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NATIONAL YOUTH FILM AWARDS (NYFA) RETURNS, PREPPING YOUTH FILMMAKERS FOR THE NEW NORM

- The annual award, organised by *SCAPE, is now open for submissions

SINGAPORE, 23 FEBRUARY 2021 - The 7th edition of the National Youth Film Awards (NYFA) opens for submission today. Organised by *SCAPE, a non-profit organisation, NYFA is one of *SCAPE's longest running apex programme that provides a platform to empower young, aspiring filmmakers in their pursuit of filmmaking.

Themed 'New Dawn, New Beginnings', NYFA 2021 will explore the evolving film industry and prepare youths for post-Covid-19 recovery. The annual award is supported by the National Youth Council and Objectifs.

New extensions and programmes like never before

As Singapore's only platform that is catered to youth filmmakers, NYFA is more than just giving accolades. Over the last seven years, NYFA has recognised nearly 800 youth filmmakers. NYFA has also provided commissioned jobs through partners, distribution opportunities, and regional exposure with SeaShorts Film Festival and Cartoons Underground.

NYFA as a platform also continues to bring together the local filmmaking community. As part of its annual series, NYFA will be hosting its Conference in April 2021 to discuss how young filmmakers should prepare for a post-Covid world. The Conference will be exploring the latest trends and required skills that all filmmakers will need for the new norm.

Past NYFA alumni will also be joining the Conference as panellists. NYFA 2020's Best Live Action - Open Youth category winner, Tan Si En, will be conducting a workshop to share about her experiences in the film industry thus far and discuss how youth filmmakers can leverage on NYFA to market their own films internationally.

The Conference will also showcase NYFA's latest extension programme, the Film Facilitation Fund. Conceptualised by 2020 NYFA Youth Inspiration Award winner, Huang Junxiang, the Film Facilitation Fund paired five internationally renowned filmmakers with selected NYFA alumni mentees to produce a genre short film each. Mentors include Daniel Jeannette, Animation Director of 2006 film *Happy Feet*, as well as, Mike Wiluan, Director of *Buffalo Boys*.

"It has never been more important to strengthen the support for our youths today," said Ivy Lim, Executive Director of *SCAPE. "The return of NYFA 2021 demonstrates our commitment to nurture and empower youths in the pursuit of their dreams."

Equal opportunity and rewards for youths

NYFA 2021 will accept submissions under Student and Open Youth categories. Participants must be between 15 to 35-years-old to submit their Animation, Live Action and Documentary films.

Up to 60 films will be shortlisted and each of these films will qualify for award titles such as Best Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Original Music, and more.

For the full list of awards, see ANNEX A.

This year's winners can expect cash and attractive prizes worth an estimated total of \$70,000 including:

- \$1,000 cash each
- Post-production packages with Mocha Chai Laboratories
- SONY Alpha 7S III and Alpha 6600M camera
- Cathay Photo accessories vouchers
- Deity Microphones
- Red Giant Complete one year subscription
- The Actors' Society one year membership
- And many more

To find out more about the submission details or to submit a film, visit scape.sg/nyfa.

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About *SCAPE

*SCAPE Co. Ltd is a non-profit organisation with its mission and vision rooted in support of youth, talent and leadership development. The organisation aims to facilitate youth-oriented programmes and support within various communities of youth interest in Singapore. The youth of today will be inspired and empowered to **DREAM IT AND LIVE IT at *SCAPE!**

*SCAPE exists to serve and support youths to live their dreams and realise their full potentials. As the integrated talent and resource hub for young people in Singapore, *SCAPE offers a holistic network of programmes, communities, partners and facilities for youths to explore, create and strive. No dream is too small, no dream is too big. *SCAPE wants youths to be inspired to come forward and share their interests, share their dreams. Through guidance and facilitation, *SCAPE wants to see their dreams turn into ideas, and ideas into reality. Living their dreams should no longer be a dream at *SCAPE.

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About National Youth Film Awards

Since its inception in 2015, the National Youth Film Awards (NYFA) serves as a community that connects youths with an interest in filmmaking. It aims to be the launching pad for emerging filmmakers into the industry. Through NYFA, our alumni have gone on to earn further accolades on other regional and international film awards & festivals, some of whom have also been commissioned for various video campaigns by corporate and industry partners. Beyond an award platform, NYFA is committed to nurture the aspiration, vision, and creative spirit of our youths.

Together with industry partners and institutes of higher learning, the NYFA programme is designed to spark deeper conversations amongst like-minded individuals and supports artistic works from both aspiring and professional filmmakers. To date, NYFA has received over 1,800 short films across the Student and Open Youth categories.

About National Youth Council (全国青年理事会)

At NYC, we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard, and have the ability to influence and make a difference to the world.

Together with our partners, we develop future-ready youth who are committed to Singapore by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience and an enterprising spirit.

About Objectifs

Established in 2003, Objectifs is a visual arts space in Singapore that is dedicated to film and photography. The organisation's goal is to cultivate original voices in visual storytelling, and to inspire and broaden perspectives through the power of images.

Objectifs does this by presenting a year-round programme of exhibitions, screenings, workshops, talks, mentorships and residencies, aimed at fostering dialogue about visual culture, and advancing the practice and appreciation of photography and film.