

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2009
ARTS AND CULTURE (INDIVIDUAL)

MR HO TZU NYEN



“To be able to create a work of art is to have the opportunity to give birth to a brave new world.”

Mr Ho Tzu Nyen is an acclaimed visual artist and film maker. His latest film HERE made its premiere at the Directors’ Fortnight at Cannes 2009.

Tzu Nyen’s productions include Utama – Every Name In History Is I, which is an installation of film and paintings about the forgotten pre-colonial founder of Singapore. It was exhibited at the 26th Sao Paulo Biennale in 2004 and the 3rd Fukuoka Asian Art Triennale in 2005. The film was shown at both the Bangkok International Film Festival and the Hong Kong International Film Festival in 2004.



Tzu Nyen has received numerous accolades locally as well as internationally. Besides winning the UOB Painting of the Year in the Abstract category in 2001, he received The Grand Jury Prize at the 4th Pris de Courts International Short Film Festival in France and the Special Mention at the Vienna Independent Short Film Festival for The Bohemian Rhapsody Project in 2008. The Bohemian Rhapsody Project is a film set in the Supreme Court of Singapore with the dialogue taken entirely from the lyrics of Queen's 1975 hit Bohemian Rhapsody.



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Beyond his work, Tzu Nyen also makes time to teach and lecture at various education institutions ranging from secondary schools to universities as he views education and engagement with youths as part of his artistic practice and responsibility. He enjoys challenging youths and being

For his outstanding excellence in the arts and his contributions to the local and international communities, Mr Ho Tzu Nyen is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2009.