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NATIONAL YOUTH FILM AWARDS (NYFA) 2020 OPENS FOR SUBMISSION

- *The search for Singapore's next generation of filmmakers begins as the industry celebrates "Parasite" landslide victory at the Oscars*
- *All interested participants can submit their entries from now till 30 April 2020*

Singapore, 11 February 2020 – The 6th edition of the National Youth Film Awards (NYFA) opens for submission today. Organised by *SCAPE, NYFA prides itself as the springboard for young, aspiring filmmakers to pursue their passion in the film industry.

Since launch, NYFA has awarded 133 youth filmmakers, many of which have gone on to achieve international acclaim. Amongst them are Idette Chen. Her short film "Bangla" was the only Singaporean entry to be selected for the Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & Asia) 2019, and Shoki Lin, whose short film "ADAM" was part of the Cinéfondation Selection at the 72nd Cannes Film Festival.

The Asian film industry has punched above its weight with South Korean movie "Parasite" making history at the Oscars yesterday. Closer to home, local films – "Wet Season", "Pop Aye", and "A Land Imagined" – continue to fly our flag high in regional and international stages.

"Through NYFA, *SCAPE has recognised over 700 local young filmmakers over the last five years. Some have been deemed up-and-coming filmmakers in the industry, while others have progressed to start their own film studios," said Goh Kok Wee, Executive Director of *SCAPE. "These success stories are a testament to NYFA's commitment to be the national platform for young talents to kickstart their career in the filmmaking industry. We will continue to support these youths as they hone their directing and story-telling skills to be future ready."

Inviting opportunities await

This year's winners will stand a chance to embark on a regional learning journey at events such as the Golden Harvest Awards and Short Film Festival, and SeaShorts Film Festival. Their films will be screened at these recognised events, and they will have the chance to network and learn from regional filmmakers at forums, workshops, and exhibitions.

Winners will also be invited to pitch their stories for an anthology of short films, where they will be given a \$20,000 seed fund to produce a short film each.

Attractive prizes worth an estimated value of \$70,000 include:

- \$1,000 cash each
- SONY cameras
- 3D animation diploma / advanced diploma courses with MAGES worth \$15,000
- Post-production package with Mocha Chai Lab worth \$17,000
- And many more

Submission details

This year's edition of NYFA will continue to accept submissions under both Media Student and Open Youth categories. Participants aged between 15 to 35-years old are free to submit their Documentary, Animation, and Live Action films.

Up to 60 films will be shortlisted and each of these films will qualify for award titles such as Best Sound Design, Best Editing, Best Original Music, and more. For the full list of awards, see ANNEX A.

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, NYFA has been cultivating a community of like-minded media enthusiasts and is the connecting point for youths to network and collaborate.

Through NYFA, some of our alumni have been commissioned for various video campaigns by corporate and industry partners such as Adobe, PAVE and SONY.

Together with industry partners, veterans, and institutes of higher learning, the NYFA programme is designed to spark deeper conversations amongst like-minded individuals and hone their crafts in filmmaking. NYFA supports artistic works from both aspiring and professional filmmakers and is committed to nurture the aspiration, vision, and creative spirit of these youths.