

**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2008**  
**ARTS AND CULTURE (INDIVIDUAL)**

**MR TAUFIK BATISAH**



*“No one can tell you what to do. But you can show them what you can do.”*

Mr Taufik Batisah captured the hearts of the nation by becoming the first Singapore Idol in 2004, a win which catapulted him to greater heights.

His inaugural album Blessings was awarded the Best Selling Local Album in 2005 for reaching double platinum status, a first for a local English album. He also sang the National Day Parade theme song for that year. A talented singer and composer, he produced and composed the single Usah Lepaskan, which won Best Singapore Song and Most Popular Singapore Song at the prestigious regional Anugerah Planet Muzik (APM) Awards in 2007.

An artist with a wide outreach, Taufik’s popularity was further cemented when he won the Favourite Artist Singapore award at the MTV Asia Awards 2006 and the Most Popular Regional Male Artist award at APM 2006. In 2007, he presented the ASEAN 40th Anniversary theme song at the ASEAN Summit and performed at the FINA/Arena Swimming World Cup.





Besides his musical achievements, Taufik has been a role model to youths through his various ambassador roles – he was the Health Promotion Board’s Smoke-Free and National Healthy Lifestyle Campaign Ambassador in 2005, the Community Chest’s Youth Day Appeal Ambassador in 2005 and 2006, and the Nickelodeon Big Help Ambassador in 2007.

Taufik has also put his influence to good use by leading his fans on a volunteering visit to the Jamiyah Children’s Home and has lent his voice to various fundraising efforts such as the President Star Charity in 2007. He has received special mention from Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong for being an inspirational and musically talented Malay/Muslim youth.

For his achievements in the local and regional music scene and for being an inspiring role model to youths from all walks of life, Mr Taufik Batisah is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2008.