

## **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 and high-quality curriculum, innovative and practitioners-led teaching approach, diverse artistic creations and community outreach. NAFA is a founding member of the new University of the Arts Singapore (UAS). Supported by the government, UAS 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 15 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 faculties: Faculty of Art & Design comprising the School of Fine Art, School of 3D Design, School of Design & Media, as well as the School of Fashion Studies; Faculty of Performing Arts comprising School of Dance, School of Music, and School of Theatre; Faculty of Interdisciplinary Practices comprising School of Arts Management and School of Interdisciplinary Arts. Diploma courses are aligned with the degree courses offered in partnership with the Royal College of Music, London and University of the Arts London.

## Brand Manifesto

It takes a special kind of institution to withstand the test of time.

To spearhead a creative movement that is defining Southeast Asia.

To inspire a generation of artists and the generations to come.

To transform a young nation into a beacon for the arts.

At NAFA, we believe that it all starts with a leap of faith.

Following a passion, even when it leads you out of your comfort zone.

Challenging the status quo, even if it means charting a new path.

Standing by what you believe in, even in the face of adversity.

Pioneering a new era of growth, even after decades of tradition.

This unwavering NAFA spirit has kept us going for over 80 years and continues to guide  
our tomorrow.

It has nurtured a humble art school into the leading institution it is today.

Where our educators have the courage to create new perspectives for their students, but  
also for themselves.

Where our students build the courage to create new breakthroughs, but also new  
connections.

Where anyone that journeys with us has the courage to create their mark on the arts, but  
also on the world.

Because that's what it takes. It takes courage to create.

**NAFA. COURAGE TO CREATE.**