

Cultural Medallion 2013 Recipients

1. Ivan Heng (Age, 50)

Ivan Heng (王爱仁) is a dynamic theatre maker and the founder of W!LD RICE Productions, one of Singapore's leading theatre companies that has received critical acclaim at international arts festivals. An accomplished actor and director, Ivan has acted in and directed various theatre productions for which he has been awarded several local and international honours. W!ld Rice, under Ivan's direction, remains dedicated towards nurturing Singapore's next generation of theatre talents, establishing platforms such as the Singapore Theatre Festival and Young and W!ld to develop young talent and champion local writing.

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Recipient of NAC's Young Artist Award (1996)
- Recipient of the Singapore Youth Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts (1998)
- Founder and Artistic Director of W!LD RICE Productions (Since 2000) and the Singapore Theatre Festival (2006, 2008, 2011)
- Lead actor for productions including *Emily of Emerald Hill* (2011), *Weight of Silk on Skin* (2011) and *La Cage Aux Folles* (2012)
- Recipient of Best Director award for *Animal Farm* from SPH Life! Theatre Awards (2002)
- Creative Director of the National Day Parade (2009) and Singapore Youth Olympic Games Opening and Closing ceremonies (2010)

2. Mohamed Latiff Mohamed (Age, 63)

Mohamed Latiff Mohamed is a versatile Malay-language writer of poems, short stories and novels. His works often depict the life and struggles of the post-Independence Malay community in Singapore, and are widely regarded across the region as radical, honest and distinctively Singaporean. Mr Latiff has won many prestigious literary awards and remains actively involved in the community through his critical writing in the *Berita Harian* newspapers and as a mentor to young writers in *Angkatan Sasterawan '50* (ASAS'50) while constantly expanding his written repertoire. His writings have been featured in numerous anthologies, including 'O' and 'A' level texts for schools in Singapore and Malaysia.

Selected Awards and Achievements

- National Book Development Council of Singapore Book Award for *Kota Air Mata* from the (1978)
- Tun Seri Lanang Literature Prize by the Malay Language Council Singapore, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (2003)
- Singapore Literature Prize for *Bagjju Sepilah Sudah* (2004)
- Singapore Literature Prize for *Nostalgia yang hilang* (2006)
- Singapore Literature Prize for *Billa Rama-Rama Patah Sayapnya* (2008)
- Recipient of the South East Asian Write Award (2002)
- Deputy President and Youth Wing mentor of ASAS '50 (since 2001)

3. Tsung Yeh (Age, 63)

Tsung Yeh (葉聰) is Music Director and Conductor of the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO). He has broadened the orchestra's repertoire, championed the Nanyang style of music, and new compositions, and led the SCO to achieve increasing international acclaim. He is highly sought after for his expertise internationally, as a guest conductor in orchestras and to conduct music master classes. He also remains actively involved in developing young talent through collaborations with young composers and conductors, and showcasing their works, through platforms he established such as the Singapore Youth Chinese Orchestra and the Singapore International Competition for Chinese Orchestral Composition.

Selected Awards and Achievements

- Conductor and Music Director of the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (since 2002)
- Established the Singapore Youth Chinese Orchestra (2003) and Singapore International Competition for Chinese Orchestral Composition (2006)
- Notable productions include *Instant is a Millennium* (2003), *Admiral of the Seven Seas* (2005), *Dream of the Red Chamber* (2010) and *Mostly Gershwin*(2013)
- Cross-genre musical collaborations with local artists include *Jazz You Up With Jeremy Monteiro* (2010), *Kit Chan – My Musical Journey* (2011) and *The RETURN of the Mad Chinaman* with Dick Lee (2012)
- Recipient of the China Golden Record Award for SCO Recording *The Silk Road* (2009)
- Music Director of Singapore's National Day Parade (2007)