

SCHOOL OF DANCE

WHERE ARTISTIC IDENTITIES ARE HONED THROUGH EXCELLENCE

WHY DANCE?

In keeping with the NAFA spirit of creativity, exploration and resilience, the Faculty of Performing Arts, School of Dance, continues the strong legacy of our founders, constantly challenging and supporting our students and staff to reach new frontiers in our practice. Through practice-led and industry-focused training, you will leave our halls with unparalleled aptitude, attitude and performing experience to take centre-stage in the fast-evolving performing arts landscape.

An Intercultural Environment of Esteemed Artists

Train under a global faculty of industry experts and educators, providing a well-rounded perspective encompassing both Asian and Western influences in the field.

Emphasis on Somatic Practices and Cognitive Processes

Our dance training cultivates creativity and critical thinking, encompassing both mental and physical aspects to prepare you for adaptable careers and performances in a dynamic dance landscape.

Practice-led Learning with a Southeast Asian focus

Enhance your versatility in a wide range of Asian dance styles with practice and performance-based training, while facilitating connections with diverse communities, disciplines, and cultures.

Diploma in Dance graduates have the option of progressing seamlessly into the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance making programme to further deepen their expertise and craft.



Crossings: Round Trip
 Choreographer: Norhaizad Adam (P7:1SMA)
 Dancers: Diploma in Dance students
 Photo Credit: Bernie Ng



INTERNSHIP & INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

Across distinctive industries, our students have collaborated with esteemed organisations such as The Esplanade, National Gallery Singapore, NUS Museum, and Singapore Night Festival. The School had also pioneered the annual Dance Science Production in collaboration with Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore and Quinn Special Student Care Centre. With an industry-led approach, you will gain critical skill sets that prime you as a professional dancer.

Crafting the pathway to professional dance careers, our students have secured placements in notable dance institutions, like The Human Expressions (T.H.E) Dance Company, Singapore Ballet, Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre, P7:1SMA, Dance Ensemble Singapore and Sigma Contemporary Dance. These hands-on experiences will hone your abilities, ensuring you are well-equipped to make your mark in the dance industry.



STUDENT LIFE

Dive into the NAFA life—where learning meets fun!

At NAFA, student life is an invigorating blend of learning, self-expression and fun. From the NAFA Makers' Market to International Student's Night, our lively calendar keeps your campus life engaging and exciting. Join student-led clubs, such as the Basketball Club and K-Pop Dance Club to bond with like-minded peers and network within the creative student community. Through our Student Leader Training Camp, you will gain leadership skills and become role models within our community.



OVERSEAS ENGAGEMENT

Showcase your talents to an international audience at festivals, conferences, competitions, and school visits as performers, collaborators and budding choreographers. Gain global perspectives through events such as the Fang Mae Khong International Dance Festival (Laos), Concours International de Grasse (France), the Youth America Grand Prix (Japan), B12 Berlin Workshop Festival, and many more in Australia, China, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand and USA.

Having experienced their overseas immersion at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), our students had collaborated with WAAPA's LINK Dance Company and performed together in Perth and Singapore, and at the Singapore Night Festival.

Progressing to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making programme, you will spend five to seven weeks at the University of the Arts London on an international placement to study with global practitioners and experts in performing arts.

CAREER PATHWAYS

NAFA's Dance programmes prepare you for dynamic careers in the world of performing arts. Further broaden your possibilities with our Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making.

Careers for Diploma & Degree graduates

Artistic Director
 Art Project Head & Coordinator
 Backstage Personnel
 Choreographer & Director
 Dance Administrator
 Dance Artist
 Dance Company Manager
 Dance Educator/Instructor
 Somatic Movement Therapist/Instructor
 Professional Dancer/Performer
 Project Manager
 Dance Production Manager/Coordinator
 Dance Outreach Coordinator
 Dance Historian/Researcher
 Dance Stage Manager
 Studio Owner
 Dance Critic/Journalist
 Fitness Instructor
 Movement Coach/Therapist/Physiotherapist

Careers in the following industries & areas

Education & Academia
 Events & Entertainment
 Film & Television Production
 Dance Critique, Journalism & Documentation
 Dance Festivals & Competitions
 Dance-related Technology & Innovation
 Non-profits & Charities
 Rehabilitation & Wellness (using dance therapy)

Careers for BA (Hons)

Performance Making graduates:

Actor/Actress
 Choreographer
 Dancer
 Dance/Drama Teacher
 Director
 Dramaturg
 Performing Artist
 Performance Maker
 Playwright
 Production Manager/Assistant

Crossings: Out of Space
Choreographer: Daniel Navarro Lorenzo
Dancers: Diploma in Dance students
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STUDENT VOICES



Denise Leong
Alumna
Diploma in Dance

NAFA has been instrumental in shaping my growth as a dancer, expanding my versatility and performance skills through its diverse, intensive training curriculum. The overseas immersion programme at WAAPA (Australia) allowed me to collaborate with international peers, further broadening my opportunities and dance vocabulary.



