

CORPORATE PROFILE

The National Arts Council (NAC) was set up as a Statutory Board in September 1991 to spearhead the development of the arts in Singapore. Its mission is to nurture the arts and make it an integral part of people's lives in Singapore.

Anchored on the twin strategies of excellence and engagement in the arts, NAC aims to build a vibrant arts sector by creating a conducive environment where the arts is accessible to all and artistic talents have the necessary resources and capabilities to excel and achieve sustainability in the long term.

The key strategic thrusts of NAC are to nurture and develop the arts, develop capabilities and resources, stimulate broader and more sophisticated audience demand, facilitate internationalisation and enhance global connectivity, and advocate the importance of the arts.

To develop artistic talents in the performing, visual and literary arts, NAC provides holistic support through grants, training, arts housing subsidies, commissioning of works and overseas presentations. Through this comprehensive approach to develop the entire value chain, from seeding arts start-ups, nurturing and developing artists, arts groups and arts businesses, to internationalisation, NAC is a key driver in the growth of the entire arts industry.

NAC organises major festivals, events and competitions to showcase local and international talents, as well as to identify new talents. On the international stage, NAC also collaborates with other government agencies to promote Singapore arts, in the bid to enter new emerging markets and cultivate international audiences. Arts awards are given annually to artists in recognition of artistic excellence and to patrons in appreciation of their arts sponsorship.

To build new audiences and broaden arts participation, NAC engages the wider community in the arts through outreach programmes such as the Concerts-in-the-Park series and District Arts Festivals, and endorses arts education programmes in schools.

NAC helps build the capabilities of arts practitioners, professionals and arts business by playing an active role in cultural exchanges and international platforms. It also plans for the long term use of arts infrastructure and carries out research and surveys to support advocacy programmes.

The Patron of NAC is the President of Singapore, S R Nathan. The Council comprises 21 members from the private and public sectors. It is supported by a team of arts advisers and resource panel members who provide feedback and advice on the initiatives taken to realise its vision of making Singapore a distinctive global city for the arts.

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

