



The **Symphonic Band of Strovolos Municipality –European University Cyprus** was established in 2007. It aims to provide musical performances of a high level, to provide valuable experiences for young musicians through their participation at a large musical ensemble, to contribute to the artistic and cultural development within the university and the community, to promote wind band repertoire in Cyprus and to contribute towards the creation and advancement of a Cypriot and Greek repertoire for such an ensemble.

The band is one of the most active music amateur music ensembles in Cyprus. It has given around 200 performances all over the island and has collaborated with various governmental and community organizations. Important educational and community activity of the band is the annual concert titled Musica Live! in which, more than 200 students from public and private schools join forces in a large choral and instrumental ensemble and jointly present a wide range of popular repertoire. The band appeared in Malta, Greece, Italy and the Seychelles. Next year it has been invited to perform at Christopher Newport University in Virginia, USA.

The band is comprised of more than fifty members who are school and university students, faculty from the music program of the European University Cyprus, as well as local musicians of high musical ability. About a quarter of its members hold degrees in music from Cypriot and European universities. New members are being accepted based on an audition. Its upcoming plans include a series of family concerts especially geared for primary school children, as well as the recording of its first compact disc which will also include works by Cypriot composers. Conductor and artistic director of the band is Dr. Yiannis Miralis.

