

***SCAPE NYFA 2022 Nominees Media Advisory**

Dear media colleague,

A total of 60 films have been shortlisted for this year's *SCAPE National Youth Film Awards (NYFA). Organised by *SCAPE, an organisation that supports the development of Singaporean youth, this year's NYFA saw a total of 321 submissions.

Social issues took centre stage for this year's submissions as filmmakers deep dived into various topics such as poverty, societal expectations of women, and the bereavement of a child. Many submissions also pushed the envelope to explore topics such as sex, mental health, and LBGQTQ+ issues.

"This year's submissions continue the trend of exploring delicate societal issues as our youth cement their voice in our local filmmaking landscape. In particular, this edition of NYFA filmmakers have impressed us with the compassionate yet incisive way in which they approached sensitive topics, proving to us that Singapore has a very talented generation of young filmmakers. We look forward to continue working closely with them through our various workshops and mentorship programmes at *SCAPE, and helping them develop their voices through films," said Ivy Lim, Executive Director of *SCAPE.

Several nominees for this year's NYFA include recurring nominees such as Vikneshwaran Silva, who explored the issue of systemic poverty; Rifyal Giffari in a film about exploring one's familial roots; and Syamsul Bahari who submitted a film about a local football jersey collector, showcasing the trust placed by promising filmmakers on NYFA in amplifying their films. Nominees for this year's Best Performance also saw several candidates from as young as 8 years old, underscoring the budding talent emerging from the local film scene. These include Tong Xin Ci Germaine and Tong Hui Xuan Geraldine, sisters in the live action film "The Sea Between Us" under the Open-Youth category, as well as Karis Cleanthea and Hailey Madison in "Ant Nest" under the Student category.

This year NYFA also witnessed a new form of filmmaking - desktop documentary - where the entire film was produced through a screen capturing software instead of through a camera, turning the computer screen into both the method for production and dissemination of the documentary. This novel way of filmmaking was encapsulated in "state." by Sherrie See that explores the blurred boundaries between physical and digital interfaces as the protagonist transverses the two realms, drawing parallels to reality in today's world.

NYFA Awards 2022

Winners for this year's NYFA will be announced at the NYFA Awards Ceremony 2022 held at *SCAPE on 19 August. The ceremony will also be livestreamed on *SCAPE's social media platform on [Facebook](#). Details can be found on www.scape.sg/nyfa.

For the complete list of NYFA 2022 nominees, do head over to bit.ly/nyfa-nominees-2022.

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. *SCAPE wants youth to be inspired to come forward and explore their interests, pursue their dreams. Through guidance and facilitation, *SCAPE wants to see the dreams of youth turn into reality. Living their dreams should no longer be a dream at *SCAPE.

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 supported more than 3,000 youths, and received over 1,800 short films across the Student and Open Youth categories.