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LASALLE COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS SINGAPORE
LASALLE POSTGRADUATE CONVOCATION 2026

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS SINGAPORE

Bringing a new chapter to the arts in Singapore, nurturing the next generation of creatives

The University of the Arts Singapore (UAS) is Singapore's first arts university nurturing a new generation of forward-looking artists, designers, educators, researchers, arts leaders and changemakers.

UAS is founded on an alliance of Singapore's leading arts institutions, LASALLE College of the Arts (LASALLE) and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA).

Located in the heart of the art and civic district, LASALLE and NAFA are distinguished by unique heritages, strong artistic traditions, and innovative teaching approaches. Our faculty and alumni have earned national recognition, including Cultural Medallions and Young Artist Awards, championing Singaporean creativity on the global stage.

UAS will further generate new artistic thinking and discourse by creatively combining teaching, practice, and research. Collaborating with arts communities and industry partners locally and internationally, our graduates will energise the cultural landscape and the creative economy. We will strengthen Singapore as a creative hub in Asia.

In August 2024, UAS welcomed its first cohort of undergraduate and postgraduate students from LASALLE and NAFA, with degrees conferred by UAS.

ABOUT LASALLE COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

The defining lead for contemporary arts education

LASALLE College of the Arts is a globally ranked* institution for Art & Design and Performing Arts, and a founding member of the University of the Arts Singapore.

Anchored in Singapore, rooted in Asia and connected to the world, LASALLE offers one of Southeast Asia's most comprehensive ranges of specialist Diploma, BA (Hons) and MA programmes in creative disciplines.

For more than four decades, LASALLE has shaped artists, designers, performers and cultural leaders who challenge conventions, create new possibilities and transform the world around them. Its award-winning faculty fosters an interdisciplinary, practice-led culture where artistic excellence meets critical inquiry, experimentation and courageous imagination.

LASALLE advances the role of artists in society and cultivates creative voices capable of shaping culture, strengthening communities and imagining futures yet to be realised.

*Globally ranked 67th for Art & Design and top 100 for Performing Arts (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026).

Message from the Vice-Chancellor, University of the Arts Singapore



Congratulations to the LASALLE Postgraduate Class of 2026!

I have always enjoyed learning from LASALLE's postgraduate students. Building on the foundational knowledge and skills that you have assiduously acquired in your undergraduate years, you have immersed yourselves in the world of professional practice and sustained your curiosity and love for learning.

This Convocation is a testimony to your motivation for self-improvement and social betterment, as well as the discipline and care you embodied throughout your postgraduate studies. Through rigorous inquiry and reflective practice, you have deepened your knowledge, widened your perspectives and discovered new possibilities in your creative work.

At a time of rapid social and technological change, we must continue to ask: what human capabilities do we need to cultivate?

LASALLE recently co-hosted the international symposium *Affective Technē: Art, Care and Creative Futures*, which draws on "the concept of *technē* — the skilled, thoughtful craft of making and a root word for both technology and technique" — and poses the challenge of "how creative practices can foster new forms of affective intelligence, ethical engagement and sustainable making".

At the University, faculty and students have had to critically engage with these pivotal concerns. Indeed, the idea of "affective *technē*" as a linchpin of higher arts education must be supported by a robust intellectual and institutional scaffolding. Art making as the act of creation is informed by conceptions of human flourishing and planetary health. And it is enabled by the exercise of human judgement and critical reasoning about principles, precedents and practical circumstances.

Ultimately, *technē* is never just about means. We must be profoundly concerned about ends. And in this sense, the means that we employ in our creative labour can be thought of as ends-in-the-making.

With this reflection, I wish the Postgraduate Class of 2026 great strength and joy as you continue to build your creative vocations in the years ahead!

Professor Kwok Kian Woon
Vice-Chancellor, University of the Arts Singapore

Message from the President, LASALLE College of the Arts



Welcome to LASALLE's 40th Convocation.

Graduation is one of life's great milestones. Yet in so many ways, it is not an end but also a beginning. It is both at once.

This is especially true of the postgraduate journey, which for many of you marks a time of profound transformation. Each of you comes from a different journey, seeking to discover and deepen your practice through research. You also have deeply personal reasons for choosing to embark on a Master's degree. You stand today at a culmination and a threshold, ready to close one chapter and author the next, with deserved authority and confidence.

What lies ahead is a horizon full of possibility. I am confident that during your time at LASALLE, you have learned that uncertainty is not to be feared. You graduate not only with mastery of the arts, but with the courage to lean into an unknown future that is yours to shape.

