choir Daisybells 1994 (Conductor : Ms Yap Foon Lyn)

1. "Ode To Joy" L. van Beethoven
- so fill your hearts
2. "Majesty" Andre Couch. arr by Jack Schrader
- to give God all glory

PL Guzheng Tuan 1994 (Conductor : Mr Thum Soon Boon)

3. "Dance Of The Yao Tribe" Liu Tieshan, Mao Yuan . arr by Liu Bin
- a celebration of a joyous occasion
4. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" C.C. Converse . arr by Zhou Zhong Kang
- assurance in times of need

PL Band 1994 (Conductor : Mr Tan Kok Kheng)

5. "One Moment In Time" . arr by John Higgins
- a time in history
6. "Exodus" Ernest Gold arr by John Edmondson
- the move to a Promised Land
7. "Blue Ridge Saga" James Swearingen
- the wandering
8. "I Dreamed A Dream" (fr *Les Miserables*) Claude-Michel Schonberg arr by Bob Lowden
- and fulfillment for those who dared to dream
9. "Crown Him" Sharon Damazio
- we give what is rightfully due to Him
10. "To God Be The Glory" . arr by James Curnow (ASCAF)
- all glory and honour and power...
11. "PL Anthem" Nancy Coggan
- let our youthful voices sing on through the years
12. "Ceremonium" Percussion Octet by Jared Spears (ASCAF)
- in celebration

PL Choir 1994 (Conductor : Ms Yap Foon Lyn/ Accompanist : Ms Koh Chin Ling)

13. "Jesus All Glorious" . arr by C.L Koh
- our God is the God of All
14. "One More Miracle Medley" (fr. *Miracle After Miracle*) Linda Rebeck
- we are not afraid to ask

featuring : Karen Chou, Mabel Goh and Adeline Loh
(Keyboardist : Selena Lai / Guitarist : Joseph Panthradil)

15. "Special Child" Adeline Loh
- the PL Lite
16. "He Stands By Me" Adeline Loh
- Jesus who saw us through 80 years will see us through to the end!

"LOOK UP, LIFT UP"