

SCHOOL OF THEATRE

STAGE YOUR BEST FUTURE

WHY THEATRE?

In keeping with the NAFA spirit of creativity, exploration and resilience, the Faculty of Performing Arts, School of Theatre, continues the strong legacy of our founders, constantly challenging and supporting our students and staff to reach new frontiers in our practice. Through practice-led and industry-focused training, you will leave our halls with unparalleled aptitude, attitude and performing experience to take centre-stage in the fast-evolving performing arts landscape.

Be a True Theatre Master

Gain comprehensive training in acting, content creation, and versatile performance, essential for both on-stage and off-stage roles, fostering mastery and adaptability in this multi-disciplinary, collaborative industry.

Explore Your Passions and Realise Your Talents

Explore various performance and non-performance roles, such as acting, directing, writing, or stage management, to discover your passion through diverse stagecraft, teaching, learning, electives, and industry projects.

Take the Next Step in the Theatre Industry

Graduates are prepared to dive into professional theatre work and take the industry by storm, or choose to further their learning journey with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Contemporary Chinese Theatres or a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making.





Emergency Stairs x NAFA: Offending the Audience
 Director: Ang Gey Pin
 Diploma in Theatre (English Drama students)
 Photo Credit: Memphis West Pictures/Joe Nair

INTERNSHIP & INDUSTRY COLLABORATIONS

Across distinctive industry collaborations, our students have collaborated with esteemed organisations such as Nine Years Theatre, Toy Factory Productions, and The Finger Players. With an industry-led approach, you will gain critical skill sets that prime you for the theatre industry.

These are not conventional industry touchpoints but are your stepping stones to a rich professional network. Stand on stages graced by industry giants and captivate audiences at renowned local and international festivals. Our students consistently secure

coveted spots, showcasing their talent and hard work. For a global perspective, embark on an overseas immersion to the Indonesian Institute of the Arts Yogyakarta, an experience curated to expand your artistic horizons.

Progressing to the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making programme, unique opportunities await you such as the M1 Singapore Fringe Festival industry project.



STUDENT LIFE

Dive into the NAFA life—where learning meets fun!

At NAFA, student life is an invigorating blend of learning, self-expression and fun. From the NAFA Makers' Market to International Student's Night, our lively calendar keeps your campus life engaging and exciting. Join student-led clubs, such as the Basketball Club and K-Pop Dance Club to bond with like-minded peers and network within the creative student community. Through our Student Leader Training Camp, you will gain leadership skills and become role models within our community.

OVERSEAS ENGAGEMENT

Immerse in enriching experiences with our international collaborative projects and activities. These include exposure to Southeast Asian cultures and art forms like Javanese Dance, Karawitan, Ketoprak, and Wayang Kulit.

As a second-year Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making student, you will spend five to seven weeks at the University of the Arts London on an international placement to study with global practitioners and experts in performing arts. During your stay in London, you will be exposed to the cultural richness of the city while gaining new insights into the realms of art and design at an international level.

CAREER PATHWAYS

NAFA's Theatre programmes prepare you for dynamic careers in the world of performing arts. Further broaden your possibilities with our Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making or Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Contemporary Chinese Theatres.

Careers for Diploma & Degree graduates:

Actor/Actress
 Applied Theatre Practitioner
 Artistic Director
 Arts Journalist
 Drama Teacher/Educator
 Drama Therapist
 Film/TV Writer
 Playwright
 Production Manager/Assistant
 Theatre Administrator
 Theatre Critic
 Theatre Director
 Stage Manager

Careers in the following industries & areas:

Community & Outreach
 Culture & Heritage
 Education & Academia
 Events & Entertainment
 Film & Television Production
 Literary Agencies & Publishing
 Non-profits & Charities
 Theatre & Performing Arts
 Theatre Journalism & Media Outlets
 Rehabilitation & Wellness (using drama therapy)

Careers for BA (Hons)

Performance Making graduates:

Actor/Actress
 Choreographer
 Dancer
 Dance/Drama Teacher
 Director
 Dramaturg
 Performing Artist
 Performance Maker
 Playwright
 Production Manager/Assistant

Lord of the Flies 蝇王
Director: Timothy Wan
Diploma in Theatre (Mandarin Drama) students
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STUDENT VOICES



Zhuang Chuhang
Alumnus
Diploma in Theatre (Mandarin Drama)

NAFA has brought me three profound transformations: clarifying the actor's identity in the first year, inspiring new thoughts on performing in the second, and deepening my understanding of this art form in the third. Each year provided me with opportunities to grow in an environment that was both open and safe, yet also rich with challenges.

