

Profiles of the Young Artist Award 2014 recipients

The five Young Artist Award recipients are:

1. Mr Chen Zhangyi (Age, 30) – Composer

Mr Chen Zhangyi is a composer whose works have been performed by world-renowned orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra. His music composing versatility is evident from his acclaimed works across genres in opera, wind ensembles, chamber and choral music. He plays the role of mentor and educator through workshops and masterclasses he conducts at the School of the Arts (2010-2012) and Temasek Junior College (2010-12). He also tutored students at the Peabody Conservatory (2009-2013) and taught music theory and appreciation courses at the Baltimore City Community College (2013).

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Winner, Orchestral Composition Competition, Peabody Conservatory (2013)
- Recipient, Trailblazer Foundation Grants, Singapore (2011- 2013)
- Winner, Abbey Road Studios 80th Anniversary Anthem Competition, London (2011)
- Winner, Asian Composers' League Competition, Taiwan (2011)
- Winner, Singapore Compose! 2010 Competition, Philharmonic Winds (2010)

2. Mr Ian Loy (Age, 34) – Theatre Practitioner

Mr Ian Loy is a theatre actor, playwright and director who specialises in children's theatre, Loy is also the founder and Artistic Director for MySuperFuture Theatrical Productions (since 2009). Loy holds a diploma in Drama from LASALLE College of the Arts (2002), and received tutelage from Elizabeth De Rosa and the late William Teo at the Asia Theatre Research Centre (ATRC) from 1999 - 2002. Loy has acted in productions by various local theatre companies and since 2009 he has been a regular collaborator with the Esplanade, directing PLAYTIME!, an Esplanade programme aimed at cultivating an appreciation for theatre among children aged 2-4 years. He also constantly collaborates with local theatre companies Cake Theatre and JoyArts to conduct drama workshops in secondary schools and junior colleges (2008 - 2013).

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Founder and Artistic Director, MySuperFuture Theatrical Productions (2009 – present)

- Co-Director, *mOOOnballOOOn Project*, collaboration with Patch Theatre Company, Australia at The Esplanade (2013)
- Nominated for Best Production of the Year for *Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea* (actor) at the 6th Life! Theatre Awards (2006)

3. Mr Jow Zhi Wei (Age, 31) – Filmmaker

Mr Jow Zhi Wei is a filmmaker, who graduated with first class honours from the Puttnam School of Film, LASALLE College of the Arts. Through Jow's films, he tells an honest story of lesser known communities. His films have been screened at local film festivals such as the Singapore Short Cuts, National Museum Singapore (2009, 2010 and 2013). His short films have been selected for competition and presentation at various international film festivals including the 66th Cannes Film Festival (2013) and 37th Montreal World Film Festival (2013).

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Cinefondation Selection (World Premier), 66th Cannes Film Festival (2013)
- Masters Scholarship Recipient, Le Fresnoy, National Studio for Contemporary Arts, France (2011-2013)
- Best Script for *Waiting*, Jury Special Mention for Best Director and Best Performance, 2nd Singapore Short Film Award (2011)
- Alumnus, Golden Horse Academy, Taiwan (2010)

4. Mr Lee Mun Wai (Age, 32) – Dance Artist

Mr Lee Mun Wai is the founding member and full-time dance artist and dance writer at T.H.E Dance Company. His works often are inspired by, and incorporate, text and drama. He is known to be a highly collaborative artist who works across disciplines, such as with local filmmaker Royston Tan on his Singapore Biennale work *Ghost of Capitol* (2013). He has performed locally and overseas in Europe and the Asia Pacific region. More recently, he just concluded a tour in Korea with performances at SIDANS Festival (2013). He is a part-time lecturer at SOTA, supporting dance theory and contextual studies curriculum and teaching modern dance technique. He was a guest mentor for SPROUTS (2013) and NUS Arts Festival (2012-13).

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Founding Member, T.H.E Dance Company (2008)
- Recipient, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Scholarship (2007)
- Recipient, Georgette Chen Arts Scholarship (2006)

5. Ms Siti Khalijah Zainal (Age, 29) – Theatre Actor and Collaborator

Ms Siti Khalijah Zainal is a theatre actress with more than ten years of experience. She has acted in a wide range of productions by local theatre companies such as The Necessary Stage, Wild Rice, Cake Theatrical Productions, Teater Ekamatra and The Presenting Company. She has also toured with theatre productions to countries like Russia (2009), Australia (2008), India (2006) and Scotland (2007). In 2013, she headlined *Best Of*, which is a one-woman production part of the M1 Singapore Fringe Festival. The production was well received and was presented at the CausewayEXchange, Georgetown Festival (2013) in Penang, Malaysia. She is actively involved in education and outreach work at The Necessary Stage (TNS).

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Winner, Best Actress for *Model Citizens*, Life! Theatre Awards (2011)
- Nominated, Best Actress for *Nadirah*, Life! Theatre Awards (2009)
- Nominated, Best Actress for *Gemuk Girls*, Life! Theatre Awards (2008)
- Nominated, Best Actress for *How Did the Cat Get So Fat?* Life! Theatre Awards (2007)