

school of music



Your Pathway to the World Stage

At NAFA | School of Music, music is more than a craft.

It is a calling. Here, rigour meets artistry. Tradition meets experimentation. And, every student walks a path designed to not only refine their craft, but to shape their voice on the world stage.

Backed by over 40 years of artistic excellence and global partnerships – including our long-standing collaboration with the Royal College of Music (RCM) – we offer one of the region's most distinctive and prestigious music pathways for you – the performers, composers and educators of tomorrow.



Diploma in Music

Step into the world of music as a performer or composer in this three-year diploma that hones both your craft and confidence.

Specialise in Western or Chinese music while exploring Southeast Asia's rich musical heritage. Through immersive learning in music theory, ensemble work, and creative practice, you'll build a strong technical and artistic foundation.

Graduate career-ready with real-world experience, a collaborative spirit, and the versatility to perform, teach, compose, or pursue further studies in music.





Diploma in Music Teaching

This three-year diploma is designed for aspiring educators who believe in the power of music to shape lives. Through immersive training grounded in proven educational practice, you'll master core teaching methodologies, gain real classroom experience, and learn to lead with empathy and clarity.

Equipped with essential 21st-century skills-from communication to creative thinking-you'll graduate ready to inspire and nurture the next generation of musicians, whether in schools, private studios, or community settings.



Bachelor of Music (Honours)

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A distinguished conservatoire degree crafted for aspiring musicians who seek excellence and artistic leadership.

Drawing on RCM's tradition of refined musicianship, distinguished pedagogy, and a deeply cultivated artistic ethos, together with NAFA's vibrant and culturally rich environment, the programme offers an exceptional pathway to musical mastery. Graduates emerge with the sophistication, versatility, and global polish expected of leading musicians today.



A transformative postgraduate programme for musicians seeking artistic excellence, innovation, and versatility. The Master of Performance combines rigorous, practice-led training with cultural and digital fluency.

Students refine their artistry through one-to-one mentorship, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global exposure at the Royal College of Music (London) or Central Conservatory of Music (Beijing) – developing the skills to perform, teach, and lead across today's evolving musical world.



Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Instrumental & Vocal Teaching

VALIDATED BY:



ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Designed for future music educators with strong artistic foundations and a passion for teaching. It is a flagship route for artist-educators who want to shape the future of music learning.

Every Journey Deserves the Right Beginning



Find your sound. Shape your future.

Whether you dream of performing, composing, or teaching, your musical journey at NAFA follows a full-circle pathway, starting with strong foundations and growing into global opportunities.



Why Choose NAFA | School of Music:

Where Excellence Meets Imagination

At the School of Music, mastery begins with craft. Guided by distinguished international faculty, you will develop the technical command, expressive depth, and critical thinking that define exceptional musicianship. Every performance, composition, and collaboration becomes part of your artistic evolution.

A Community that Nurtures

Here, mentorship is personal and purposedriven. You'll thrive in an environment that values empathy and collaboration — where learning extends beyond technique to the human spirit of music-making. Through pedagogy, outreach, and performance, you'll connect deeply with audiences and communities.

Culture-Crossing, World-Shaping

Rooted in Singapore's rich confluence of East and West, NAFA offers a rare dialogue between Western and Chinese music. From cross-cultural projects to international placements in London and Beijing, your experience will expand your artistic horizons and reflect the region's creative energy.

The Courage to Create

At NAFA, innovation is our tradition. You'll be part of a forward-looking community that celebrates originality and experimentation. Through interdisciplinary collaborations, digital exploration, and global partnerships, you'll be empowered to shape the future of music — on your own terms.



Introducing the new Royal College of Music and University of the Arts Singapore –

Bachelor of Music (Honours)

JOINTLY CONFERRED BY:



ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC



The new degree redefines conservatoire education for the 21st century – rooted in Singapore's multicultural, multidisciplinary environment, enriched by global exposure, and supported by the prestige of one of the world's leading centres of musical excellence. Students will benefit from the highest standards of artistic training, while gaining the versatility, creativity, and cultural fluency to lead in performance, education, and the wider creative economy.

The RCM-UAS | NAFA BMus (Hons) is for students who:

- Seek an RCM-benchmarked conservatoire education through a modern apprenticeship
- Pursue bold ideas with curiosity and confidence
- Thrive in boundary-crossing, art-blending collaborations
- Evolve their practice with sensitivity, discipline, and artistic purpose

Applications are now open for the inaugural cohort commencing in Academic Year 2026. This is more than a degree: it is the evolution of a partnership, and the beginning of a world-first model of higher music education anchored in Singapore, connected to the world.



Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Instrumental & Vocal Teaching



Designed for future music educators with strong artistic foundations and a passion for teaching, the programme is a two-year top-up degree, preparing students to lead in music classrooms, studios, and learning communities with confidence, cultural awareness, and pedagogical depth.

It is a flagship route for artisteducators who want to shape the future of music learning and creative leaders across the arts.

The programme offers:

- Intensive one-to-one Principal Study, maintaining high musical standards
- Specialised training in educational theory and student-centred teaching practice
- · Global exposure at the Royal College of Music (London)
- Mentorship from expert faculty across music performance and education
- Curriculum design focused on real-world teaching application and inclusive learning
- Opportunities to engage in cross-disciplinary work through the UAS common curriculum and NAFA's collaborative environment

Introducing the new University of the Arts Singapore -

Master of Performance



A transformative postgraduate programme that nurtures exceptional musicianship, artistic innovation, and professional versatility.

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

The programme offers:

- · A multicultural learning environment where Western and Chinese instrumentalists collaborate across genres and disciplines
- · Cross-disciplinary exploration and experimentation across Dance, Theatre, Art and Design, and Interdisciplinary Practices within the NAFA ecosystem
- Digital creativity at its core, integrating technology, media practice, and entrepreneurship to redefine artistic engagement and reach new audiences
- Mentorship by distinguished artists and active performers from the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Singapore Chinese Orchestra, and Singapore Lyric Opera
- Industry partnerships and real-world performance opportunities that build global experience and professional confidence