#### **WESLEY COLLEGE COLOMBO**

PRESENTS



A CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL ODYSSEY THROUGH TIME

**DIRECTED BY** 

RUSHAN HEWAWASAM

# 16 MARCH 2024

6:30 PM

AT THE NELUM POKUNA THEATRE

# A Message from the Principal

I take great pleasure in addressing all of you present here at the most awaited Musical extravaganza which is organized as one of the commemorating events of our 150th Anniversary.

I am quite confident that this day has been looked forward to, by all of you with great anticipation, since it serves as a platform for our young students to demonstrate their talents with much confidence. The prime intention of our College is that each child who passes out of the gate to the outside world is trained, molded and equipped with cognitive, social, emotional, cultural and physical skills which would last lifelong. I am glad to see the manner in which the students demonstrate their talents and skills with confidence not only within the school but at public performances too.



Today's event will feature the diverse vocal talents of our boys with a wide array of music and my desire is to see that all these young ones become competent and move on from strength to strength with increased level of self-confidence so that while enjoying their childhood they may grow up to become children who would value, care and stand up for what is right.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Director of this event – Mr Rushan Hewawasam, for making this event a great success. His time and resource through which he had ensured the College of his constant commitment is much appreciated. My special appreciation to him for taking the time off his very busy schedule and for flying all the way from Australia to assist his alma mater.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the Colombo Symphony Orchestra for their exceptional cooperation in making this event a huge success.

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the teachers who have gone beyond and above their ability to ensure the smooth progression of this event.

I am indeed aware of the many times the students and staff have so faithfully been present for the practices and today is the DAY to reap the harvest. My gratitude to all the parents who have so dedicatedly supported the School in encouraging their children to be present at the practices.

Last but not the least, let me congratulate all of you my dear students on your exemplary performance which you are yet to perform today.

May God grant each and every one of you His grace and blessings today and always.

ORA ET LABORA - PRAY AND LABOUR ON! **Avanka Fernando** 

### Rushan Hewawasam Musical Director

Rushan, the director of the 150th Anniversary Choir, is an accomplished singer, pianist and a choir director. Rushan's first foray in directing a choir was at the age of 15, when he conducted the choir at his alma mater Wesley College. Rushan has since conducted a 500-voice combined school choir in Sri Lanka in the year 2000 to celebrate the millennium and has also represented Sri Lanka at the Asia Pacific Music Conference in Manila.

In Australia, Rushan joined the Victoria Welsh Choir, often performing as a soloist. Rushan is currently the Musical Director of the Victoria Welsh Choir and also the Musical Director of Euphony Australia. Rushan has also performed at the Royal Festival Hall for the Royal Family and at various venues in New Zealand, UK, Wales, and Singapore. Rushan finds time to conduct few choirs in spite of his busy schedule as CEO for a medical group.







#### **Drum Fusion**

Performed by Hewisi Band of Wesley College

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### College Song

Performed by the Orchestra of Wesley College

#### **Wonderland Overture**

Performed by the Orchestra of Wesley College

#### **Aida March**

Performed by the Western Band of Wesley College

#### Official Welcome

#### I Vow To Thee My Country

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir

#### **Ar Hyd Y Nos**

Solo by Rushan Hewawasam

#### When The Saints Go Marching In

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo's by Rohan & Ishan De Lanerolle

#### Its A Long Way To Tipperary / Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir & The 150th Anniversary Junior Choir

#### Singing In The Rain

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir & Dancing Group | Solo by Taariq Jurangpathy

#### **Somewhere Over the Rainbow**

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo by Rashika & Savindri Perera

#### Senzenina

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo by Rushan Hewawasam

#### Stand By Me

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo by Rajeev Edwards & Arya Panthaka

#### I Am A Believer

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir

#### **Eye Of The Tiger**

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo by Ridhwan Adjumain

#### Chinna Chinna Aasai

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir

#### **Nadee Ganga Tharanaye**

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo by Hemal Kuruvitaarachchi

#### Wake Me Up

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir | Solo by Yazeed Aman, Enosh De Silva, Methuja Fernando, Enosh Mendis & Joel Thangaraj

#### The Blessing

Performed by the 150th Anniversary Choir

#### **Vote Of Thanks**



# About the **150th Anniversary Choir**

In the symphony of life, music emerges as the melody and language of our hearts, transcending time and echoing the myriad emotions that define our human experience. It is the external manifestation of aspirations, love, and sorrow, a profound expression where the unspoken words of our hearts find resonance. For times immemorial, music has been our steadfast companion, offering solace, relaxation, and a pathway to well-being.

