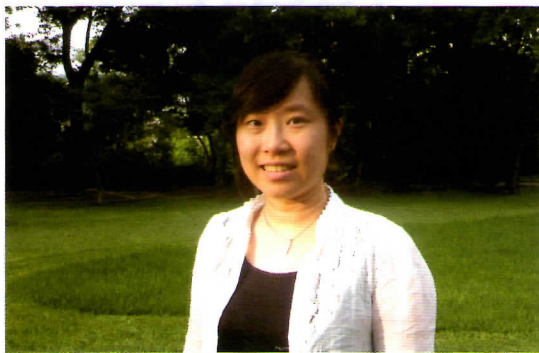


專業實習 - 音契兒童合唱團



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箴言二十二章6節：「教養孩童，使他走當行的道，就是到老他也不偏離」。音契兒童合唱團在其官網上說明成立的宗旨是教導兒童專業的合唱水準，提昇音樂知識和技巧，並讓孩子透過歌唱，走入一個真善美的音樂世界，讓孩子在優美的樂音中，感受上帝的愛，成為最優質的兒童合唱團。

這學期的專業實習讓我獲益良多，在這門專業實習--專業合唱課結識了音契兒童合唱團的盧文萱老師，因著她對我的信任及支持，我有機會到音契兒童合唱團擔任助理合唱指揮，負責點名、發聲練習及分組活動，在校園外的世界觀摩與學習。

合唱團和過去我在幼兒音樂裡所教的課程有很大的不同，唯一的共通點是帶動唱；除了老師們的音樂素養和專業之外，每堂課事前的準備，例如課程安排及排練時間規劃等，都不因對象是幼兒而馬虎，每堂課都課前妥善安排才能使課程進行順利。而這也正是我以往所欠缺的。透過這學期的訓練，不敢說我很熟練，但以後單獨帶發聲、樂句段落的劃分、樂譜的熟捻度等基本功，我都可以有一定程度的掌握力。

除了這些專業的技能之外，盧老師在選曲上，因著愛神與對神的信實，特別用心挑選適合孩子音域與可以激發他們潛力的曲子，在樂句的起承轉合上，會特別針對獨唱和合唱分別加以指導。讓孩子們透過歌唱，瞭解神的心意，學習團體合作和擁有與人相處和諧的品格，進而進入真善美的音樂世界。下課前，她也讓孩子們輪流帶禱告，期許孩子們無論在校或在舞台上，都能平安喜樂、得著經驗與建立自信心。

但願有朝一日我也能妥善裝備自己並用我的音樂來服事基督，帶領眾兒童歸主，因耶穌說，做在最小弟兄身上，就是做在神身上了！

Music Practicum with the Yinqi Children's Choir

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The writer of Proverbs says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (NIV, Proverbs 22:6) The Yinqi Children's Choir is a group dedicated to following this advice. Their stated purpose is: "To teach a children's choir to sing professionally, to increase their knowledge and skill of music, and to allow children to step into a world of music and beauty. As children enjoy the beauty of the music, they will experience the love of God, and the choir will become a high quality choir." (Yinqi Children's Choir Website <http://www.yinqi.org/Content.aspx?value=25>)

I was blessed to do my practicum with the Yinqi Children's Choir. Ms. Lu, my choir teacher, made me her assistant conductor. My duties involved taking attendance, helping children practice songs, and overseeing small group activities. My experience with the choir was very different from the music classes I had taught to toddlers in a kindergarten. The teachers in the Yinqi Children's Choir were qualified professionals who prepared for each coaching and teaching session in order to help the children achieve their best. These factors – professionalism and careful preparation – are what I missed when I worked in the kindergarten classes. Through this practicum, I gained more confidence in coaching voice and in dividing large pieces of music into small sections for practice.

In addition to these skills, I learned how Ms. Lu chooses a piece of music for the children. She chooses music according to the singers' abilities. Since the vocal range of children is different from that of adults, Ms. Lu chooses music that is appropriate for children. Ms. Lu also practices with the children who will be singing solos. Moreover, she helps the children understand the meaning of the lyrics so they come to know God better, and she has children take turns praying before they go home at the end of each session. The aim of all this is that the children will experience pleasure and joy through the practice and performance of their music, whether they are presenting on the stage or living their daily lives.

I look forward to using the skills I learned in my practicum with the Yinqi Children's Choir, to bringing children to Jesus through teaching music. Matthew 25:40 says, "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"