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The Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) gave its inaugural performance at *Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS (DFP)*, Kuala Lumpur, in 1998. The initial search for outstanding musicians involved a worldwide audition tour. The result was a **symphony orchestra made up of musicians**

**from 25 nations** – a remarkable example of harmony among different cultures and nationalities.

With each new season, the MPO continues to **present a varied programme of orchestral music drawn from over three centuries**, as well as the crowd-pleasing Specials, Pops, Family Fun Day, Chamber and Happy Hour series. It regularly presents specially commissioned new music and successfully collaborates with local and international artists.

The MPO's **Education and Outreach Programme** reaches beyond the concert platform **to develop musical awareness, appreciation and skills through dedicated activities that include instrumental lessons, workshops and school concerts**. The programme also arranges memorable events in such diverse venues as orphanages, hospitals, rehabilitation centres and community centres. MPO's commitment to furthering musical interest in the nation has been the creation of the **Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO)**. The MPYO gave its inaugural concert at DFP in 2007 and followed this with a highly-successful tour of several cities in Peninsular Malaysia.

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