As Wesley College Colombo proudly celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary, the spirit of jubilation is amplified through a unique and harmonious endeavour. Boys from Wesley, representing both the present and the past, under the vision and direction of Rushan Hewawasam have orchestrated a celebration of music that spans the illustrious 150-year journey of this esteemed institution. Their commitment extends beyond mere notes; it involves months of dedicated practice, personal contributions of time, money, and unwavering effort to craft an ode to Wesley's rich legacy.

The director of this production Rushan Hewawasam needs no introduction, as his multifaceted achievements speak volumes. A prominent Wesleyite, he served as the director of the college choir for over five years during his school days, leaving an indelible mark on the institution. As a past Senior Prefect, he exemplified leadership and dedication. For nearly two decades, Rushan has called Melbourne, Australia, home, where he has flourished in the music scene. Notably, he made history as the first Asian to hold the title of music director for the Victorian Welsh Choir and directs the Sri Lankan choir, Euphony, in Melbourne. His talent has transcended borders, with performances in prestigious venues worldwide, including a memorable audience with Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Among the dedicated choral ensemble, there are boys who have adorned the title of past or present choristers, while others, irrespective of their choral history, share a common bond—a profound love for Wesley and an impassioned commitment to the art of singing. It is a convergence of voices, a chorus of diverse backgrounds and experiences unified by the threads of the Double-blue spirit and a shared devotion to the joy of song.

So, dear audience, we invite you to take a moment, to recline and immerse yourself in this remarkable journey. The 150th Anniversary Choir, harmonising with the 150th Anniversary Orchestra, under the direction of Rushan Hewawasam is poised to escort you through the corridors of time, unravelling the musical tapestry woven over 150 years of Wesley's illustrious history. Today, let us collectively revel in the harmonious echoes, celebrating tradition, unity, and the enduring passion for the arts that define Wesley College's remarkable legacy.

As you sit back and relax, allow the resounding notes to transport you, and let the melodies etch themselves into the annals of your memories. This is not just a celebration of music; it is a celebration of 150 years of the Wesley spirit, embodied in every note, every chord, and every heartfelt lyric.

# 150th Anniversary Junior Choir



# Orchestra Of Wesley College



# **Dancing Group**



# Hewisi Band of Wesely College



# Western Band Of Wesley College





### **Production Team**

Director - Rushan Hewawasam
Sounds - Unique Sounds
Audio Engineer - Denham Hakel
Lights Engineer - Kevin Cruz
Production Coordinator - Ridhwan Adjumain

#### Compere

Kumar De Silva Muaard Raazik Murthaz Barry

#### **Teachers**

Prasanga Fonseka Chamodi Fernando Dulesha Karunanayake Nalin Nanayakkara Chathura Gayan Nimasha Fernando Lakdam Gunaratne

# Backtage Crew Teruni De Alwis

Amila Gunasena
Shabri Hamidon
Khaleeq Jayah
Azwad Hamidon
Chathura Gamage
Denver Spittle
Aaqil Azmi
Hilur Gazzali
Walidh Jiffry
Ishaaq Jurangpathy
Sohail Hamidon
Thareef Bin Ubeid
Amaan Hamidon

Omar Kuthubdeen



# Committee

#### **Old Boys**

Rushan Hewawasam Ridhwan Adjumain Ranil Tilekeratne Chryshan Rodrigo Johaan Rebeira Rizan Hamidon Fowzil Nawaz Muhunthar Ratnadurai