Kirill Chastukhin
Alumnus
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Performance Making (Dance)

Interdisciplinary performances is in a unique position to open new possibilities and creative pathways for different artistic practices to collaborate while engaging audiences.

EDUCATION PATHWAY

Master the art of movement with NAFA's School of Dance.

Start strong with the
**NAFA Foundation
Programme**

Choose your specialisation
Diploma in Dance

Design your future
**Bachelor of Art (Honours)
Performance Making**

NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP INTO THE ARTS WITH NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Designed as a bridge for Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students, the NFP readies you for successful completion of a diploma course.

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING

Dive into a hands-on learning experience tailored to let you acquire and apply essential foundational skills in your chosen artistic field.

SKILLS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION

Build a robust foundation of the arts, research techniques and language and communication abilities. Equip yourself with the crucial academic skill sets that pave the way for successful tertiary education.

FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC SKILL SETS

Through elective modules spanning visual and performing arts as well as arts management, refine and develop skills in your area of interest.

Find out more



The Third Space 2020: Bangugot at Guni-guni (Nightmares and Hallucinations)
Choreographer: Dr Filomar Tarioo
Dancer: Tan Yu-Ning
Photo Credit: Bernie Ng

DIPLOMA IN DANCE

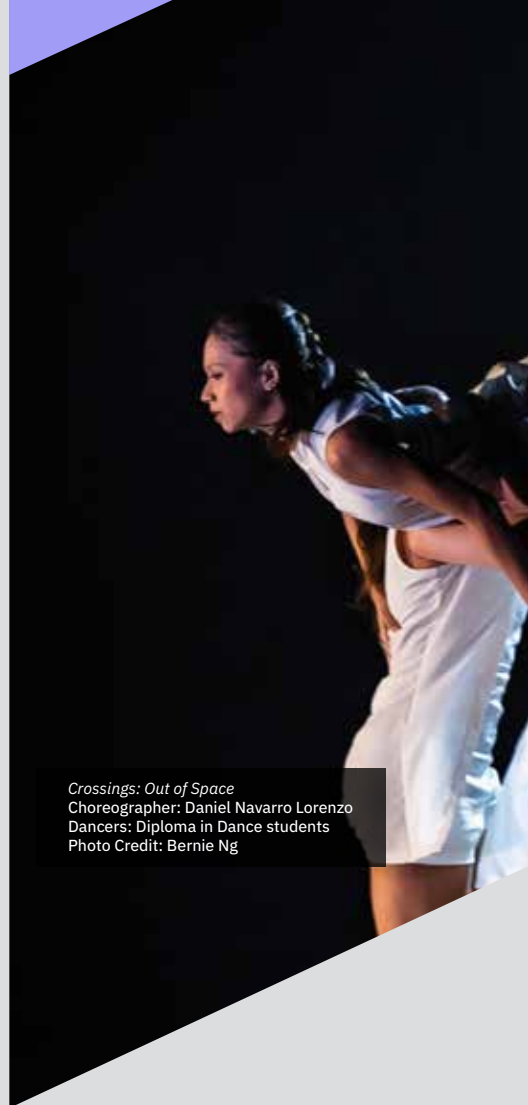
Put your best foot forward with our three-year Diploma in Dance programme. Bridge the gap between technical proficiency and artistic creativity, and establish a strong foundation in dance performance and creation. Enrich your understanding of dance through holistic learning in somatic practices, dance education, production and science and become a highly sought-after dance artist, both locally and around the world.

Immerse in the Richness of Asian and Western Dance: Become a versatile dancer in Ballet and Contemporary genres through our conservatory-style approach. Hone your artistry through Asian dance and movements, and develop your strength in dance performance and diversity in dance creation.

Think Critically and Creatively about Dance Making: Learn to work collaboratively with peers from other disciplines and acquire different perspectives on dance and relevant professional and industry skills while honing your interdisciplinary skills alongside your creative and critical thinking skills.

