

### **SOTA ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL FUNDRAISING SHOW – IMPACT**

The School of the Arts, Singapore (SOTA) is pleased to announce its inaugural fundraising series titled *Impact*. *Impact* is an annual multidisciplinary show specially put together by the SOTA community to raise funds for the SOTA Endowment Fund (SEF).

Reinforcing the school's vision to nurture the next generation of cultural leaders who would positively impact society, the annual fundraising show draws inspiration from a local cultural leader who has made significant contributions in shaping Singapore's arts and cultural landscape.

First of the series, *Impact 2022* draws inspiration from the life and works of Tang Da Wu, who has inspired generations of artists of different disciplines with his experimental and pioneering vision.

"*Impact* encourages students to learn from the legacy of Singaporean cultural leaders and the impact they have made on society through the arts. It provides an impetus for staff and students to come together to create original works in response to the life and works of these cultural pioneers. The proceeds from *Impact* will go towards helping many more students in need access an education at SOTA", said Mrs Mary Seah, Principal of SOTA.

Students, alumni, and staff of SOTA have spent many months exploring the themes and sensibilities of Tang Da Wu, in turn creating new and original works for the show. Recent Juilliard graduate and SOTA dance alumna from the class of 2017, Joan Dwiartanto will be creating a dance film inspired by Tang Da Wu's courage as an artist and the notion of walking into the unknown.

"When my former teacher from SOTA asked me if I would be interested to be a part of *Impact*, it felt like an honour to be able to create something for the school as I have a lot of great memories from my time there," said Ms Dwiartanto.

She added, "Art is so beautiful and powerful, and I often forget that without the people who generously support the arts, it would not be able to exist the way it does now."

SOTA is grateful for the unwavering support from donors and their firm belief in the importance of an arts education.

"As Singapore's only national pre-tertiary arts school, *Impact* is a meaningful way to showcase the process of learning and growth that SOTA's young student-artists experience. With the support and generosity of donors, I hope that more youths can continue to gain access to an education anchored in the arts at SOTA", said Dr Lee Boon Yang, Patron of the SEF.

*Impact 2022* will be held on 11 November at SOTA's Drama Theatre. Ticket sales are now open to the public [here](#). All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go towards the SOTA Endowment Fund.

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### **About Impact - SOTA Fundraising Show**

Impact is an annual fundraising show that is organised by School of the Arts, Singapore (SOTA) to raise funds for the SOTA Endowment Fund (SEF).

Like the roots of a tree, the SEF was set up in 2019 to serve as a strong foundation towards growing a self-sustainable source of funds for the school in providing our students with bursaries, scholarships and other financial assistance. The fund ensures that SOTA's unique arts education remains accessible so that no child gets left behind due to financial disadvantage.

Supporting our school's vision to nurture the next generation of cultural leaders who positively impact society, the annual fundraising show draws inspiration from a Singaporean cultural leader who has made significant contributions in shaping Singapore's arts and cultural landscape. Young aspiring artists at SOTA are encouraged to learn from the stories and works of these pioneers, in turn creating new and original works for the show.

Featuring Dance, Film, Literary Arts, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts works by the SOTA community, Impact is a carefully crafted multidisciplinary showcase that is cohesive and rich in meaning. It is a celebration of everything that makes the SOTA education experience unique.

For more information, please visit <https://www.sota.edu.sg/whats-on/impact2022>

### **About School of the Arts, Singapore**

The School of the Arts, Singapore (SOTA) is Singapore's first national pre-tertiary specialised arts school with a six-year integrated arts and academic curriculum, leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or Career-related Programme, for youths aged 13- 18 years old.

Under the ambit of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY), SOTA 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 nurture creative citizens for the future, SOTA aims to identify and groom artistic and creative learners who positively impact Singapore and the world, through a vibrant learning environment that is anchored in the arts.

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

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