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● MASTER OF FINE ARTS FINE ART

THIS PROGRAMME OFFERS:

- One-to-One Supervision With Dedicated MFA Fine Art Faculty.
- Community of Practice With Artists, Writers and Researchers.
- Networking and Exhibition Opportunities.



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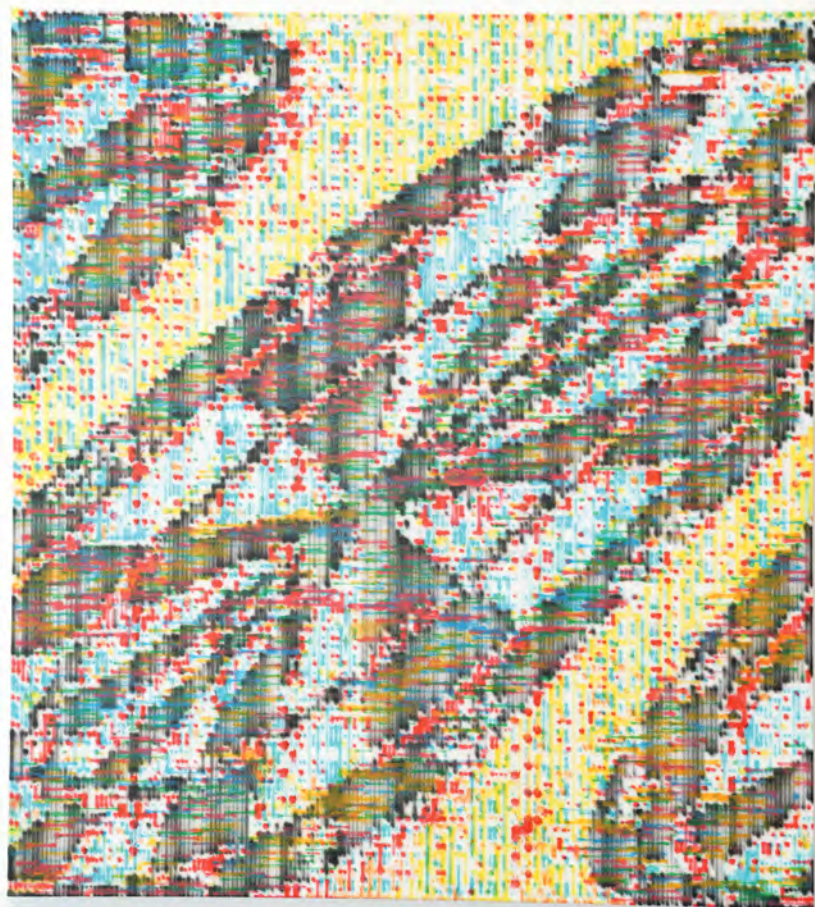


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Pioneering Creative Thought Leadership In Southeast Asia And Beyond

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The Master of Fine Arts Fine Art programme is for creative practitioners who are ready to deepen their practice, research and critical rigour.

One-to-one studio and writing supervision is combined with cohort-wide X-Disciplinary labs, Writing labs and Masterclasses — empowering you to broaden your perspectives and engage in knowledge exchange.

Learn alongside a dedicated MFA faculty and internationally renowned artists, curators and creative thinkers, and expand your global cultural network through independent study trips and residency opportunities at Studio Plesungan, Indonesia and NAFA Studios @ Cité internationale des arts, Paris.

The MFA Fine Art programme positions you at the forefront of artistic practice, research and critical discourse — challenging you to shape the future of art and culture in Southeast Asia and beyond.

◀ Missing Dart, Meng Fanbo, 2026
Acrylic on canvas, created with custom-coded CNC airbrush process translating digital paths into painted marks.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Graduates are equipped to build careers as practising artists, with the experience and competencies to move into arts-adjacent industries — curatorial, education, museum and cultural work — or to pursue further studies aligned with their practice and research.

● MASTER OF PERFORMANCE

- THIS PROGRAMME OFFERS:
- A Multicultural Learning Environment.
 - Cross-Disciplinary Exploration and Experimentation.
 - Digital Creativity at Its Core, Integrating Technology, Media Practice and Entrepreneurship.
 - Mentorship by Distinguished Artists and Active Performers.
 - Industry Partnerships and Real-World Performance Opportunities.



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Advancing Artistic Mastery And Leadership For A Changing Musical World

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A transformative postgraduate programme for musicians seeking artistic excellence, innovation and versatility. The Master of Performance (MPerf) combines rigorous, practice-led training with cultural and digital fluency. Students refine their artistry through one-to-one mentorship and interdisciplinary collaboration – developing the skills to perform, teach and lead across today’s evolving musical world.