#### **Teachers**

Ranjula Weerasinghe Madubhashini Lokukatagoda Pahan Medis

#### **Students**

Rajeev Edwards Ranmeth Wijerathne Thisal Ariyananda Steve Fernando

## 150th Anniversary Choir

#### Soprano

Elisha Fernando Joshua Salim Ruwisha Gamalatge Sohan Dias Shemuel Perera Elijah Crisma Sharon Lokuge Dishon Fernando **Enoch Keshon Ganeshan** Shakeel Rafaideen Morris Nathaniel Namithu Sanmika **Derron Mendis** Vidath Fernando Asher lemuwel Thinuga Disas Madurasinghe Kaviraajcharan thavayogakumar Kaneesh Marshal Rutheesh Stany Chandrakumar kavishekan Santhush Gunerathne Resandu Jayasuriya Esli Ithiel R. Jonathan asher

Dasindu Dev Gunasena Akain Khalsa Fernando Ethan Buharv Desandu pathirana Yuvickrish Lorenzo Olivin Premadasan Mahima Methmal Ratnavake Shenuka Glain Evin Rathnayeka Radinu Jayakody Ravisha Mudalige Vimukthi Gamage Senitha Methvin Alvis Mevon Dela Zilwa Adith Silva Kemsara Weerasinghe Adon Ratnam Yowash Thepul Sithika Sidaswin Radil Arangalla

Avin Warnakulasuriya

Nethupa Mohottala

Avish Warnakulasuriya

#### Alto

Yazeed Aman Mishal Nethan Akain Thalsa Aavin Warnakulasooriya Evan Joshua Shane Kajendran Khajan kanishkor Arshan Rajeevan Akil Travon Ashira Raneth Ravish karunaratne Kemitha Goonathilake Mihesh De silva Binal Methnuka Nethmika adeesha Kaviseyan Alexander Shenal ratnayake Nathan De bruin Yonal Chandrasiri Asher Wijerathne Sanjayan Alexander Hesandu Nethvin Alwis Riveen Perera

#### **Tenor**

Rajeev Edwards Thisal Ariyananda Shem Fernando Sachin Ashok Sachin Yoganathan **Enosh De Silva** Jacinth Gobinath Ezekial Ethan Joseph Israel Yaveeru Vihanga Arya Panthaka Obed Nivesh Ayon randish Shasheen chanuka Kaveen Javasinghe Abishai Newneth Miranga Senanayake Josh De Silva Kevan De Silva **Enosh Dewmith** Sheron Abishek Janiru Tennakoon Shavvone Joel Prabuddhika Fernando Kenuka Boteiu Sachin Ashok David Vanlangenberg Aakif Sabri marikar bawa Elisha Fernando **TaarigJurangpathy** Supitha Weeramunda Layesh Fernando Sasanjana Fernando Eshan Salaman Rumesh Perera **Enosh Mendis** Shohan Gunasekara Chelliah Dilshan Anushke Manupa Rogers Suraksha Weerasinghe Shakib Hisham

Christopher Wijesinghe

Jason Ryan Fernando

Chryshan Rodrigo

#### **Bass**

Nathan Perera Absalom Fonseka Ranmeth Wijerathne Dineth Fernando Yenuka Silva Zachary Stephen Rehan Sariffodeen Zenith Bagya Dhanusha Cooray Thisara Fernando Methuja Fernando Samuel Kajendran Oshadha Haputhanne Hirushka de Alwis Santhush Nathan Eric Jesse Jayan Jayawardhana Zaahid Aman Janath B. Gunawardena Amila Silva Johann Rebeira Anuk Fernando Devpasan Salgadoe Vishwa Steinwall Roger Norton Joel Thangarai P.D. Shamaan Avishka Shaamil Shakeel Eksith Kurukulasooriya

Shenal Andrady

Timothy Abhishek Elpitiya

Shazad Synon



# 150th Anniversary Junior Choir

#### **Borella Branch**

Shaludh Nehem
Shayaan Sheroze
Sanuka Buwaneka
Denethra Peterson
Dewsh Perera
Diluk Iroshan
Muhammad Firaz
Yogeshwaran Kiashan
S.Steafford Jerdon
Yosabath Cham
Smith Amson
G.Jeshua Remiel

Briden Jeremy
Adon Ashnith
Priyaraj Shashak
Sashil Piyarathne
Kavith Jayawardene
Irindu Aakeerna
Nikila Fonseka
Andrew Livingston
Shalom Emmanula
T.Rehan Hadi
Yuvein Fernando
Hiruka Perera