For 40 years, LASALLE has graduated generations of artists, designers and creative practitioners, many who have shaped Singapore's cultural life and made magnificent contributions to the world. Today, you join that remarkable lineage. You inherit not only its achievements but also its profound purpose: to imagine boldly, question deeply and lead with confidence as the world transforms before us.

As you move forward, my charge to you is to approach your practice in the spirit of service wherever you may go. The arts are not on the margins of life. They are central, if not essential, to being human. Your creativity has the power to give soul to society and help uplift lives.

So step forward boldly, LASALLians, and know that we have your back—and a home at LASALLE like none other.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! We wish you the very best.

Professor Venka Purushothaman
President, LASALLE College of the Arts
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of the Arts Singapore

Programme

5 Nov 2026
The Singapore Airlines Theatre

10:30am	**Start of Convocation ceremony**
	Academic procession Faculty from LASALLE Senior management from UAS and LASALLE Board members of UAS and LASALLE Guest of Honour
	National Anthem of Singapore
10:40am	**Address by Professor Venka Purushothaman** President, LASALLE College of the Arts Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of the Arts Singapore
10:45am	**Address by Professor Kwok Kian Woon** Vice-Chancellor, University of the Arts Singapore
10:50am	**Address by Guest of Honour** Mr Lee Suan Hiang Member of LASALLE Board of Directors and UAS Board of Trustees
11:00am	**Conferment of MA degrees and presentation of Postgraduate Excellence Award**
11:45am	**Address by recipient of Postgraduate Excellence Award**
11:50am	**Closing procession**
12:00pm	**Refreshments**
12:30pm	**End**

Majulah Singapura

Mari kita rakyat Singapura
Sama-sama menuju bahagia
Cita-cita kita yang mulia
Berjaya Singapura
Marilah kita bersatu
Dengan semangat yang baru
Semua kita berseru
Majulah Singapura
Majulah Singapura

Postgraduate Excellence Award

Lim Ting Wen, Thomas
MA Arts Pedagogy and Practice
School of Creative Industries

Thomas Lim is a writer, director and arts educator based in Singapore.

His works span across genres and languages, including plays, musicals, exhibitions and short films that have been performed in Teochew, Mandarin, Malay, Bahasa Indonesia, English and Pig Latin.

Thomas made his professional debut as a playwright and director with *Grandmother Tongue*, a semi-autobiographical tribute to his Teochew-speaking grandmother. Subsequent writing credits include *Supervision, Straight Acting and National Day Charade*. Thomas also makes theatre for families, such as musical pantomimes like *Peter Pan in Serangoon Gardens, Pinocchio*, and shows for young audiences like *Red Riding Hood* and *There's A Dinosaur In The Concert Hall*.

Education is at the heart of Thomas's artistic practice. He enjoys teaching, collaborating and co-creating with students and young people. He is the co-programme director of the Singapore Youth Theatre and teaches theatremaking and playwriting in secondary schools and tertiary institutions.

At LASALLE, Thomas's research set out to investigate the ways that playwriting pedagogy and the practice of collective playwriting can challenge the dominant structures that influence how plays are produced and valued in Singapore.

LASALLE Scholarship Awards

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS, MEDIA & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

McNALLY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Master of Arts **Asian Art Histories**	**Aparupa Saha** MA Merit Award AY2025/26
Master of Arts **Fine Arts**	**Ashley Hi Zhiqi** NAC-UAS Arts Scholarship AY2025/26
	Chong Yanhong MA Merit Award AY2025/26

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Master of Arts **Art Therapy**	**Bess Chan Lok Mun** MA Art Therapy Scholarship supported by The Ireland Funds Singapore AY2024/25, AY2025/26
	David Gan Chong Jin (David Yan Congren) NAC-UAS Arts Scholarship AY2024/25, AY2025/26
	Low Yu Neng MA Merit Award AY2024/25
	Tan Yun Yie, Elaine (Chen Yunyi) MA Merit Award AY2025/26
Master of Arts **Arts and Cultural Leadership**	**Mohika Shankar** MA Merit Award AY2025/26
	Nguyen Hong Doan Trang South East Asia (SEAsia) Scholars Award AY2025/26
Master of Arts **Arts Pedagogy and Practice**	**Lim Ting Wen, Thomas** MA Merit Award AY2025
Masters of Arts **Music Therapy**	**Khau Lip Fong Joy** MA Merit Award AY2024/25, AY2025/26
	Muhammad Bakti Ridhwan Bin Mohd Khair MA Music Therapy Scholarship supported by The Ireland Funds Singapore AY2024/25, AY2025/26
	Sim Xiang Yun, Joycelyn MA Merit Award AY2025/26
	Valerie Teo Minyi MA Music Therapy Scholarship supported by The Ireland Funds Singapore AY2024/25, AY2025/26
Master of Arts **Creative Writing**	**He Jia Wen** MA Merit Award AY2025/26

