

## PROFILE OF AWARD WINNERS

### The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal (Degree)

#### Lee Wen Xiang

Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Instrumental & Vocal Teaching

#### Awards and Achievements

- NAFA Scholarship (Degree), AY2022/2023
- NAFA Entry Scholarship (Degree), AY2021/2022
- NAFA Talent Development Programme, AY2021/2022 to AY2022/2023

#### Selected Concerts and Performances

##### 2023:

- Flautist, University of the Arts Singapore Symposium Opening Performance with the NAFA Gamelan Ensemble, The Singapore Airlines Theatre
- Conductor, Catholic Junior College Symphonic Band for the Singapore Youth Festival 2023 Arts Presentation, Singapore Conference Hall
- Performed with Orchestra V (Vocalise) for the Candlelight Concerts by Fever, A Tribute to Joe Hisaishi, an event for OCBC, Victoria Theatre

##### 2022:

- Section Flute and Section Leader, Band Directors' Association (Singapore) Band Performance Festival Winds 2022 Honour Band Concert, Esplanade Concert Hall
- NAFA Concert Series: Conflict and Conciliation, directed by Joost Flach, performed with NAFA Wind Orchestra, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre
- 8<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Band Festival 2022 in collaboration with NAFA School of Music: Instrumental Workshop Clinician for Flute
- Conductor, Yuhua Primary School Angklung & Kulintang Ensemble for the Singapore Youth Festival 2022 Arts Presentation, School of the Arts, Singapore, Concert Hall
- Composed an original work *Flame Shadow* for Singapore Youth Festival 2022 Arts Presentation for Yuhua Primary School Angklung & Kulintang Ensemble
- NAFA Concert Series: A Glorious Day, directed by Joost Flach, performed with NAFA Wind Ensemble and Flute Ensemble, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre
- NAFA Music Platform: Flute Ensemble, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre

#### Service to the Community

- Student Representative, NAFA AY2021/2022 and AY2022/2023
- Member, National Instructors and Coaches Association
- Member, Band Directors' Association (Singapore)
- Conductor, Singapore Polytechnic Alumni Band
- *A Flutey Affair* (Flute Ensemble)
- Representative, Flute Section, Singapore Wind Symphony



### **About the Award**

The Ngee Ann Kongsı Gold Medal is presented each year to the most outstanding degree 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 Kongsı, a foundation that is actively involved in educational, cultural and welfare activities in Singapore. The award was presented for the first time in 2023.

## Embassy of Peru Award

### Manmohan Agastya

#### Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice

##### Awards and Achievements

- NAFA Scholarship (Degree), AY2022/2023
- NAFA Entry Scholarship (Degree), AY2021/2022
- 7<sup>th</sup> place internationally in Young Glory, 2021-2022  
Awards in the various rounds:
  - Round 6 - Gold
  - Round 6 - Finalist
  - Round 7 – Bronze
- Participant, D&AD New Blood 2020 Award
- Participant, Crowbar Challenge 2021

##### Events & Activities

- Key-coordinator and supporter for Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice, *The Grad Expectations 2023*, NAFA
- Freelance Graphic Designer, AMC Asia
- Graphic Intern, AMC Asia
- Graphic Intern, ALPS Creation Singapore
- Designer (Brand Identity), *NAFA: SOAD Staff Show 2023*
- *TEDx BOLDLY 2021* exhibition, featuring *Burger King* packaging design

##### 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.



# The Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal (Diploma)

## Ang Zhi Yan

### Diploma in Fine Art

#### Awards and achievements

- Tan Ean Kiam Arts Scholarship (Diploma) AY2022/2023
- Loh Jian Hao Scholarship (Diploma) AY2021/2022
- Tan Chay Bing Entry Scholarship AY2020/2021
- NAFA Talent Development Programme AY2021/2022
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2022/2023 Semester 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2021/2022 Semester 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2020/2021 Semester 1

#### Events, exhibitions and activities

##### 2023:

- Student Lead Curator, *The Grad Expectations 2023*, NAFA

##### 2022:

- Curator, *LOL - We're all Pieces of Gum* exhibition. A *Realise Your Somerset Project* initiative by Somerset Belt, \*SCAPE
- Intern, Curatorial and Programmes, National Museum of Singapore
- Team Assistant, *LELONG LELONG* fundraiser by Independent Archive, Singapore
- Conducted live demonstrations of linocut printing with Independent Archive for *Lelong Lelong*, a fundraising art event
- Printmaking Assistant, 3Pumpkins Singapore, Tak Takut Kids Club
- Production of merchandise, *This is what I eat at Home* exhibition, The Esplanade, Singapore
- Temporary Programme Officer, *Children's Season 2022*, National Museum of Singapore