The MPerf redefines performance education for a changing world – preparing musicians to lead in performance, education and creative collaboration across borders and disciplines.

◀ Sibelius & Brahms, School of Music, 2026

CAREER PATHWAYS

Performance and Artistic Practice

- Professional Musician (Soloist, Chamber / Ensemble Performer)
- Orchestral / Opera Musician
- Collaborative Pianist / Accompanist
- Conductor / Ensemble Director
- Session / Recording Artist

Education, Pedagogy and Research

- Lecturer / Studio Pedagogue
- Teaching Artist / Specialist Instructor
- Music Education Consultant
- Performance Researcher / Scholar

Creative and Production Roles

- Composer / Arranger
- Music Producer / Sound Designer
- Interdisciplinary / Multimedia Artist
- Festival, Concert / Event Curator
- Music Director / Artistic Lead

Arts Leadership, Technology and Entrepreneurship

- Arts Administrator / Programme Manager
- Music Technologist / Digital Content Creator
- Cultural Producer / Project Lead
- Arts Entrepreneur / Startup Founder

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS >
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

MASTER OF FINE ARTS FINE ART	
➤	A Bachelor’s degree from a recognised local or international institution in Fine Art or related disciplines.
MASTER OF PERFORMANCE	
➤	A Bachelor’s degree from a recognised local or international institution in Music or related disciplines.

Applicants whose qualifications do not conform to the above requirements (such as those who may not have formal education but have the relevant experience) and are assessed to have the ability to pursue the programme may be considered on a case by-case basis.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	
For applicants from countries where English is not the first language, or whose qualifications are obtained from institutions where English is not the medium of instruction, NAFA will consider the English Language proficiency attained through the English Language qualifications below.	
MASTER OF PERFORMANCE	
QUALIFICATION	GRADE
IELTS (Academic)	6.0
TOEFL	80 or 4.0
Duolingo English Test	105
PTE Academic	50
MASTER OF FINE ARTS FINE ART	
IELTS (Academic)	7.0
TOEFL	100 or 5.0
Duolingo English Test	125
PTE Academic	65

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS >
PORTFOLIO / AUDITION
QUALIFICATIONS

MASTER OF FINE ARTS FINE ART	
Personal Statement	400 – 500 words
Portfolio Submission	The applicant’s portfolio should contain artworks documented in digital format (up to 15 images and/or 10 minutes of moving images or sound work).
Reference Letters	You will need to register two referees who can give an informed view of your academic ability and suitability for the course.
Interview	

MASTER OF PERFORMANCE	
1. Pre-screening You are to submit a video fulfilling the following requirements for pre-screening:	
Video	➤ Duration: total performance duration of at least 5 minutes. ➤ Pieces: 2 contrasting works. ➤ Pieces must be written by different composers. ➤ Pieces must demonstrate a broad range of styles, historical periods and character, reflecting both maturity and technical command.
2. Audition Only shortlisted applicants from pre-screening will be invited to the audition.	
Audition Programme Variety	A balanced selection of pieces is essential, demonstrating versatility across different styles, periods and characters.
Interview	You are expected to discuss why you want to study the programme during the interview and share any relevant experience.
Personal Statement	Applicants must submit a personal statement (300 – 500 words).
Professional References	Two professional references are required and must be sent directly to the Student Admissions Office.
Repertoire List	Applicants should bring a list of repertoire they have studied in depth in recent years, along with proof of recent public performances where possible.

APPLICATION FEES

A non-refundable application fee (inclusive of GST*) is chargeable per application.

Your application is only complete upon receipt of your application fee and all necessary documents. Please ensure your application fee is paid and documents are uploaded.

Singapore Citizens / Singapore Permanent Residents	S\$75
International applicants	S\$120

NAFA reserves the right to withdraw the application if the application fee remains unpaid and documents are not received by the due date.

PROGRAMME FEES



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MASTER'S DEGREE					
PROGRAMME	MODE	DURATION	PROGRAMME FEE		
			SINGAPORE CITIZENS*	SINGAPORE PERMANENT RESIDENTS*	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS / OTHER RESIDENTS*
Master of Fine Arts Fine Art	Full Time (2 years)	Year 1 (2 semesters)	S\$22,000	S\$22,000	S\$25,000
		Year 2 (2 semesters)	S\$22,000	S\$22,000	S\$25,000
	Part Time (3 years)	Year 1 (2 semesters)	S\$22,000	S\$22,000	S\$25,000
		Year 2 (1 semester)	S\$11,000	S\$11,000	S\$12,500
		Year 3 (1 semester)	S\$11,000	S\$11,000	S\$12,500
Master of Performance	Full Time (1.5 years)	Year 1 (2 semesters)	S\$26,400	S\$27,600	S\$29,600
		Year 2 (1 semester)	S\$13,200	S\$13,800	S\$14,800
	Part Time (2 years)	Year 1 (80 credits; payable in 2 semesters)	S\$20,000	S\$20,000	S\$20,000
		Year 2 (100 credits; payable in 2 semesters)	S\$25,000	S\$25,000	S\$25,000

* Fees are inclusive of prevailing GST.
*Programme fees may be subject to change.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID AND AWARD SCHEMES

Discover a multitude of financial schemes designed to support your fee payment and study expenses at NAFA.



