

Kids take bow with Olympic orchestra



HARMONY: Left, Daniela Miranda, 10 and Jonathan, 11

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IN TUNE: From left, Hiab, nine, Liang Da Nian, Zhang Qiam and Daniela Miranda, 10

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RIGHT NOTES: Li Hui and Norman, eight

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SCHOOLKIDS joined forces with a world-class orchestra for a pre-Olympics concert.

More than 60 children from the In Harmony Lambeth orchestra took to the stage alongside the Beijing Symphony Orchestra last Friday afternoon.

By **BEN MORGAN**

The Chinese orchestra played an integral role in the opening ceremony of the 2008 Games and the concert formed part of the Olympics hand-over between Beijing and London.

The children's orchestra is based at the Lansdowne Green

Estate, in Stockwell, and includes pupils from nearby schools including Herbert Morrison Primary, St Stephen's CofE Primary and Wyvil Primary schools.

Sarah Bello, 12, who played the double bass at the concert, said: "It was an amazing occasion.

"It was very exciting and I had

been looking forward to this event for weeks.

"It was a wonderful way to mark the Olympics for us.

"Playing alongside such world-class musicians has been inspiring and makes me want to work harder and I hope I will get many more opportunities like this."

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