

SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARD 2011

ARTS & CULTURE (INDIVIDUAL)

MR BOO JUNFENG

“An idealist is the side of me that has more faith in humanity.”



Mr Boo Junfeng is a young filmmaker who has made significant strides in both the local and international scenes. He has connected deeply with his audience and received numerous awards for his richly evocative films that explore a range of sensitive issues. He was conferred the Young Artist Award by the National Arts Council in 2009.

Junfeng burst into international prominence with his first feature film, “Sandcastle”, a family drama about personal and social memory. The film won several awards at the Vietnam International Film Festival 2010 and the Hong Kong Asian Film Festival 2010. It also earned critical acclaim at the Cannes Film Festival, Toronto International Film Festival and Pusan International Film Festival.

Junfeng’s short films, “Keluar Baris” and “Katong Fugue”, were recognised with Silver Screen Awards at the Singapore International Film Festival in 2008 and 2007 respectively. Among his other works, “Tanjong Rhu” and “A Family Portrait” were also well received in film festivals abroad, including in Germany, Italy and the Czech Republic. These films are like a mirror, allowing Singaporeans to examine more deeply their histories and how the personal intertwines with the societal and national; they have also triggered thoughtful commentary and insights on youth and personal identity.





Beyond his professional pursuits, Junfeng has strived to give back to society through his involvement in various initiatives. He served as a panellist and jury member for *SCAPE's Storyboard 2008, an initiative to educate, entertain and excite young Singaporeans in film appreciation and creation. He was also a youth ambassador for Youth.Sg's "Feed Me" campaign, which aimed to inspire Singaporean youths to express their appetite for life.

For his cinematic excellence and contributions to the local and international communities, Mr Boo Junfeng is conferred the Singapore Youth Award 2011.