FACULTY OF DESIGN

SCHOOL OF DESIGN COMMUNICATION

Master of Arts **Design**	**Ly Du Khanh Han** MA Merit Award AY2025/26

MA degrees & awards

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS, MEDIA & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

McNALLY SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

Master of Arts Arts and Ecology with Distinction	Schooling Alison
Master of Arts Arts and Ecology	Kamilya Beisembayeva Sim Kim Cheng (Shen Jinqing)
Master of Arts Asian Art Histories with Distinction	Adinursuryani Binte Mohamed Rashid Aparupa Saha Huan Sze Lynn, Krystle
Master of Arts Asian Art Histories	Kendall Ann Fosse Tay Lu Ann
Master of Arts Fine Arts with Distinction	Agastya Sharma Laimayum Chen Shitong Chong Yanhong Ng Hui Yen Deanna (Huang Huiyan Deanna) Sharon Hardjono Yenti Amelia
Master of Arts Fine Arts	Aiw Bee Choo Ashley Hi Zhiqi Brenda Lee Chia Hui (Li Jiahui) Chua Hong Yin (Cai Hongyin) Jeannie Ho Jing Jing Jerome Romulus Santhanam Tung Sze Hui Wong Shih Yaw

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

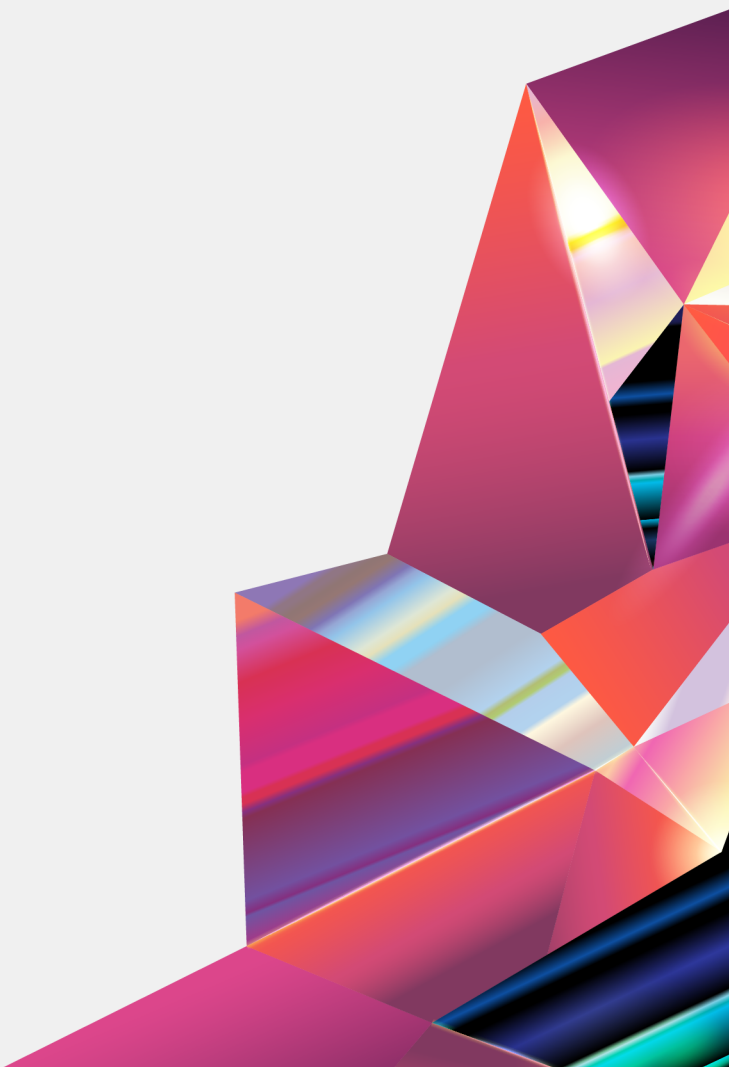
Master of Arts Art Therapy with Distinction	David Gan Chong Jin (David Yan Congren) Low Yu Neng Tan Yun Yie, Elaine (Chen Yunyi)
Master of Arts Art Therapy	Anandi Mehra Anit Kaur Bess Chan Lok Mun Chuang Ting-Yun Claudia Tan Shilin Enya Tay En-Ya Koh Eng Hock Nathanael Lim Syl-Vyn Lim Yang-Shen Liu Xiaoyu Liu Yi Wen Neubronner Samantha Jean Tan Shu Hui, Rachel Val Wai (Wei Jialing)

