

PROFILE OF AWARD WINNERS

Best Graduate Award

The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal

Kenenza Michiko Hasan

Diploma in Fine Art

Awards and Achievements

- NAFA Scholarship (Diploma), AY21/22
- Tan Ean Kiam Arts Scholarship (Diploma), AY20/21
- NAFA Talent Development Programme, AY20/21
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY21/22 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY20/21 Semester 1 & 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY19/20 Semester 2



Events, Exhibitions, and Activities

2022

- Participant, *NAFA's Flagship Genius featuring Ayutthaya III Exhibition*

2021

- Curatorial, Research & Exhibitions Intern, National Gallery Singapore (August – November 2021)
- Part-time Art Teaching Assistant, Go Bananas! Art & Craft, Singapore (May -July 2021)
- Participant, *NAFA x White Jacket Project*, in collaboration with White Jacket, Singapore
- Participant, *ONE4 | SOAD Staff Show 2021*, in collaboration with Noor Iskandar, NAFA
- Participant, *CATALYST: Fostering Intersection of Disciplines*, NAFA
- Participant, *Imagining New Futures*, Gillman Barracks, Singapore
- Participant, *A City of Kamu: Archiving Imaginations, Imagining Archives*, NAFA
- Participant, *NAFA's Flagship Genius featuring Ayutthaya II Exhibition*, NAFA

2020

- Arts and Culture Director, LASKAR (Indonesian Students' Association), NAFA, Singapore (May 2020-May2021)
- Participant, *Share The Moments Marina Bay Sands Countdown 2021*, Animated Light Projection Workshop, Singapore
- *Laskar Pelangi: Senandika Exhibition*, NAFA, Singapore

2019

- Marketing Designer Intern, Central International Education, Jakarta, Indonesia (May-Jul 2019)

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.

Embassy of Peru Award

Tan Yun Qu

Bachelor of Music (Honours)

Awards and Achievements

- OCBC Local Undergraduate Scholarship, AY2021/2022
- OCBC Local Undergraduate Scholarship, AY2020/2021

Events, Exhibitions, and Activities

2022

- Solo Saxophone Concerto, *NAFA X RCM 10th Anniversary Celebration Concert*, Victoria Concert Hall

2021

- Saxophone Quartet, *Cool Classics*, Esplanade Concourse

2020

- Solo Saxophone and Saxophone Quartet, *NAFA-Kris Foundation Fund Concerto Competition 2020 Finalists' Showcase*, Esplanade Recital Studio

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.



NAFA Chairman Award

Rane Aleesha Abhijeet

Diploma in Screen Media

Awards and Achievements

- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY20/21 Semester 1 & 2
- NAFA Talent Development Programme, 2020
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2

Events, Exhibitions, and Activities

2018 – Present

- Freelance Photographer

2022

- Student Ambassador, *NAFA Open House 2022*
- Director and Videographer, *Through Nature: A BBB Edition - Mini-Documentary*, National Heritage Board, Singapore
- Director, Gameshow 'Silent Bar' for Upfront TV Singapore YouTube Channel

2021

- Editor and Sound Designer, *Calling Ashleigh*, Sponsored by Viddsee
- Social Media Content Producer, National Parks Board, Singapore
- Photographer, *Singapore Night Festival 2021* in collaboration with NAFA, National Museum of Singapore and National University of Singapore's Industrial Design
- Director, *NAFA Campus Tour Video*
- Student Helper, NAFA Open House 2021

2020

- Video Editor for Sustain and Save (NGO)
- Student Helper, *NAFA Open House 2020*

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

Ng Ho Wei, Vareck

Diploma in Music Teaching

Awards and Achievements

- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY21/22 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY20/21 Semester 1 & 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY19/20 Semester 2
- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO), Long Service Award (5 years), 2022



Events, Exhibitions, and Activities (Percussionist)

