

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

About Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, University of the Arts Singapore



Established in 1938, the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), founding member of the University of the Arts Singapore, is Singapore's pioneer arts institution. The academy is known for its rigorous and high-quality curriculum, innovative and practitioners-led teaching approach, diverse artistic creations and community outreach.

NAFA has nurtured 13 recipients of the Cultural Medallion — Singapore's highest accolade bestowed on art practitioners who have significantly impacted arts and culture. Another 15 alumni have been presented the Young Artist Award. NAFA graduates are creative changemakers, highly skilled, and well-rounded in inter-disciplinary approaches. Many of the academy's alumni have gone on to make their mark in the professional arts scene, clinching awards at prestigious international competitions such as Cannes Lions, Prix de la Photographie, Paris, Red Dot Design Awards, and Venice Biennale.

The academy offers full-time diploma, bachelor's and master's degree programmes across three faculties: Faculty of Art & Design comprising the School of Fine Art, School of 3D Design, School of Design & Media, as well as the School of Fashion Studies; Faculty of Performing Arts comprising School of Dance, School of Music, and School of Theatre; Faculty of Interdisciplinary Practices comprising School of Arts Management and School of Interdisciplinary Arts. Diploma programmes are aligned with the degree programmes offered in partnership with top universities in the world, namely University of the Arts London (ranked 2nd globally for Art and Design since 2019), Royal College of Music, London (ranked first globally for Performing Arts in 2022 and 2023), Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing, and under the umbrella of University of the Arts Singapore.