Master of Arts Arts and Cultural Leadership with Distinction	Nguyen Hong Doan Trang
Master of Arts Arts and Cultural Leadership	Lam Ut I Lee Jie Min, Rachel (Li Jiemin) Loh Wei Zong Mohika Shankar
Master of Arts Arts Pedagogy and Practice with Distinction	Chng Xin Xuan Lim Ting Wen, Thomas Tan Ming Zhi, Marcus Jeffrey Wong Kei Yan
Master of Arts Arts Pedagogy and Practice	Choi Jeong Won Chua Hui Ling, Regina (Cai Huiling, Regina) Gabrielle Rae Sammy Julian Low Lai Juan-Xiang, Jesse Michelle Zhang Mu, Yanyu Simon John William Pike Teo Woon Lip, Jerry (Zhang Wenli, Jerry) Xu, Yanzhe
Master of Arts Creative Writing with Distinction	Benjamin Alison Wilgus Chang Xi Wen Jacqueline He Jia Wen Loh Seow Wei Florence (Luo Xiaowei Florence) Qiu Yingxiang @Khoo Yingxiang Tan Kai Suan (Chen Kaixuan) Wong Zijian
Master of Arts Creative Writing	Ang Fonteyn Catalina Anak Rembuyan Ianna Sherynna Beltran Flores Muhammad Mahadi Bin Jamaludin Oh Jun Cheng Pratima Balabhadrapathruni
Master of Arts Music Therapy with Distinction	Chia Jing Xuan Chng Chi Ern, Cassandra Jeremy Nuyda Joson Khau Lip Fong Joy Lau Pei Yng (Liu Peiying) Muhammad Bakti Ridhwan Bin Mohd Khair Sim Xiang Yun, Joycelyn Valerie Teo Minyi Valerie Tiong Hui Ling
Master of Arts Music Therapy	Lee Pui Yee Rosalind Liu Huiyi Tan Jia Rou

FACULTY OF DESIGN

SCHOOL OF DESIGN COMMUNICATION

Master of Arts Design with Distinction	Franca Isabelle Pilchner Lim Shue Pann Masturah Binte Mohamad Maidin Mega Mario
Master of Arts Design	Akshara Ramanathan Alvin Mark Tan Dia Sharma Gunika Jain Khuu Thuy Linh Li Xiangyu Lim Eng Kit, Rachel Ly Du Khanh Han Raghunandan Rakshitha Rhea Pasricha Sabrina Japit Sanjana Venkat Sia Geok Phei



Welcome to the LASALLE alumni family

Congratulations! You are now part of the exciting and ever-growing LASALLE alumni network with a connection to over 22,000 fellow alumni from around the world.

LASALLE alumni stand out not only for their success across diverse fields, but for the impact they make on the world around them. From sparking imagination through the arts, design and performance to nurturing future generations of creative practitioners, our alumni continue to inspire wherever they go. Many also give back to society, using their creative training to uplift communities.

Whether you're seeking to volunteer, support a student, connect with peers or expand your professional network, we are here to help you get involved. Together, we carry on the spirit of our late founder, Brother Joseph McNally—making a meaningful difference through the arts.

Make the most of your LASALLE connection

Enjoy exclusive discounts and benefits just by being an alumni of LASALLE.

- Discounts for LASALLE's Short Courses (where applicable).
- Free access to The Ngee Ann Kongsi Library and special rates for alumni library membership for borrowing privileges.
- Invitations to talks and workshops by local and international arts and design thought leaders and practitioners.
- Special rates for venue hire at LASALLE (subject to availability).
- Access to a network of fellow alumni and industry partners.
- Event and news updates through regular live@LASALLE e-newsletters.

*love*LASALLE

As you step into the next chapter of your journey, know that your relationship with LASALLE does not end here—it continues as a lifelong connection.

We invite you to stay involved and be part of an active and vibrant alumni community through *love*LASALLE.org, our alumni portal dedicated to fostering meaningful connections and partnerships locally and around the world.

There are many ways to stay connected and contribute in ways that are purposeful to you:

- Mentor students through workshops and masterclasses
- Collaborate with fellow alumni on special exhibitions and projects
- Share and discover job opportunities within the community
- Announce your latest work and upcoming events
- Help raise funds for financially disadvantaged students
- Host a LASALLE student for a day at your workplace
- Represent the College at events like Open House and Career Fair
- Become an alumni ambassador

Get connected at *love*LASALLE.org today. If you would like to get involved or have ideas on how to engage with the LASALLE community, reach out to us at alumni@lasalle.edu.sg or connect with us on LinkedIn at sg.linkedin.com/school/lasallesg.

