



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **PRIME MINISTER'S VALEDICTORIAN AWARD FOR THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

School of the Arts (SOTA) is pleased to announce the launch of the Prime Minister's Valedictorian Award. This is supported by an endowment fund set up through donations by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

2 The Prime Minister's Valedictorian Award will be given to the most outstanding student in each graduating cohort who has achieved all-round excellence in the 6 years at SOTA.

3 The award recognises talents who have gone through a rigorous academic programme with an emphasis on artistic excellence. The awardee would have demonstrated excellent academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities and contributions to community service. Each awardee will receive a \$1,500 cash award, a certificate and a plaque.

4 The award will be given out from 2013, after SOTA's first cohort completes the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in 2012. It will be presented at SOTA's annual Awards Day.

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## About The School of the Arts, Singapore

The School of the Arts (SOTA) is Singapore's first national pre-tertiary specialised arts school to offer a 6-year unique integrated arts and academic curriculum for youths aged 13-18 years old.

Set up by the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA), the School offers a dedicated development path for those who have interest and show early talent in the arts, providing a learning environment where both the artistic and academic potential can best be realised

With a vision to identify and groom future generations of artists and creative professionals to be leaders in all fields, SOTA builds on Singapore's unique strengths, including her multicultural Asian diversity and global connected networks to synergise talents and resources.

A school of the future, SOTA embraces a holistic educational philosophy that celebrates experimentation, expression and discovery.