

逆父母意修读音乐舞台剧 女生毕业荣获拉萨尔最高“卓越奖”

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用六年时间说服父母亲让她报读艺术院校，三年修读音乐舞台剧学位课程期间，每天花十多个小时练功，22岁女生吕婧怡苦尽甘来，终圆艺术之梦。

从小学习舞蹈以及各种中西乐器的吕婧怡小六毕业时原本想要报考新加坡艺术学院（SOTA），但父母亲希望她和多数同龄的孩子一样，循序从剑桥O水准课程一直读到A水准课程，然后升大学。

不愿违逆父母意愿的她于是乖乖地到圣尼各拉女校就读，然后再到圣安德烈初级学院完成A水准课程学业。

在这六年，吕婧怡参加了学校的舞蹈团，也选修音乐特选课程，为日后成为音乐舞台剧演员打下了基础。

到了报考大学的时候，吕婧怡对父母说：“你们想要我大学毕业戴上方帽，我会努力，但是在这个学习的最后阶段，请让我选择自己想要的科目。”

结果，她报读了拉萨尔艺术学院音乐舞台剧学位课程。多年来的努力以及坚持终于看到成效，吕婧怡以最优异成绩毕业，荣获一等荣誉学位，并在昨天下午举行的毕业典礼上，从贸工部长陈振声手里接获象征拉萨尔艺术学院最高荣誉的“麦纳利艺术卓越奖”。

修读音乐舞台剧课程并不轻松，吕婧怡每天早上8时半

就要到学校进行体能和舞蹈训练，然后练声乐、进行音乐舞台剧排练，有时候一直要在学校忙到晚间十时。

受邀明年担任 澳剧团音乐总监助理

在学校导师的推荐下，吕婧怡大学二年级就参加了由国际班底组成的英语音乐剧《孟姜女》的演出，在剧团里担任第一键盘手，从中发现自己很喜欢在乐池中演奏的体验，并开始参与音乐制作的工作。

她也被到访拉萨尔艺术学院的客席艺术家相中，受邀加入《青春狂热》（Grease-The Arena Experience）剧团，明年初将会到澳大利亚担任音乐总监助理。

目前是一名自由职业者的吕婧怡对接下来的工作感到兴奋，她说：“音乐总监需要做的工作并不是我在学校学习的内容，但过去这些年参与了好几个演出，从中学了不少，现在正好可以累积经验。”

昨天从拉萨尔艺术学院毕业的共有834名学生，其中333名获得专业文凭、429名获颁荣誉学士学位、72名硕士，硕士毕业生当中包括首届创意写作硕士课程的六名毕业生。

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——吕婧怡报考大学之前
对父母说了这番话



►以最优异成绩从拉萨尔艺术学院表演系毕业的吕婧怡还没毕业就参加剧团演出，并受邀到国外担任音乐总监助理。（陈来福摄）

Female graduate bags LASALLE'S Award for Excellence after going against parents' wishes to study Musical Theatre

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Lu Jing Yi spent six years persuading her parents before they agreed to let her enrol in an arts college. During her three years of BA(Hons) Musical Theatre studies, she spent long hours practising every day. Finally, the 22-year-old is ready to realise her dream of becoming a performing artist.

Jing Yi has been attending music and dance lessons from young. After her PSLE, she initially thought of applying to the School of the Arts Singapore (SOTA). However, her parents wanted her to take the more conventional path of taking her GCE O-Levels, followed by A-Levels, before heading to university.

Unwilling to go against her parents, Jing Yi headed to CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School before completing her A-Level examinations at St Andrews Junior College.

During her six years in secondary school and junior college, Jing Yi joined dance as a CCA and was a Music Elective Programme (MEP) student. These laid down a solid foundation for her to become a Musical Theatre performer.

When the time came for her to apply to university, Jing Yi told her parents, "I will work hard to graduate but I also hope that you will let me choose the course I want in this last phase of my education."

In the end, she enrolled in the BA(Hons) Musical Theatre Programme at LASALLE College of the Arts. Her determination and years of hard work finally paid off when she graduated with First Class honours as the top student in the course.

During LASALLE's 32nd Convocation ceremony held yesterday afternoon, she also received the McNally Award for Excellence in the Arts, which is awarded to LASALLE's most outstanding student of each year's graduating cohort, from the Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr Chan Chun Sing.

The BA(Hons) Musical Theatre course is an arduous one. Jing Yi had to report to school by 8.30am every morning for fitness training and dance practice. This was followed by vocal training and rehearsals. She was often kept busy in school until 10pm at night.

Selected to Become an Assistant Music Director

At the recommendation of her school mentor, Jing Yi was given the chance to participate in the musical *Meng Jiang Nu* (The Great Wall: One Woman's Journey), an English musical performed by an international cast during the second year of her studies in LASALLE. She was the main keyboardist, and she discovered her love for performing in the orchestra then. Subsequently, she took part in musical production.

Following this, she was talent-spotted by a visiting artist at LASALLE to join the theatrical company helming *Grease - The Arena Experience*, and will be heading over to Australia next year to be an assistant to the Music Director.

A freelancer at present, Jing Yi is excited about her upcoming work. “Even though what a music director does is not part of what I learnt in school, the performances I took part in over the last few years have taught me much. Now is the time for me to accumulate experience.”

During yesterday’s graduation ceremony at LASALLE, there were a total of 834 graduates, amongst which 333 received Diplomas, 429 received a Bachelor with Honours, and a further 72 received their Master of Arts, including the first cohort of six in MA Creative Writing.

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Graduating as the top student of LASALLE’s School of Dance and Theatre, Jing Yi participated in musical theatre performances while in school, and has been invited overseas to take on the role of Assistant Music Director. (Photograph by Chen Laifu)