#### 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

### Koh Yu Jie

#### Diploma in Music

##### Awards and Achievements

- Tan Chay Bing Scholarship (Diploma), AY2022/2023
- Tan Chay Bing Scholarship (Diploma), AY2021/2022
- Tan Chay Bing Entry Scholarship (Diploma), AY2020/2021
- NAFA Talent Development Programme, AY2021/2022
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2022/2023 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2021/2022 Semester 2

##### Competitions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Erhu Solo Senior category, Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2020
- Silver Award, Ensemble (Professional) category, Nanyang International Music Competition 2021
- Silver Award, Senior category, Erhu Solo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunhuang Cup: Singapore International Erhu Competition 2022
- Gold Award, Ensemble (Professional) category, Nanyang International Music Competition 2022
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, Erhu Solo Senior category, Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2022
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Ensemble category, Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2022

##### Highlights of Concerts and Performances

###### 2023:

- SNYCO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert, Legacy, SCO Concert Hall, Conductor: Moses Gay En Hui and Quek Ling Kiong
- *NAFA Hui Chun 2023 庆 Celebration Exhibition*, NAFA Lim Hak Tai Gallery
- Chengzhu Chinese Cultural Evening 2023, Chengzhu Mandarin Centre
- Concert Series: NAFA Chinese Concerto Competition Prize Winners' Concert 2023, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre, conducted by Quek Ling Kiong
- SCO-NAFA Campus Rhapsody 2023, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre, conducted Quek Ling Kiong

###### 2022:

- SCO-NAFA MOU Signing Ceremony & Concert 2022, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre
- SNYCO Annual Concert Tunes of Tomorrow 2022, SCO Concert Hall, Singapore Conference Hall, conducted by Quek Ling Kiong
- Melodies of the Moon Concert 2022, The Esplanade Concourse, organised by The Esplanade, Singapore
- Email and Eternity Concert, Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre Auditorium, organised by Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, conducted by Belinda Foo
- Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2022 Prize Winners' Concert, Singapore Conference Hall



### 2021:

- Nanyin and Music Composition 2021, a collaboration between NAFA and Siong Leng Musical Association, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre
- Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra Annual Concert Hits of Past, Classics of Present, 2021  
SCO Concert Hall, Singapore Conference Hall, conducted by Quek Ling Kiong
- SCO-NAFA Campus Rhapsody 2021, Singapore Conference Hall, conducted by Quek Ling Kiong
- SNYCO x \*SCAPE Collaborative Project Live! LAB = Dance x Music 2021. Broadcast online on YouTube, filmed at SCO Concert Hall, organised by Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra, \*SCAPE

### 2020:

- SCO-NAFA Campus Rhapsody 2020. Broadcast online on YouTube, filmed at NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre and SCO Concert Hall, conducted by Quek Ling Kiong
- Concert Series, 'Pin' Pipa Ensemble Concert, 2020. Broadcast online on YouTube, filmed at NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre

## **Service to the Community**

### NAFA

- Concertmaster and bowed strings section leader of NAFA Chinese Ensemble/Orchestra (Diploma in Music, Year 1 to 3)
- Student Representative, Diploma in Music, Year 1 to 3

### Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra (SNYCO)

- Co-concertmaster of the orchestra since Aug 2019
- Selected to perform as a concerto soloist
- Double Huqin Concerto 《楚颂》, accompanied by SNYCO, 2022
- Erhu Concerto 《西秦王爷》, accompanied by SCO, 2023

## **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

## Celine Wirahady

### Diploma in Design (Object and Jewellery)

#### Awards and achievements

- NAFA Scholarship (Diploma), AY2022/2023
- NAFA Merit Award (Diploma), AY2021/2022
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2022/2023 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2021/2022 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2020/2021 Semester 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2020/2021 Semester 1
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up, *IKEA Young Designer Award 2021*, Singapore

#### Events, exhibitions and activities

##### 2023:

- Exhibitor, *Play and Participate in Design* exhibition, Studio Chong
- Stage and Set Designer, Gelar Budaya's 2023, musical theatre production
- Student Helper, NAFA Open House 2023

##### 2022:

- Student Ambassador, NAFA Open House 2022
- Exhibitor, *Laskar Pelangi 2022: Knock the Propaganda* exhibition, NAFA

##### 2021:

- Participant, Falco Akoya Pearl Grand Prix 2021, Pearl FALCO
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, NAFA x SUSS Entrepreneurship Bootcamp 2021