Aadhil Aashif Manuth Wickramarachchi Senulya Imbulegama Yonal Wijejsekara Adriel Ron M.A Aabidh Manula Mahinsa Seth Meraiyod Gesandu Abeykoon Hebron Mahendra Ashiq Hameed Elijah Earnest Navisk karunamoorthy Elijah Michal Yusuf Ali M.jeshan Shewin Krithesh Sathiesh Aamir Aswer Abdullah Shiraz

#### **Thampola Branch**

Kithunu Fernando Yohan Maleesha Akeesh Thepul Gayas Dulara Rayan Sooriyarachchi Ayden Jake Shevan Anuhas Radishka Onitha Sithula Shem Denil Senadheera Chenitha Ravihara Shlom Rajishwa Ayan Dharmapriya Akain Silva Thenuka Munasinghe **Evan Thimothy** 

David De Hotte

Ayon Enosh Ranindu Mudalige Akindu Aravinna Dulein Rodrigo Eran Benival Sejal Karunarathna Sithum Fernando **Akith Sharon Sheran Meendis** Arosh Weerasinghe **Enoch Shemron** Shoffer Methushael **Avon Nimrod** Thenuk Ranmith Shalom Dineth Sanoi Himan Sithuka Nehan

Tenuth Fernando Nidew Dayawansha Oliver Perera Chanilu Mimshark Akill Jurampathy Netharu Sadeesha Reshin George Jason Fernando H. k. Wishon Dinuwan Perera Rusith Peiris **Enuka Ometh** Sethun Keynuka Sakitha Onel Ashen Gimalka Hiruka Nagahawaththe Shevan Akindu

Bulan Shavendra
Idusha Sdew
Joel Steve
Dewmith Perera
Minindu Perera
Kirulu Thyaga
Yohan Shalom
Hebron Teshan
Nishika Ranasinghe
Hesandu David
Dave Colombage
Enosh Fernando
Esanda Dineth

#### **Havelock Branch**

Liman Gowrawa Mudalige **Onal Guruge** Isaac Shelumiel Angelo Skyler Kumar Akshai Hashan Ranjanayake Dinendra Bandara Hashmat Arvan Saliheen Careem Shabanath Nanda Kumar Aadam Farman Cassim Manuja Vindiv Ranasinghe Joshua Isaac Jayaweera Isala Santhul Perera Sasashanth Jayaram Mipsham Yasok Ponnesan H.K. Shenal Himesh Ethan Naham Selvakumar E.M. Ozni Leon Shalom Devsith Fernando **Enouck Eshen Bandara** Senen Aveesha Fonseka Avishka Ethan Fernando Oneth Syon Sandul

Sasen Randul Kuruvitaarachchi

Akhain Aadya Weerabahu Kehan Sasdula Perera Sehath Seynitha Fernando Menuk Nethmitha Renuga Nathan Perera Muhammed Arish Zaharan Uvindu Abinuka Hearth lassaro Gabriel De Silva **Nethan Thimothy** Olivia Kenneth Rajadurai Soheth Abdiel Miran Rafaideen Mahima Adhithya Sam Rafael Pramodan Pragalathan Nishka Dimantha Peiris Reuel James Vishmika Mahima Naveesh Nimroth Rajeshkanna Sabishan Keshikar Sasath Nimyuru Pathirana Aaron Gabriel Goonerathne Shanudh Aaron Kaif Ghouse

Nathan Abiel Senarathne
Heaven Samuel
Ruthvin Harehar
Harin Shiyam
Shane Blessing
BYeshosh Ahasna
Ethan Nimroth
Gooawardhan Joshua Senarathne
Evan Shenol Perera
Jacob Jonathan Lamont
Muhammed Zaakir Zaharan
Suhaswin Kankanmge
Jeramy Perera



# 150th Anniversary Orchestra

#### **1st Violins**

Thushani Jayawardena (Concert Master) Sural Galgamuwa Nadil Perera Chamara Fernando Haasinee Andree

#### 2nd Violins

Chamila Madushanka Hayley Galgamuwa Asoka Jayawardana Himath Samarakoon Nipuna Lokuge Janakvin Gunasekara