2022

- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) Percussion Ensemble Plays John Cage, with Lim Meng Keh (conductor), at Victoria Concert Hall
- Year 3 Diploma Recital, with Vareck Ng (soloist), at Lee Foundation Theatre
- NAFA Percussion Ensemble Concert Series: The Whole Toy Laid Down, with Mark Suter (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre
- NAFA Concert Series: A Glorious Day (Wind Orchestra), with Joost Flach (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre
- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) Light to Night Festival 2022: Percussion Extravaganza, with Lim Meng Keh (conductor), at Victoria Concert Hall
- NAFA Music Platform: Percussion 2022, with Mark Suter (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre

2021

- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) Percussion Ensemble Concert, with Lim Meng Keh (conductor), at National Gallery Singapore
- NAFA Percussion Ensemble Concert Series: Metamorphosis, with Mark Suter (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre
- NAFA Music Platform: Percussion 2021, with Mark Suter (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre
- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) Light to Night Festival 2021: Percussion Ensemble, with Lim Meng Keh (conductor), at Victoria Concert Hall
- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) Light to Night Festival 2020: Sonic Journeys, with Lim Meng Keh (conductor), at Victoria Concert Hall

2019

- The Philharmonic Orchestra (TPO) New Year's Eve Countdown Concert 2020, with Lim Yau, Lin Juan (conductors), at Victoria Concert Hall
- SNYS and SSCC-TW Presentation Concert 'Come to the Music', with Lin Juan (conductor), at Victoria Concert Hall
- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) Percussion Ensemble at Blangah Rise Primary School, with Lim Meng Keh (conductor), at Blangah Rise Primary School
- Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) School Concert, with Lin Juan

- (conductor), at Dazhong Primary School
- NAFA Concert Series: Expeditions (Wind Orchestra), with Joost Flach (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre
 - NAFA Convocation Ceremony 2019 (Orchestra), with Lim Yau (conductor), at Lee Foundation Theatre

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.

NAFA Outstanding Achievement Award

Wee Yun Lin Tricia

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Arts Management

Awards and Achievements

- NAFA Entry Scholarship (Degree), AY2021/2022
- Best Graduate for Diploma in Arts Management, NAFA, 2021

Events, Exhibitions, and Activities

2021 - Present

- Youth Panelist, National Heritage Board (NHB), Youth Panel for Heritage Institutions
- Technical Support, Temasek Foundation x NAFA, STEP Sunburst Youth Camp, 2021
- Artist, NAFA Special Projects Unit, Catalyst: Fostering Intersection of Disciplines Exhibition
- Mentee, Young Women's Leadership Connection (YWLC) Pay-It-Forward Mentorship Programme, 2021
- Secretariat, NUS Political Science Society, Singapore Model United Nations 2020 and 2021
- Festival Programmer (Industry Project Partner), The Esplanade Co. Ltd., March On Festival 2021
- Gallery Sitter, STPI - Creative Workshop & Gallery, S.E.A. Focus Art Fair 2021



About the Award

The NAFA Outstanding Achievement Award is a premier award for all-round excellence. It is presented to an exceptional student from amongst the best graduates of each graduating cohort who has excelled academically and distinguished himself/herself in other arenas.

The award was presented for the first time in 2015.

Wu Tsung Kan Book Prize

Raina Hanna Widjaya

Diploma in Design (Object and Jewellery)

Awards and Achievements

- Best Studentship Award (Student of the Year), The Grad Expectations 2022, NAFA, Singapore
- NAFA Merit Award, AY21/22
- Dean's List Award, AY20/21 Semester 1 & 2
- Dean's List Award, AY19/20 Semester 1
- NAFA Talent Development Programme, NAFA, 2019-2022
- Top 5 Designing Sustainability Through Arts, Daiohs, 2022
- 1st Winner Pearl FALCO's 4th Annual Grand Prix Akoya Pearl, 2022



Events, Exhibitions, and Activities

2022

- *Peel Here*, a research project led by Atelier HOKO. Exhibition to be held at Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore in October 2022
- Masterclass by Cultural Medallion, Chong Fah Cheong
- Participant, The Grad Expectations 2022 Showcase, The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gallery, NAFA