Learn from Leading Artist-Educators: Train under reputable and respected local and international dance practitioners. Gain a wealth of knowledge through masterclasses, workshops, and talks by visiting guests from renowned dance companies and leading independent artists.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) PERFORMANCE MAKING

Lead as a performance maker of your time with our three-year BA (Hons) Performance Making programme. Offered in partnership with the renowned University of the Arts London, this degree exposes you to interdisciplinarity as you collaborate on original works, embrace digital technologies and connect with industry professionals.

Practice-led and Discipline-specific Training: Gain technical and artistic proficiency in Dance or Theatre that helps you forge a unique personal performance identity, enhance content creation skill sets, and realise original performance projects.

Significant Connections with Industry: You will collaborate with industry experts to hone skills through diverse activities, including a professional-standard public production.

Strong Focus on Interdisciplinary Learning: Engage and examine interdisciplinary forms and processes and gain valuable opportunities to practise and apply interdisciplinarity in original group-devised works in Year 3.

Leverage Our Unique Location for Cultural Perspectives: Immerse in Singapore's vibrant arts scene right at the heart of the civic district. Cultivate regional and global awareness through cultural experiences, exploring Southeast Asian traditions to contemporary performances.

Reap the Benefits of an Unprecedented UAL-NAFA partnership: Validated by the top-ranked art and design University of the Arts London, the programme will include a five-week international placement in London. Look forward to an enriching academic experience, gaining fresh perspectives from the very best international practitioners and experts.

In collaboration with

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Find out more





SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID AND AWARD SCHEMES

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

GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SCHEMES

TUITION GRANT SCHEME

Permanent Residents (diploma and undergraduate degree) and international students (diploma only) may apply to help with the cost of their tuition fees. Grants awarded are based on merit. Eligible Singaporean Citizens are automatically awarded the grant for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Undergraduate Degree programme. From AY2025, Singapore Citizens aged 40 and above, will be eligible to receive the grant for another MOE-funded Diploma programme.

TERTIARY TUITION FEE SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR MALAYS

Malay Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for the education subsidy from Yayasan Mendaki to fund the tuition fees for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

CPF EDUCATION LOAN SCHEME

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for a loan from their own or a parent's CPF savings account for their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHEME

Eligible students with sufficient funds in their or sibling's Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) can use them to fund tuition fees or related study expenses at NAFA.

SKILLSFUTURE CREDIT

Singapore Citizens over 25 years of age can apply to use their SkillsFuture credits to fund eligible programmes at NAFA.

SKILLSFUTURE MID-CAREER ENHANCED SUBSIDY

Singapore Citizens over 40 years of age can apply to pursue their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY & HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY BURSARY

Singapore Citizens from the low to middle-income families can apply to receive a bursary from the Ministry of Education for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

DIPLOMA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME BURSARY

Singapore Citizens pursuing the NAFA Foundation Programme can apply for additional help with tuition fees.

GOVERNMENT LOAN SCHEMES

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents may apply for the Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) to fund the tuition fees for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme. Applicants who met PCI income criteria and have fully exhausted the TFL quantum may apply for a Study Loan to fund their remaining unpaid tuition fees plus annual living allowance.

FINANCIAL AID SCHEMES

NAFA-KWAN IM THONG HOOD CHO TEMPLE STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Students from families facing unexpected financial crises can receive partial support for programme fee and study expenses.

NAFA STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP SCHEME

Students may work on campus for extra pocket money to fund necessary education expenses.

NAFA STUDENT NOTEBOOK SUBSIDY SCHEME

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents from lower-income households can apply when purchasing a personal notebook for their programmes.

NAFA OVERSEAS PROGRAMME TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Students on NAFA-approved overseas programmes or study trips can apply.

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT TRAVEL GRANT

Degree students who have acquired international placements through NAFA and our partner universities can defray expenses with this grant.

EXTERNAL STUDY LOANS

Students may apply for loans from private financial institutions, banks to fund your education at NAFA.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AWARD SCHEMES

NAFA IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS, MERIT AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Diploma and degree students with outstanding academic results and an excellent track record of achievements in related arts and creative industries may apply for the Scholarships and Merit Awards. Bursaries are available for students who require financial assistance based on household income.

DARE TO DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Medically certified special needs students with limited financial resources can apply to receive support for their studies at NAFA.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND STUDY LOANS

Students may apply to external organisations for awards and financial schemes, as well as study loans from private financial institutions which are available all year round.

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