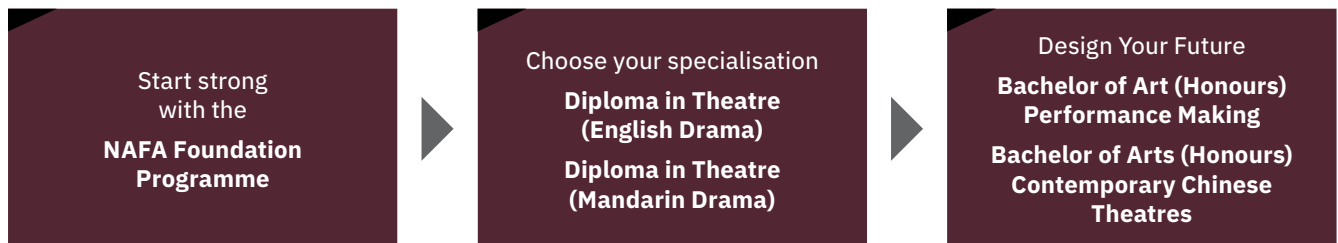


Siti Nur Syhadah Binte Ali
Alumna
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Performance Making

At NAFA, I was given the platform to pursue what I love without being judged or discriminated against. Through the arts, I found my own sense of identity, and that's something I hope everyone can get; the opportunity and environment to be you and be challenged to find the best version of yourself.

EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Begin your transformative journey at NAFA's School of Theatre.



NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP INTO THE ARTS WITH NAFA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Designed as a bridge for Secondary 4 Normal (Academic) students, the NFP readies you for successful completion of a diploma course.

PRACTICE-BASED LEARNING

Dive into a hands-on learning experience tailored to let you acquire and apply essential foundational skills in your chosen artistic field.

SKILLS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION

Build a robust foundation of the arts, research techniques and language and communication abilities. Equip yourself with the crucial academic skill sets that pave the way for successful tertiary education.

FOUNDATIONAL DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC SKILL SETS

Through elective modules spanning visual and performing arts as well as arts management, refine and develop skills in your area of interest.

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The Fall
Director: Isabella Chiam
Diploma in Theatre (English Drama) students
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DIPLOMA IN THEATRE (ENGLISH DRAMA) THEATRE (MANDARIN DRAMA)

Become a well-rounded theatre practitioner with our three-year Diploma in Theatre (English Drama) programme. Taught by an international faculty, you will learn a wide range of leading theatre practices. Through a comprehensive foundation in acting, contextual studies, movement, voice, and stagecraft, you will develop your creative voice to lead the vibrant world of theatre.

The Diploma in Theatre (Mandarin Drama) is Singapore's only Mandarin focused Theatre programme that prepares students for a career in both Mandarin and non-mandarin speaking career in the performance industry.

Emerge as an All-Around Theatre Expert: Master the history and contexts of major international theatre styles, conventions, and practices. Acquire the technical, management and design skills essential to craft captivating theatre performances and prepare to excel in drama teaching.

Learn to Work Collaboratively and Strategically in the Arts Industry: Engage in Interdisciplinary Practice and Industry-based Learning modules to collaborate with artists from other disciplines on various theatre-related projects and real-world industry productions, effectively building your professional network.

Acquire Valuable Transferable Skills: Seize opportunities to create content and perform in a wide variety of theatre contexts and styles, driven by an interdisciplinary practice that makes your skills applicable across the arts and cultural industries.

Find out more
(English Drama)



Find out more
(Mandarin Drama)



Lord of the Flies 蝇王
Director: Timothy Wan
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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) PERFORMANCE MAKING

Lead as a performance maker of your time with our three-year BA (Hons) Performance Making programme. Validated by the renowned University of the Arts London, this degree exposes you to interdisciplinarity as you collaborate on original works, embrace digital technologies and connect with industry professionals.

Practice-led and Discipline-specific Training: Gain technical and artistic proficiency in Dance or Theatre that helps you forge a unique personal performance identity, enhance content creation skill sets, and realise original performance projects.

Significant Connections with Industry: You will collaborate with industry experts to hone skills through diverse activities, including a professional-standard public production.

Strong Focus on Interdisciplinary Learning: Engage and examine interdisciplinary forms and processes and gain valuable opportunities to practise and apply interdisciplinarity in original group-devised works in Year 3.

Leverage Our Unique Location for Multicultural Perspectives: Immerse in Singapore's vibrant arts scene right at the heart of the civic district. Cultivate regional and global awareness through cultural experiences, exploring Southeast Asian traditions to contemporary performances.

Reap the Benefits of an Unprecedented UAL-NAFA partnership: Validated by the top-ranked art and design University of the Arts London, the programme will include a five-week international placement in London. Look forward to an enriching academic experience, gaining fresh perspectives from the very best international practitioners and experts.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) CONTEMPORARY CHINESE THEATRES

The three-year BA (Hons) Contemporary Chinese Theatres programme will be the first bachelor's programme in Asia to produce versatile thespians with cultural and artistic awareness in the understanding of the history, cultures, and languages of modern-day Chinese theatres. You will gain an excellent balance of theoretical and practical training and create compelling original works that respond empathically and professionally to current industry demands in Chinese theatre.

