

ANNEX B – NAFA 70th Anniversary Celebration Programme – Key Highlights

For details or updates, please visit <http://weare70.nafa.edu.sg> closer to the event date.

1) “A Celebrated Moment of 1938”

In conjunction with the Singapore Fashion Festival 2008 and NAFA’s 70th anniversary celebration, the Department of Fashion Studies jointly organised a fashion design competition with the National Museum of Singapore (NMS). The designs of 20 NAFA student finalists were presented in a fashion show titled “A Celebrated Moment of 1938” on 3 April at the Concourse, NMS.

NMS is currently holding an exhibition of old photographs and images at the National Museum of Singapore (NMS) titled “Stylish Thirties – Interpreting Women’s Fashion in 1930s Singapore” till 11May 08. Illustrations and actual outfits of the best 20 designs have been added to the exhibition.

Date & Time: Till 11 May 08
10am – 8pm daily
Venue: The Concourse, NMS
Admission: Free

2) Founder’s Day Dinner

Programme highlights included commemorative speeches by NAFA Council Chairman, Professor Cham Tao Soon; launch of the late Madam Lucien Wong’s book (《悦集》, Yi Yue Ji – please refer to page 10 for synopsis); and a re-arrangement of the NAFA school song to be performed by senior lecturer, NAFA department of music, Dr Zechariah Goh Toh Chai (2003 Young Artist Award recipient). The NAFA school song was composed by Madam Lucien Wong, a NAFA alumnus and accomplished music teacher. She composed the music and the lyrics were written by NAFA founder, Mr Lim Hak Tai.

Date & Time: 8 April 08, 7pm
Venue: Singapore Marriott Hotel, Grand Ballroom (3rd Level)
Admission: By invitation only

3) NAFA Concert Series 07/08 – Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 Op. 125, “Choral”

Beethoven’s monumental 9th Symphony will be brought alive by the Orchestra, Chorus and soloists from NAFA, under the inspiring and fervent direction of Conductor Volker Hartung. This gala concert also features the NAFA Chinese Ensemble in a myriad of authentic Chinese folk tunes; including 丝长竹青 (*Sichang Zhuqing*) and 茉莉花 (*Jasmine Flower*).

NAFA Orchestra and Chorus
Conductor: Volker Hartung

NAFA Chinese Ensemble
Director: Tay Soon Huat

Soprano: Nancy Yuen
Alto: Zhou Qian
Tenor: Lim Shieh Yih
Bass: Ralph McDonald

Date & Time: 9 April 08, 8pm
Venue: Victoria Concert Hall
Admission: S\$18 / S\$24 – plus S\$1 booking fee
Ticketing Enquiry: www.GATECRASH.com.sg or call 6222 5595

4) **“Crossings”**

This Diploma showcase will feature works by our Artists-in-Residence, as well NAFA lecturers. The performance is by students who have chosen Choreography as their concentration of study, created during their Composition module. The performance is part of NAFA's 70th Anniversary celebrations and will showcase two works from the Purchase residencies, “Running Style”, choreographed by Stephanie Tooman and "The Dream", an excerpt from the classical ballet "Don Quixote", staged by Ted Kivitt. The performance will also present a recently mounted version of Lim Fei Shen's "Ice Nymph", that was re-staged for the Esplanade's Da:ns Festival in October 2007.

Dates: 9 & 10 May 08
Time: 8pm – 10pm
Venue: Lee Foundation Theatre, NAFA Campus 3 (151 Bencoolen Street)
Admission: S\$15 / S\$10 (Students)

5) **Exhibition of Lim Hak Tai’s Paintings & Unveiling of Sculpture**

NAFA is commissioning Mr Lim Yew Kuan to construct a life-sized bronze likeness of his late father in commemoration of the 70 years of the Academy's founding. The late Lim Hak Tai was the founding principal of the then Nanyang Fine Arts College, which began with only 14 students and today boasts more than 2000 students across many disciplines in the arts. The sculpture will be unveiled as part of the celebrations, to coincide with a permanent collection exhibition featuring a selection of artworks by Lim Hak Tai, himself a western art trained painter at Xiamen Academy in China.

