

## Profiles of Top Award Recipients

### **The Ngee Ann Kongsii Gold Medal**

**Sheryka Umay**

*Diploma in Design (Interior and Exhibition)*

#### **Awards and Achievements**

- Recipient of NAFA Talent Development Programme, 2020
- NAFA Scholarship (Diploma), AY20/21
- Dean's List Award, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2
- Dean's List Award, AY18/19 Semester 2
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner, AkzoNobel Colour Award, Young Designer Award, 2020
- Silver Award, Best in F&B Design, Interior Design Confederation Singapore's Spatial Design Awards (SPADE), 2020
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Honorary, Best in Exhibition Design, SIDA Youth Awards, 2020
- Honourable Mention, WFH Design Challenge, mOOOARCH's [ISO]NATION, 2020
- Leader of winning team of Resorts World Sentosa's Halloween Horror Nights Design Challenge 2020



#### **Events, Exhibitions, and Activities**

##### 2021

- NAFA Talent Development Programme Open Call Showcase
- Singapore Interior Design Festival (SIDFest) 2021 'Next Generation' Student Showcase
- NAFA Best of The Best Show

##### 2020

- Participant, Workshop with Prof. Masayo Awe – Straining Ears to Envisage the Future
- Participant, Halogen Foundation Singapore's The Student Leadership Challenge Workshop
- Participant, Archistart's 'Work from Home' Competition
- Participant, A' Interior Design Award Student Competition

- Designer, LeCaine Gems Pop-up Store Design in collaboration with NAFA Talent Development Programme
- Member, Society of Interior Designers Singapore (SIDS) Student Chapter

### 2018

- Participant, NAFA's collaboration with Sookmyung Women's University, Artist-in-Residence Workshop with Prof. Swoo K. Suh

### **About the Award**

The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal is presented each year to the most outstanding diploma graduate at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. The medal recognises the all-round achievements and attributes of the recipient including strong academic performance, discipline, diligence, and leadership qualities, as well as contributions towards the class, Academy and arts community.

The medal is funded by The Ngee Ann Kongsi, a foundation that is actively involved in educational, cultural and welfare activities in Singapore. The award was presented for the first time in 2015.

## **NAFA Chairman Award**

**Michelle Wong Zi Xin**

*Diploma in Fine Art*

### **Awards and Achievements**

- Recipient of the NAFA Talent Development Programme (NTDP), 2020
- Dean's List Award, AY20/21 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2
- NAFA Scholarship (Diploma), NAFA, AY20/21
- Tan Chay Bing Scholarship (Diploma), NAFA, AY19/20
- Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Entry Scholarship (Diploma), NAFA, AY18/19



### **Events, Exhibitions and Activities**

#### 2021

- NAFA Talent Development Programme Open Call Showcase

#### 2020

- *Fears to Dreams* (Group Exhibition), Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
- Internship at Goethe-Institut Singapur (Aug to Nov 2020)
- Student Volunteer, NAFA Open House

#### 2019

- *Work-in-Progress* (Group Exhibition), NAFA
- *Crossing 3 Cities* (Group Exhibition), NAFA
- Moleskine Art Project, NAFA's collaboration with Moleskine – Inspiring Journey in Singapore
- SGH Organ Transplant Project – *Fears to Dreams*, Singapore General Hospital
- Student Representative, Art Students' Seminar with Tang Da Wu – What Students Want in Art Lessons, NAFA

### **About the Award**

The NAFA Chairman Award is presented each year to an exceptional student from amongst the best diploma graduates of each graduating cohort. The award recognises the all-round achievements of the recipient who has excelled academically and distinguished himself/herself in other areas.

The award was presented for the first time in 2015.

