

#### **Annex 4 – About NAFA**

Established in 1938, the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts is Singapore's pioneer arts education institution. Widely recognised in Southeast Asia, NAFA's reputation is founded on its innovative curriculum and teaching approaches, as well as its diverse artistic creations.

NAFA receives polytechnic-level funding from the Ministry of Education, Singapore and is the first comprehensive arts education institution to receive the coveted 4-year EduTrust certification awarded by the Council for Private Education in 2011. NAFA was re-awarded this certification in 2015, for another 4 years.

NAFA offers the following specialised programmes under the School of Art & Design, School of Arts Management, Dance & Theatre, and School of Music:

- 3D Design
- Arts Management
- Design and Media
- Fine Art
- Fashion Studies
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre

The Academy conducts a comprehensive range of full-time diploma courses and delivers degree programmes in partnership with reputable universities from Singapore and the UK. Courses are taught by an international faculty of academics and leading arts practitioners who are passionate about imparting lifelong skills in the arts. Courses are designed to enable students to think critically, creatively and independently and at the same time master important technical skills in a disciplined and structured pace. Engagement and partnerships with industry, the arts community and cultural organisations are regular features and part of the learning process to help our students acquire a repertoire of complex skills-set and knowledge.

NAFA thrives on diversity and welcomes a culturally diverse student population from Asia and beyond. Our students are sought after by arts organisations and the creative industry. Numerous alumni have gone on to make an impact in their diverse fields of practice. The Academy has groomed 13 Cultural Medallion recipients, Singapore's highest accolade bestowed to arts practitioners who have made significant impact in the arts and culture, and 14 Young Artist Award winners.

As an advocate of lifelong learning, NAFA is dedicated to developing a greater appreciation for the arts in both children and adults. The School of Young Talents is a pioneer arts school that offers weekend courses in art, music, dance and drama for 4-18-year-olds. For adults, our Centre for Lifelong Education offers enrichment courses and part-time certificate programmes.

With a rich heritage, outstanding track record and an unwavering dedication to the highest standards of education, NAFA remains at the forefront of the development of arts education in Singapore and beyond.