Immerse In Cultural Diversity: Explore Chinese theatrical practices, from classical traditions to contemporary expressions. Unpack complex layers of Chineseness in today's Sinosphere while considering inter-Asian and transregional influences for a profound cultural awareness.

Emerge as a Versatile Theatre Practitioner: Acquire theoretical knowledge, practical skills and research capabilities essential for diverse professional roles within Singapore and the Southeast Asian region, ranging from creative and technical positions to administrative or policy-related capacities.

Develop a Nuanced Appreciation for Cultural Sensitivity: Recognise the multicultural and multilingual specificities of the Singapore context and the Southeast Asian dimension to produce work attuned to the sensitivities of Chinese cultures through hands-on theatre practice.

COMMON CURRICULUM

The BA (Hons) Contemporary Chinese Theatres programme at NAFA focuses on specialised learning in a wide range of arts and design disciplines. At the same time, these programmes are complemented by the Common Curriculum, bringing together LASALLE and NAFA students in joint classes for the IN-depth module and the Career Skills module. These two components of the Common Curriculum, together with the Industry-based Learning module, are non-credit bearing graduation requirements for this programme.

- The IN-depth module develops interpretive and narrative skills, broadens interdisciplinary perspectives, and fosters collaborative skills, all while nurturing a deeper understanding of today's complex world.
- The Career Skills module provides the essential soft and hard skills needed to navigate the professional world, from personal branding to effective communication.
- The Industry-based Learning module offers real-world experience, enabling the application of skills in a practical setting and to make industry connections.

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SCHOLARSHIPS, FINANCIAL AID AND AWARD SCHEMES

Discover a multitude of financial schemes designed to support your fee payment and study expenses at NAFA.

GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SCHEMES

TUITION GRANT SCHEME

Permanent Residents (diploma and degree) and international students (diploma only) may apply to help with the cost of their tuition fees. Grants awarded are based on merit. Eligible Singaporean Citizens are automatically awarded the grant for their first MOE-funded Diploma or Degree programme.

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Malay Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for the education subsidy from Yayasan Mendaki to fund their tuition fees at NAFA.

CPF EDUCATION LOAN SCHEME

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for a loan from their own or a parent's CPF savings account for MOE-funded NAFA programmes.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHEME

Eligible students with sufficient funds in their or sibling's Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) can use them to fund tuition fees or related study expenses at NAFA.

SKILLSFUTURE CREDIT

Singapore Citizens over 25 years of age can apply to use their SkillsFuture credits to fund eligible programmes at NAFA.

SKILLSFUTURE MID-CAREER ENHANCED SUBSIDY

Singapore Citizens over 40 years of age can apply to pursue their first MOE-funded diploma or degree programme.

HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY & HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY BURSARY

Singapore Citizens from the low to middle-income families can apply to receive a bursary from the Ministry of Education to fund their studies at NAFA.

DIPLOMA FOUNDATION PROGRAMME BURSARY

Singapore Citizens pursuing the NAFA Foundation Programme can apply for additional help with tuition fees.

GOVERNMENT LOAN SCHEMES

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents may apply for the Tuition Fee Loan (TFL) to fund their tuition fees. Applicants who met PCI income criteria and have fully exhausted the TFL quantum may apply for a Study Loan to fund their remaining unpaid tuition fees plus annual living allowance.

FINANCIAL AID SCHEMES

NAFA-KWAN IM THONG HOOD CHO TEMPLE STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Students from families facing unexpected financial crises can receive partial support for programme fee and study expenses.

NAFA STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIP SCHEME

Students may work on campus for extra pocket money to fund necessary education expenses.

NAFA STUDENT NOTEBOOK SUBSIDY SCHEME

Students from lower-income households can apply when purchasing a personal notebook for their programmes.

NAFA OVERSEAS PROGRAMME TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Students on NAFA-approved overseas programmes or study trips can apply.

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT TRAVEL GRANT

Degree students who have acquired international placements through NAFA and our partner universities can defray expenses with this grant.

EXTERNAL STUDY LOANS

Students may apply for loans from private financial institutions, banks to fund your education at NAFA.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AWARD SCHEMES

NAFA IN-HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS, MERIT AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Diploma and degree students with outstanding academic results and an excellent track record of achievements in related arts and creative industries may apply for the Scholarships and Merit Awards. Bursaries are available for students who require financial assistance based on household income.

DARE TO DREAM SCHOLARSHIP

Medically certified special needs students with limited financial resources can apply to receive support for their studies at NAFA.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES AND STUDY LOANS

Students may apply to external organisations for awards and financial schemes, as well as study loans from private financial institutions which are available all year round.

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