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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AWARD SCHEMES	
For more information, please refer to www.nafa.edu.sg/scholarshipsandawards .	
NAC-UAS Arts Scholarship	Singapore Citizens and SPRs pursuing the following master's programmes with excellent academic performance and outstanding track records as arts practitioners or professionals, good co-curricular activity records, as well as motivated individuals who aspire to play a leadership role in shaping the future arts and culture scene in Singapore, and commit to creating a positive impact for the Singapore community through the arts may apply for the NAC-UAS Arts Scholarship: ↗ Master of Fine Arts Fine Art ↗ Master of Performance The scholarship will cover 100% of the total fees payable as well as a monthly maintenance allowance.
Graduate Assistantship Award	Full-time master's degree students can apply for the Graduate Assistantship Award. Successful candidates will be offered a quantum of 50% of the programme fees payable and an allowance of S\$3,000 per year. Recipients are required to fulfil 8 hours of service per week with their respective Schools during the year of award.
NAFA In-House Bursaries	Bursaries (S\$5,000) are available for students who require financial assistance based on household income.

GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SCHEMES	
For more information, please refer to www.nafa.edu.sg/govtfinancialschemes .	
SkillsFuture Credit	Singapore Citizens over 25 years of age can apply to use their SkillsFuture credits to fund eligible programmes at NAFA.

FINANCIAL AID SCHEMES	
For more information, please refer to www.nafa.edu.sg/finaidschemes .	
Student Relief Fund	Students from families facing unexpected financial crises can receive partial support of up to S\$3,000 for programme fees and study expenses.
Student Assistantship Scheme	Students may work on campus for extra pocket money to fund necessary education expenses.
External Study Loans	Students may apply for loans from private financial institutions and banks to fund their education at NAFA.



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APPLY ONLINE

Submit your application at www.nafa.edu.sg or through an appointed overseas representative (applications open in October and remain open until all places are filled).
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MAKE PAYMENT OF APPLICATION FEES
- 3

SUBMIT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Submit documents listed in the checklist (see page 15).
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UPLOAD ASSESSMENT MATERIALS (E.G. PORTFOLIO) OR ATTEND AN AUDITION

Upon receipt of your completed documents and assessment materials, the Student Admissions Office will schedule an audition or interview, where required.
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RECEIVE YOUR APPLICATION OUTCOME

You will receive an email informing you of your application outcome.



OVERSEAS EDUCATION COUNSELLORS

NAFA has appointed a network of overseas education counsellors to provide programme advice and application services to international students. International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply via our appointed overseas education counsellors. Countries or regions with NAFA representatives are China*, Hong Kong*, India*, Indonesia, Japan, Macau*, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan*, Thailand and Vietnam.

Please refer to www.nafa.edu.sg for more information.

*Applicants from China, Hong Kong, India, Macau and Taiwan must go through a NAFA authorised agent.



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Have the following in soft copy/digital format before you apply online at: www.nafa.edu.sg.

☐	One recent colour passport-sized photograph (420 x 560 pixels, or 35mm wide x 45mm high) with a white background.				
☐	IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS				
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☐	ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES AND TRANSCRIPTS				
	For certificates and transcripts that are not in English, please have them translated and certified by the school or notarised by a notary public. If you are a graduating student, you may apply with your semester results up to the current date. You will be required to submit your final certificates and transcripts as proof that you have completed your studies and graduated from the school before the programme commencement.				
☐	EVIDENCE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY				
	Either via: ➤ IELTS Academic or ➤ TOEFL iBT or ➤ PTE Academic or ➤ Duolingo English Test The above is applicable to applicants who are from countries where English is not the first language or whose qualifications are obtained from institutions where English is not the medium of instruction.				
☐	Portfolio / audition video.				
☐	Statement of intent.				
☐	Academic testimonial and/or professional references / recommendation letter (where applicable).				
☐	MEDICAL REPORT (WHERE APPLICABLE)				
	You are invited to inform us in advance of any specific needs and/or type of physical facilities or support you might require. Please include this information in your application form, supplemented with the relevant medical reports. This will allow us to plan the appropriate learning support for you.				

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