#### Viola

Savini Nimaya Wickrama Mangala Abeysekera

#### Cello

Chenitha Ekanayake Nehan Wathugala Amila Abeysekera

#### **Double Bass**

Andrea Leitan

#### Trumpet

Naveen Fernando Hemanga Samaraweera

#### Clarinet

Pavithran Francis Ananda Premasiri

#### Oboe

Sidath Nallaperuma

#### **Acoustuic and Rhythm Guitar**

Dinuka Jayasooriya

#### **Bass Guitar**

Sarith Edema

#### **Drums**

Greg Pallegama

#### Timpani

Neomal Weerakoon

#### Tuba

Lucky Arsacularatne

#### **Flute**

Lylani Weerakoon Nilanthi Weerakoon

#### Piano

Ryanthie Kumarasinghe Seth Jayawardana

#### Trombone

Themiya Nanayakkara Neranjan Karasinghe Jithendra Jinasoma

#### Percussion

Sanduni Nawalage Gomin Perera



# Orchestra Of Wesley College

#### **1st Violins**

Anuhas Liyanage Chamuda Fernando Jotham Rizonth Tharusha Aakash Livishan Selvan Thinojan Vijayaraj Senon Wickramasuriya Yasindu Madarasinghe

#### 2nd Violins

Savinu Dissanayake Sasmitha Dharmasiri Yohan Asher Mesandu Hattotuwa Gamage Charan Matheesha Nehan Hettiarachhi Evan Joshua Tashvin Kesavarajah Yasiru Munasinghe Sithika Sidasvin Avinash Shaamil Meegoda Yaddage Jonathan Shian Gabriel Thenuga Muhandiram Kevin Mahagedara Gamage Ranuga Bandara Jason Rajaratnam

#### Viola

Thiser Nonis Chiseth Sandagomi Shervin Thileepan Kemsara Weerasinghe

#### Cello

Roshitha Perera Enosh De Silva Seneth Silva

#### **1st Trumpet**

Akindu Fernando Bethuel Fernando

#### **2nd Trumpet**

Asher Wanigasinghe Yohan Shalom

#### Flute

Ayesh Wanasinghe Thaviru Dasanmith

#### Clarinet

Dan Premasiri Aken Jayamanne

#### **Alto Saxophone**

Nile Kumarasinghe Nikith Shenool Thisev Deshapriya Tenor Saxophone Izzy Ratnam Yumeth Welivila

#### **Euphonium**

Akain Edirisooriya Hesandu Alwis

#### Percussion

Thushan Wijekoon Dinidu Dahama Yohan Joel

#### Cymbal

Lakindu Fernando



# **Dancing Group**

Nuwanaka Perera
Sajana Godage
Nethul Jayasinghe
Thisal Munasinghe
Vihanga Karunarathna
Nilthara Mendis
Bradly Francis
Akash Sathsara
Sajiv Ebinesh



# Vestern Band Of Wesley College

Yumeth Walvita Izzy Ratnam Nile Kumarasinghe Nikith Shenool Thisev Deshapriya Pasindu Jayathunga Sanjana Sathsara Dinidu Daham Yohan Joel Aakesh Gayantha Akain Edirisooriya Ayesh Wanasinghe Thaviru Dasanmith Thushan Wijekoon Dan Premasiri Aken Jayamanne Akindu Fernando Bethuel Fernando Radil Arangalla Taanye Makaranda Ashen Wanasinghe Yohan Shalom Avinash Shaamil Lakindu Fernando Archana Randika Liven Shan

Oshada Perera

# Hewisi Band Of Wesley College

Yeveesh Cooray Kithura Athsara Akesh Ryan Shoshan Nathaniyel Ishan Arosha Oshem Nimrodh P.H. Thathsara P.H. Tharusha Deneth Induwara Binuka Nibshan Sithika Kulan Shaheel Fahir Niluk Jayasiri Oshem Fernando Ethan Obeth Amarasekara Aaron Jabez Rehan Shaveen Joy Soloman Shevin Ridma Vihas Dimtharu Rahul Perera Athila Lakmin Lakindu Heman Warna Philip Gayindu Wijeweera Rushiru Krishan Kevin Fernando Senuja Perera **Shan Mendis** 

Reshal

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Signing Off!
Good Night & Travel Safe