# NAFA President Award

**Palaruan Jyanne Von Jagow Lagumen**

*Diploma in Theatre (English Drama)*

## Awards and Achievements

- BenBelle Scholarship (Diploma), AY20/21
- BenBelle Scholarship (Diploma), AY19/20
- Recipient of NAFA Talent Development Programme, 2020
- Dean's List Award, AY20/21 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2
- Dean's List Award, AY18/19 Semester 1 & 2
- Top scorer for:
  - DTH1220 Voice 2 (Exploring Your Voice)
  - DTH1240 Stagecraft 2 (Lighting and Sound)
  - DTH1110 Acting and Contextual Studies 1 (Stanislavski)
  - DTH1210 Acting and Contextual Studies 2 (Working with Text)
  - DTH2240 Interdisciplinary Lab
  - DTH2220 Voice 4 (Mastering Your Voice)
  - DTH2110 Acting and Contextual Studies 3 (Stylised Theatre)
  - DTH2210 Acting and Contextual Studies 4 (Contemporary Practices)
  - DTH3040 Fundamentals of Playwriting
  - DTH3013 Industry Project



## Events, Exhibitions and Activities

- Performed the role of Monkey in *Journey to Nowhere*, NAFA/The Finger Players, 2020
- Performed the role of Ensemble in *Cassettes 100*, National Gallery Singapore, 2019
- Performed the role of Guy A in *W.I.F.: What if English was Literal*, whatif.wif, 2019
- Performed the role of Ensemble in *Merlion Remixed (Merlion Anthology Showcase)*, Lit Up Asia-Pacific, 2018

## About the Award

The NAFA President Award is presented each year to an exceptional student from amongst the best diploma graduates of each graduating cohort.

The award recognises the all-round achievements of the recipient who has excelled academically and distinguished himself/herself in other areas.

The award was presented for the first time in 2006.

# Wu Tsung Kan Book Prize

## Lakanasirorat Thantakorn

*Diploma in Music*

### Awards and Achievements

- NAFA Talent Scholarship, AY20/21
- NAFA Talent Scholarship, AY19/20
- NAFA Talent Scholarship, AY18/19
- Dean's List Award, AY20/21 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2
- Gold Prize, Sugree Charoensook International Music Competition, Bangkok, Thailand, April 2021
- Winner of Strings Category, NAFA Concerto Competition 2021
- Student Representative (Music), AY2018/19



### Select Concert Performances and Projects

- NAFA Best of Best AY2020/2021 Concert (Digital Production), Victoria Concert Hall, April 2021
- Musical Potpourri – A String Recital by NAFA String Studies, Lee Foundation Theatre (Livestreamed), April 2021
- Arts in Your Neighbourhood (AYN) – Birds' Serenade at Pasir Ris by Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra (ACSO) @NACSingapore on Facebook, March 2021
- A Dust in Time by Huang Ruo – A Musical Journey of Reflection & Hope by Re:Mix Ensemble, Huayi Chinese Festival of Arts, Esplanade Concert Hall, February 2021
- Planned and delivered an online music workshop for students at Punggol Primary School, March 2021
- Kedua: Wisma Geylang Serai 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary 2021 with Hai Definition String Quartet, January 2021
- Solo Performance at NAFA Music Platform Recital (Strings), Lee Foundation Theatre, March 2021
- Chamber Music at NAFA Music Platform Recital (Livestreamed), February 2021
- NAFA Orchestra Concert Series – Beethoven's Piano Concerti (Digital Production), October 2020
- Touring Baroque Europe – NAFA Project Strings Concert with Dr. Er Yenn Chwen, September 2020
- Cool Classics 2020 – NAFA Chamber Ensemble, Esplanade, February 2020

- The Philharmonic Orchestra (TPO) New Year's Eve Countdown Concert 2020, Victoria Concert Hall, December 2019
- Sibelius Complete Symphonies II (Symphony No. 2 and 4) with The Philharmonic Orchestra (TPO), October 2019
- Emperors of Music with Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra (Conductor: Michel Tilkin), Thailand Cultural Centre, Main Hall, June 2019
- NAFA Concert Series – From the New World (Conductor: Alexey Vasilyev),, Victoria Concert Hall, April 2019
- A Musical Legacy with NUS Symphony Orchestra (NUSSO), NUS Centre for the Arts, NUS Arts Festival, March 2019
- Esplanade Presents: A Date with Friends – All You Need is Love – A Tribute to The Beatles with SEIRA, Esplanade Concert Hall, March 2019

