BACKGROUND INFORMATION

About Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)

Established in 1938, the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) is Singapore's pioneer arts institution. The academy is known for its rigorous practice-led curriculum which embraces contemporary practice anchored on the rich heritage of Southeast Asia. NAFA is part of the new University of the Arts Singapore (UAS) which will open its doors for its first degree intake in 2024.

NAFA has nurtured 13 recipients of the Cultural Medallion—Singapore's highest accolade bestowed on art practitioners who have significantly impacted arts and culture. Another 14 alumni have been presented the Young Artist Award. Many of the academy's alumni have gone on to make their mark in the professional arts scene in Singapore and abroad.

The academy offers full-time diploma and degree programmes across three schools: the School of Art and Design comprising 3D Design, Design & Media, Fashion Studies and Fine Art programmes, the School of Music and the School of Arts Management, Dance and Theatre. Diploma courses are aligned with the degree courses offered in partnership with the Royal College of Music, London and University of the Arts London.