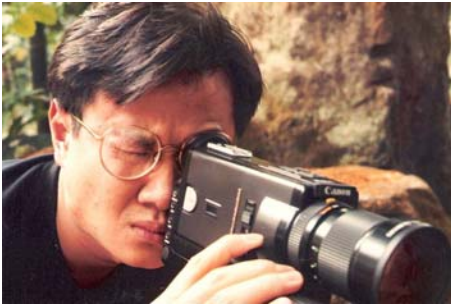


SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2006
MEDAL OF COMMENDATION

ARTS AND CULTURE (INDIVIDUAL)

MR ERIC KHOO



“It's all about passion, faith and determination. Never give up if you truly believe in something and just go for it.”

Mr Eric Khoo was conferred the Singapore Youth Award for Arts and Culture in 1999 for his outstanding contributions to the local film industry.

An influential and promising local film-maker then, Eric has since conquered new heights. In a mere 15 days, Eric directed and shot his film *Be With Me* - a sophisticated tale about love, life and hope, which received a standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival and an array of prestigious international and local awards.

Eric's contributions in focusing the world's eyes onto Singapore's outstanding film are indisputable. Having outshone 799 other international entries, his critically acclaimed film *Be With Me* opened the prestigious Director's Fortnight category at the 58th Cannes International Film Festival in 2005. The film went on to secure the Sabam Prize for Best Screenplay at the Flanders Film Festival and received the FIPRESCI International Critics' Prize for Best Film at the Stockholm International Film Festival 2005. In the same year, he won the Best Director awards at the Brussels Festival of Independent Film and the Torino Film Festival.



Eric's contributions to the local community extend beyond film-making. He initiated the *Be With Me* Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the Asian Women's Welfare Association Therapy and Educational Assistance for Children in Mainstream Education (AWWA TEACH ME).



The Fund aims to provide educational scholarships to physically disabled youths attending local tertiary institutions who excelled academically and display potential of making a significant difference in society.

Eric's devotion to his passion and success in drawing recognition to local films have indeed inspired many youths to pursue their hearts' call.

For achieving, contributing and inspiring youths at significantly higher levels after being awarded the SYA, Mr Eric Khoo is conferred the Medal of Commendation 2006.