#### **Volunteer/Service-Learning Experience**

- Participated in NAFA Open House video shooting (Music), 2020
- Volunteer for Music Buddy System, AY2019/2020 and AY2020/2021
- Viola tutor at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kota Kinabalu Music Festival as part of the NAFA Project Strings outreach programme, Sabah, Malaysia, 2 – 6 December 2019
- JPO – NAFA Goodwill Concert with members of Jesselton Philharmonic Orchestra and NAFA Project Strings, Sabah, Malaysia, March 2019
- Viola tutor, outreach project organised by Jesselton Philharmonic Orchestra, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, 25 February – 2 March 2019

**Geronimo Jhorell Terence Palor**

*Diploma in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing*

**Awards and Achievements**

- Dean's List Award, AY20/21 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2
- Class Representative, AY19/20

**Events, Exhibitions and Activities**

2020

- NAFA x STITCH upcycling project in 2020 | Designer | Nominated to participate in the upcycling project in which student re-designed used garments collected from Takashimaya Department Store, Singapore.
- Best Group for FYP Collection in 2020 | The final year project proposed brand "MORPHOSIS" was selected as one of the 3 best groups in the 2020 graduating Fashion Merchandising and Marketing cohort.
- Work showcase for NAFA Open House in 2020 | Year 2 Product development collection titled "Escape" was selected for the NAFA Open House.
- Student Ambassador, NAFA Open House
- Represented the Fashion Studies Programme in the publicity video for NAFA Virtual Open House 2020.



2019

- NAFA x Victoria/RIA Menorca shoe project in 2019 | Artist | Nominated to participate in the shoe painting/customisation event.
- "WhyNot?" Debut fashion show in 2019 | Wardrobe Dresser | Volunteered as a dresser in the debut fashion show at The Substation, which featured NAFA alumni Manfred Lu and Sheree Toh.
- Orientation Leader, NAFA Freshmen Orientation
- User, NAFA Graduation Fashion Show
- Featured in NAFA's Manifesto Video Campaign



## **About the Award**

The Wu Tsung Kan Book Prize is a premier award for all-round excellence. Two awards are presented to exceptional students from amongst the best diploma graduates at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. The recipients are selected based on academic excellence and other outstanding achievements.

Mr Wu Tsung Kan served as Principal of NAFA from 1979 to 1988. He had a long and distinguished career in Singapore's education sector. Among his many significant achievements in NAFA were the introduction of new diploma courses in Music, Dance and Design, a revamp of the curriculum and assessment system, ensuring the building of new campus facilities including an art gallery, and establishing new sources of funding. The Academy grew in national and international stature as a result of Mr Wu's vision and dedication.

The Wu Tsung Kan Book Prize has been made possible by a generous donation from Mr Wu and his family on the occasion of his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on 23 April 2016.

# Embassy of Peru Award

## Kang Joo Soon

*Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Arts Management*

### Awards and Achievements

- Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Scholarship (Degree), AY20/21

### Events and Activities

- Stage Manager, Universal Studios Singapore, 2019 – 2020
- Stage Manager, Resorts World Sentosa – Casino New Year Eve Countdown Party, 2019



### About the Award

The Embassy of Peru Award was first presented in 2006. It is presented to the most outstanding degree graduate at the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. The award recognises the all-round achievements of the recipient who possesses strong academic performance, good attributes including discipline, diligence, and leadership qualities, as well as contributions towards the class, Academy and arts community.

The award is a *Tumi* from Peru. It is made of solid silver. The *Tumi* is one of the symbols of Peru. It has its origin in one of the main cultures in ancient Peru between 1050 – 1476 AD, known as the Chimú Culture. One of the important accomplishments of the Chimú was the establishment of the goldsmith workshops. Among the most famous pieces made were the great ceremonial knives called the *Tumi*. During the ancient times in Peru, it was used as a knife in ceremonies and surgeries. Later on, it evolved into an art object.

Peru is a country where gold, silver and other metals with artistic character are in abundance and so the *Tumi* is symbolic of the art and culture of Peru. In Peru, hanging a *Tumi* on a wall brings good luck.