Date: July – December 08 (exact dates to be confirmed)
Venue: NAFA Gallery 3 (exhibition) and driveway at Campus 1 (sculpture) (80 Bencoolen Street)
Time: 11am to 7pm (closed on Sundays and public holidays)
Admission: Free

6) **South East Asia (SEA) Arts Symposium – “New Asian Imaginations”**

An international symposium entitled "New Asian Imaginations" which will be held on 1st and 2nd August 2008. The symposium will focus on the dynamic artistic developments taking place particularly in Southeast Asia, within the larger context of Asia. It will provide a platform for international scholars to exchange their views and encourage discourse on how Southeast Asian arts contribute to

the confidence in the new imaginings through voice, thought and content. The symposium will also seek to stimulate further debates on the future of these explorations.

Dates & Time: 1 Aug 08 (9.30am – 5.30pm) & 2 Aug 08 (8.30am – 6pm)
Venue: Lee Foundation Theatre, NAFA Campus 3 (151 Bencoolen Street)
Registration Fee: Participant – S\$500 / Student – S\$100
Website: <http://newasianimaginings.nafa.edu.sg/>
For enquiry: symposiumsecretariat@nafa.edu.sg

7) **Fund-raising Gala Dinner**

Corporations and individuals are cordially invited to buy table and advertise in the NAFA 70th anniversary book. Proceeds will be used to organise masterclasses and to invite artists for the artist-in-residence workshops. Programme highlights include performances by the NAFA Department of Music and the School of Young Talents - Junior Music Department.

Date: 25 October 08
Venue: Ritz Carlton
Guest-of-Honour: SM Goh Chok Tong

8) **School of Young Talents 10th Anniversary Concert**

Since its inception in 1999, the Junior Music Department has discovered and nurtured hundreds of young musicians and established a reputable brand name. Many of them had gone on to pursue music as a career with renowned local and overseas music schools. The music prodigies will take centre stage and showcase their virtuosity at the School's 10th Anniversary Concert comprising of two performances.

"Young Violinists in Concert 2008"

Date & Time: 22 November 08, 7.30pm
Venue: Lee Foundation Theatre, NAFA Campus 3 (151 Bencoolen Street)
Tickets*: \$15 and \$20

"Young Pianists in Concert 2008"

Date & Time: 23 November 08, 7.30pm
Venue: Lee Foundation Theatre, NAFA Campus 3 (151 Bencoolen Street)
Tickets*: \$15 and \$20

* Tickets are available for sale from 1st October 08 onwards.
For enquiries, please call 6512 4168 or email: lcong@nafa.edu.sg

9) **Alumni Fund-raising Art Exhibition cum Auction**

The Academy will invite Malaysian and Singaporean alumni to submit artworks for exhibition and sale. This large scale fund-raising event is designed to showcase the heritage of the Academy's fine art traditions, with a selection of alumni from the 1950s till recent years. About 95 artists are expected to

contribute to this display, whereupon sale of any artwork would allocate 50% of the proceeds towards the Academy's fund-raising efforts.

Date: December 08/January 09 (exact dates to be confirmed)

Venue: NAFA Galleries 1, 2 & 3, NAFA Campus 1 (80 Bencoolen Street)

10) Commemorative Publications Launch:

a) 《怡悦集》(Yi Yue Ji)

The late Madam Lucien Wong (黄晚成) was a NAFA alumnus and an accomplished music teacher. Many of her associates and friends were artists in their own rights; as such, they presented their artworks comprising of watercolour paintings, Chinese ink paintings and calligraphy as tokens of their friendship in three volumes of art books titled 《怡悦集》(Yi Yue Ji).

In 2000, Madam Wong donated her entire collection to NAFA which included the three books ("Yi Yue Ji"). In memory of Madam Wong's dedication towards art education and as a contribution by the Academy towards literature on early Singapore art, NAFA Library compiled and published the three books into a commemorative coffee-table book. The book is not available for public sale but will be distributed to friends of NAFA in appreciation of their donations and support over the past seven decades.

Launch date: Founder's Day Dinner on 3 April 08

b) NAFA 70th Anniversary Book

A comprehensive commemorative publication that traces NAFA's development since its inception in 1938 to its stature today - Singapore's foremost tertiary institution for artistic studies. It features profiles of various personalities who were involved in the inception and their visions from a colonial era to Singapore's independence, as well as the challenges they encountered. Looking ahead, the book will also present NAFA's future blueprint in nurturing young talents who are well-placed for a globalised world and the new economy.

Launch date: October 08 (exact date to be confirmed)