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, NAFA x WHYINNOVATION Entrepreneurship Bootcamp 2020
- Stage and Set Designer, Sainou Space's *The Sainou Story: Into the Forest*, theatre production

#### 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

## Quek Yu Tong (Guo Yutong)

### Diploma in Fashion Design

#### Awards and achievements

- NAFA Entry Merit Award (Diploma), AY2020/2021
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2022/2023 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2021/2022 Semester 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2021/2022 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2020/2021 Semester 2
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, Luzerne x NAFA Tableware Decal Competition, 2021

#### Events, exhibitions and activities

##### 2022:

- Designer, *NAFA x BINhouse Fashioning Batik* exhibition, Asian Civilisations Museum
- Dresser, NAFA Fashion Studies Showcase 2022
- Student Ambassador, NAFA Open House 2022

##### 2021:

- Designer (Textile Bag Design Display), *Flagship Genius Featuring Ayutthaya III* exhibition, NAFA
- Student Representative, Diploma in Fashion Design, NAFA AY2020/2021

#### 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.





# Wu Tsung Kan Book Prize

## Shannen Sutanto

### Diploma in Graphic Communication

#### Awards and achievements

- Tan Chay Bing Scholarship (Diploma), AY2022/2023
- Tan Ean Kiam Arts Scholarship (Diploma), AY2021/2022
- Tan Chay Bing Scholarship (Diploma), AY2020/2021
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2022/2023 Semester 1
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2021/2022 Semester 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2020/2021 Semester 2
- Dean's List Award, NAFA, AY2020/2021 Semester 1
- First Place, Share the Moment Illustration Competition, City of Good, Marina Bay Countdown 2022, Singapore

#### Events, exhibitions and activities

##### 2023:

- Branding Team, *The Grad Expectations 2023*, NAFA
- Freelance Junior Graphic Designer, Creative For More

##### 2022:

- Creative Intern, Creative For More
- Freelance Social Media Creator, Rang Mahal Restaurant
- Motion Graphic Designer and Makeup Artist, Mekar Renjana Dance Project, Laskar x Mural, Indonesian Embassy Singapore
- Illustrator and Instagram Live Co-Host, NAFA Open House 2022

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## **NAFA Distinguished Alumni Medal**

### **Isyana Sarasvati**

Bachelor of Music (Honours), 2015

Diploma in Music Performance, 2013

Isyana Sarasvati is one of the most influential Indonesian female musicians of her generation, who has been through a myriad of transformations from a promising artiste in classical and opera music to having achieved a successful career in pop music. A talented multi-instrumentalist who plays the piano, electone, flute, violin, and saxophone; Isyana graduated with excellent results from the Diploma in Music Performance, with a major in Vocal studies in 2013.



She received a scholarship to pursue her undergraduate studies in the Bachelor of Music (Honours) programme at NAFA, conferred by the Royal College of Music (RCM) in London. She also received the RCM Musical Excellence Award during her final year of degree studies and topped the degree cohort to receive the coveted Embassy of Peru Award during the convocation in 2015.

Isyana launched into the pop music scene with her debut album Explore! In 2015, which was a massive hit and skyrocketed her career. She has since received more than 55 awards for her musical prowess, including the AMI Awards, the Billboard Awards, the Piala Maya and many others. She has also received international recognition, including the Rolling Stones Awards in 2016 in the category of Phenomenal, as well as the Mnet Asian Music Awards in 2016 for Best Asian Artist Indonesia and Best Composer of the Year in 2017. Notably, she was featured in Forbes Indonesia's 30 Under 30, and a year later, honoured yet again by Forbes Asia's 30 Under 30 in the Entertainment & Sport category. In 2020, she established her own record label, REDROSE RECORDS.

Predicating on her impressive educational background and achievements in the music industry, Isyana was one of the judges and coaches on The Voice Indonesia 2019, The Voice Kids Indonesia 2021, and The Voice: All-Stars 2022. It is her life mission to discover and nurture the next generation of great singers in Indonesia.

In addition to her musical career, Isyana is also actively involved in social outreach programmes such as 'Abuse is not love', a global initiative with the aim of combating violence in relationships with couples. She also regularly participates in charity events around Indonesia.

Isyana maintains her close ties with her alma mater, NAFA and have returned to perform in the Concert Series: Gloria at Victoria Concert Hall as soprano solo in 2016, as well as the Academy's first-ever full-scale opera production, "Die Fledermaus: The Revenge of the Bat" in celebration of NAFA's 80th anniversary in 2018.

#### **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.