2021

- Participant, *after2*, NAFA
- Participant, *NAFA's Flagship Genius featuring Ayutthaya II Exhibition*
- Participant, FurnitureOrigins Workshop
- Participant, IKEA Southeast Asia's Young Designer Award
- Participant, Crowbar Awards 2021
- Participant, Singapore Creator Awards

2020

- Participant, *In-Process*, NAFA's collaboration with National Heritage Board

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Wu Tsung Kan Book Prize

Muhammad Amirul Mukminin Bin Abdullah

Diploma in Theatre (English Drama)

Awards and Achievements

- The Ngee Ann Kongsii Talent Scholarship (Diploma), AY21/22
- The Ngee Ann Kongsii Talent Scholarship (Diploma), AY20/21
- The Ngee Ann Kongsii Talent Scholarship (Diploma), AY19/20
- NAFA Talent Development Programme
- Mendaki Youth Promise Award Finalist, 2020
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY21/22 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY20/21 Semester 1 & 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY19/20 Semester 1 & 2
- Top scorer AY20/21 for:
 - DTH2110 Acting and Contextual Studies 3 (Stylised Theatre)
 - DTH1220 Voice 2 (Exploring Your Voice)
 - DTH1210 Acting and Contextual Studies 2 (Working with Text)
 - DTH2210 Acting and Contextual Studies 4 (Contemporary Practices)
 - DTH2220 Voice 4 (Mastering Your Voice)
 - DTH2000 Professional Development Roadmap 2
 - DTH2130 Movement 3 (Ensemble and Chorus)
- Top scorer AY19/20 for:
 - DTH1000 Professional Development Roadmap 1
 - DTH1110 Acting and Contextual Studies 1 (Stanislavski)
 - DTH1140 Stagecraft 1 (Production Planning and Stage Management)
 - DTH1240 Stagecraft 2 (Lighting and Sound)
 - DTH1220 Voice 2 (Exploring Your Voice)
 - DTH1210 Acting and Contextual Studies 2 (Working with Text)



Events, Exhibitions, and Activities

2022

- Writer, Director and Performer, *Kehilangan Tak Ditermia* as part of the Special Projects Unit exhibition.
- Performer, *Marantau Baliak ka Alam: A Randai performance* by the Kaum Collective choreographed by Dr Muhammad Noramin Bin Mohamed Farid.

2021

- Performer, **ANGKAT: A Definitive, Alternative, Reclaimed Narrative of a Native as part of the ReadFest festival**
- Performer, *(I)solate* with Teater Ekamatra, NAFA

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NAFA Distinguished Alumni Medal

Max Tan

MAX.TAN, Founder and Fashion Designer

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fashion, 2020

Diploma in Fashion Design, 2006



Internationally acclaimed fashion designer Max Tan has achieved commercial success with his label, MAX.TAN. Tan graduated top of his cohort from NAFA's Diploma in Fashion Design in 2006 and has since become a global brand with collections featured in Vogue Paris and Vogue Italia.

Tan's numerous accomplishments is a testament to his talent. Most recently, he was awarded the NAFA Entry Scholarship (Degree) in 2019 where he enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fashion course and was selected as 'Best Graduate' in his cohort.

Tan first catapulted onto the world stage at *Singapore Fashion Week* in 2007 and went on to place as runner-up at *Singapore Fashion Designers Contest* later that year. Following this success, MAX.TAN was the first Asian label to showcase in prestigious *Modelfabriek* (Amsterdam) and subsequently won second place at the *China Fashion Creation Contest 2010*.

With more than a decade of design prowess under his belt, Tan continues to evolve and take his brand to greater heights, with his label now represented by Boon showroom in Paris. Adding to a running thread of career milestones, Tan was commissioned by *Singapore International Festival of Arts* to present a conceptual fashion show, on top of conceiving the costumes for the entire theatre production.

Tan continues to nurture the next generation of young talents as a part-time lecturer at NAFA, with an active involvement in NAFA's *Scholars Give Back Series* in 2021 and 2022.

About the Award

The medal is conferred to outstanding NAFA alumni who have contributed to excellence in the arts and design as well as the development of the arts scene in Singapore. This award is to accord them further recognition for their achievements.

The medal was presented for the first time in 2009.
