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NAFA's Flagship Genius presents stellar artist line-up

Flagship Genius

12 January to 19 February 2017

The Ngee Ann Kongsi Galleries 1 & 2

NAFA Campus 1, 80 Bencoolen Street, Singapore 189655

11am - 7pm

Closed on Mondays and Public Holidays

Free Admission

The Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) presents the 5th edition of “Flagship Genius”, a showcase of selected works by up-and-coming artists who have been trained and nurtured by the Academy. Held in conjunction with NAFA’s Open House and coinciding with Singapore Art Week 2017, this year’s exhibition highlights works by NAFA’s talented students, recent graduates and alumni from the Fine Art, 3D Design, Design & Media and Fashion Studies programmes. With this vibrant and diverse line-up, Flagship continues to be a testament to NAFA’s long history in art education and the vital role it plays in nurturing cultural producers in Singapore and the region.

A total of 62 works by promising artists from NAFA will be featured during the exhibition. These form a rich mix of both traditional, unconventional and interdisciplinary works, ranging from acrylic and ink paintings to photography, ceramics and sculpture, including furniture, jewellery, fashion, handmade books, animations as well as mixed media works, short films and moving pictures.

In the creation of these artworks, the artists have drawn inspiration from their personal and community experiences to explore subjects close to their heart, that at the same time reflect contemporary issues that viewers can identify with. Examples of sensitive and culturally specific subjects include hearing impairment, societal perceptions of women, environmental issues, the Shinto religion, Malay heritage and the art of Chinese tea-making. Presented through various mediums, these works demonstrate the rich interplay between visual and performing arts, at the same time showcasing the immense potential of interdisciplinary art-making.

Notable alumni artists who will be displaying their work include chemical engineer-turned artist Henry Lee, whose works sold out completely during the 2015 Art Stage; Yoko Choi, who

recently won the Most Promising Artist of the Year Award at the 2016 UOB Painting of the Year; and Lee Kian Ping, winner of the Best Colour Grading Award at the 2016 National Youth Film Awards.

Annex 1 – Selected works and details

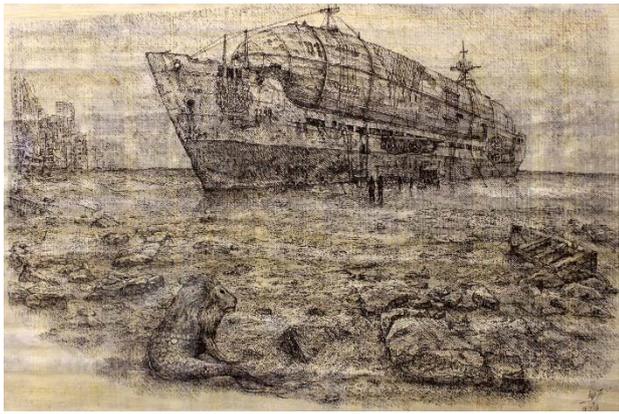
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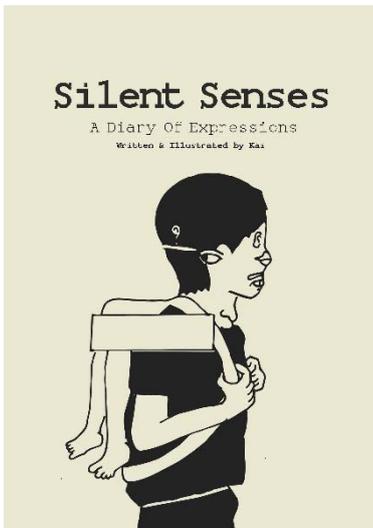
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Artwork image	Artwork details
	<p>Henry Lee <i>Grain and Gospel</i> Charcoal, acrylic and paper on canvas 160cm x 120cm</p>
	<p>Koh Liang Jiang <i>Requiem</i> Ink on papyrus paper 21.5cm x 33cm Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts Collection</p>
	<p>Zestro Leow <i>Black paradox, en•shrine #6.1</i> Ceramic 19cm x 19cm x 33cm</p>



Rachel Tan
The girl and the cardboard boxes
Print and handmade book



Ling Kai Hoe
Silent Senses
A1 Poster



Muhammad Na'im Bin Mohammad
Myth of the Keris
Documentary

(Film grab)



Lee Kian Ping
Green Years
Short film

(Film grab)