## SECONDARY MUSIC CURRICULUM GROUP PROJECT

Inter-school co-operation and competition were the mainstays of the Secondary Music Group's energies this year. Planning for the ESF Orchestra and Choir actually started in March 2000 but it was November when things began to take shape.

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Two days of auditions involving nine music staff resulted in both ensembles finalising their line-ups. Rehearsals took place during the second term in Island School and KGV School with 220 students involved. The Orchestra was rehearsed by Stephen Davenport, Andrea Wright, Mary Paciello, Tom Anderson, Ken Haggarty and Ian Slater. The Choir was rehearsed by Jo-Anne Trevenna, Philip Tudor, Jacqueline Gourlay-Grant and Ian Williams. This really was a team effort involving almost all ESF Secondary Music Staff over a period of three months. The debut Concert in City Hall was a sell-out and set the stage for bigger and better things in 2002.

The 17th Annual Orchestral Weekend featuring 170 players from Primary and Secondary phases was held at Island School during February. The weekend culminated in a 30 minute concert of challenging repertoire in front of parents and friends.

A different constituency of musician was catered for in the first ESF Battle of the Bands in January. Nine rock bands from the five Secondary Schools took to the field at KGV School to play before a very appreciative audience. It was the West Island School groups Asfixia and Fascist Giraffe who created the biggest stir. The former were the winners, the latter were the loudest! Plastic Fantastic from Sha Tin College also made an impact with their songwriting. Kudos goes to Chris Coates and Michael Pritchard from KGV School who organised the event and led from the front on the day itself.

Ken Haggarty / KGV School