Make a gift to your alma mater

Celebrate your graduation with a gift that keeps on giving.

The collective contributions of the Class of 2026 will go towards the *love*LASALLE Education Fund, which supports financially needy students at LASALLE.

Pay it forward for the next generation of artists, creatives, performers and designers.

Benefits of giving
For a minimum cash donation of $100, you will receive the following as part of our 'Give to LASALLE' campaign:

- A limited edition LASALLE ring, specially designed by jewellery designer and alumna Koh Weilin (Class of 2008).
- A tax deduction of 2.5 times the donation amount.



LASALLE's Continuing Education Programme

As a postgraduate, your journey with LASALLE doesn't end today.

LASALLE's Continuing Education Programme (CEP) invites you to teach, learn and contribute to the growth of the creative industries.

Turn your MA degree and specialised insights into high-impact teaching and learning. As a CEP trainer, you will guide emerging talents, share industry expertise and strengthen your professional standing by teaching short courses or customised training programmes.

Explore our innovative range of courses or collaborate with us to develop customised courses tailored to the needs of your profession, business or practice.

To become a trainer or propose a short course, please write to us at cep@lasalle.edu.sg.

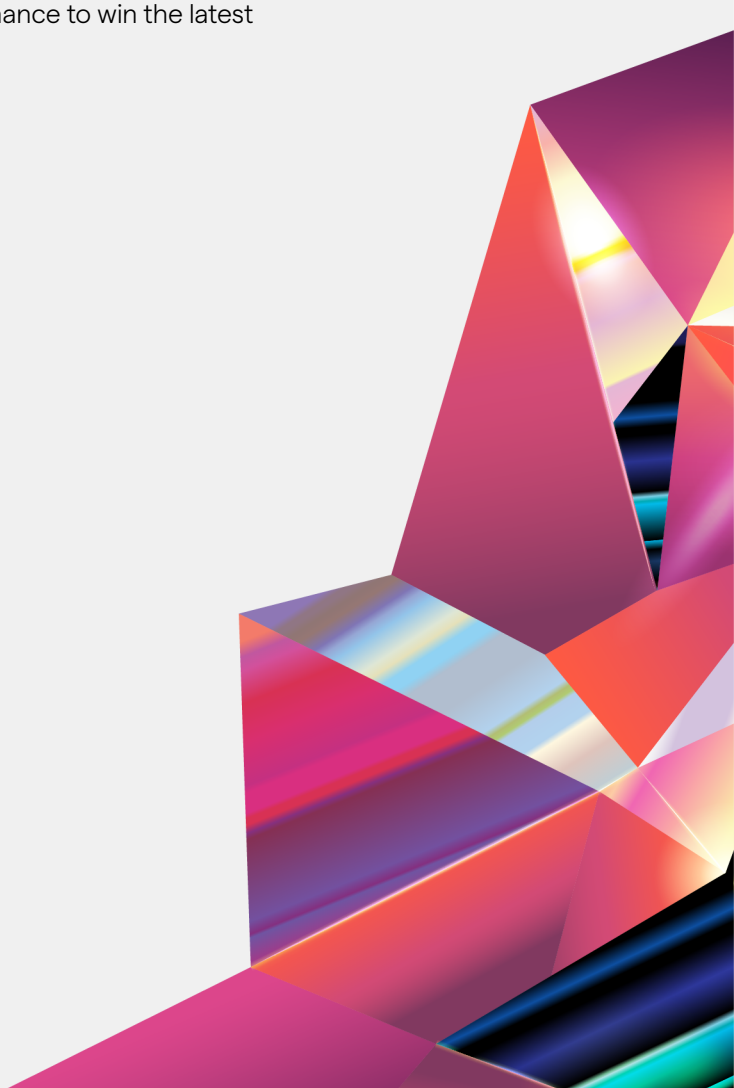
To explore upcoming courses, please visit lasalle.edu.sg/continuing-education.

Graduate Employment Survey

We encourage you to participate in the Graduate Employment Survey which forms part of the statistical requirements by Singapore's Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

The Graduate Employment Survey aims to ascertain the key employment indicators of LASALLE graduates as well as obtain feedback on your educational experience in LASALLE. More importantly, this survey helps the institution to formulate improved programmes and services in order to develop future leaders in the arts.

The survey will be launched in November 2026 and your participation is important to ensure that the survey findings are representative of LASALLE graduates at large. An online survey link will be sent to your personal email (as provided to LASALLE). Participate and stand a chance to win the latest iPhone and e-shopping vouchers.



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