



DARA LO

An independent and self-driven young artist undertaking her final year as a Fine Arts degree student with the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore, affiliated with the University of the Arts London. Proactively pursuing opportunities in the contemporary art field for continuous growth.



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Languages: English (Native), Tagalog (Native), Mandarin (Beginner)

Education

2022 - 2025
2019 - 2021

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fine Art, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), Singapore
International Baccalaureate Diploma, Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA), Philippines

Professional Experience

Apr 2023 - present

Freelance Mural Painter, Mural Lingo, Singapore

- Collaborated on Murals for Play Studio, Volkswagen, Bugis Street, Shell, Fernvale Glades Senior Care Centre, Fernvale 2, PPG X Orange Valley, Tampines Hub Rooftop, Broadrick Sec., EF Singapore International School, CACC Boon Keng Mural

Apr 2023 - Jan 2024

Part-time Art Teacher, Legend Art, Singapore

- Assisted with teaching the Preteen and Teen classes foundation skills in art.
- Taught students individually in the Direct School Admission to SEC 1 class to reinforce learning concepts and develop portfolios.
- Prepared teaching materials and set up audio-visual equipment.

Jan 2024

Gallery Assistant, Art SG 2024, Singapore

- Supported Peres Projects, a Germany-based gallery, with sales and client interfacing, and ensuring artwork safety at booths.

May 2023

Custom Curator, Levi Strauss & Co., Philippines

- Customized, designed, and painted denim for Levi's 150 years of 501 event.

May - Jul 2022

Marketing Intern, Dashlabs.ai, Philippines

- Designed and implemented social media content using multimedia graphics designed to inform and educate patients, healthcare institutions, and partners, covering 30% of the Philippine COVID testing capacity.

Related Experience

Aug 2024 - present

Curatorial Team Member, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA), Singapore

- Organized Exhibitions: NAFA Open Studio, Open House 2025, Performative Practices Lab for SAW 2025, Downsizing: Menjadi.
- Curated artist labels and exhibition texts.
- Assisted with exhibition layouts to enhance visitor engagement while accurately representing artists' visions.
- Coordinated logistical materials for artwork setup and spotlight installation.
- Produced professional videography to document live performances.
- Organized and facilitated an Artist Talk Panel Discussion, including developing the program flow.
- Facilitating, photographing, and photo-editing for the Graduation Show photoshoot.

Dec 2024 - present

Marketing Member, NAFA, Singapore

- Designed promotional materials for SAW 2025's Performative Practices Lab, NAFA Open House 2025, and Downsizing: Menjadi.

Jun - Sept 2024	Team Lead , National Design Centre (NDC) Facade Design Competition, University of the Arts Singapore, Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 3 out of 7 teams and received the Runner-up Award • Led a team of 4 artists in all phases of the design process: conceptualizing, planning, designing, and presenting the mural design. • Coordinated team meetings, delegated tasks, and ensured timely completion of project milestones. • Integrated UAS branding and innovative design elements into the final submission.
Oct - Nov 2023	Co-Lead Curator , NAFA, Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in curating the NAFA BA year 2 studio showcase, Subliminal Paradigms. • Create a detailed floor plan for the exhibition layout.
Nov 2023	Fair Assistant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Art Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assisted in the 2023 art fair, serving as the first touchpoint for guests and exhibitors through payment collection, ticketing, and tracking of attendee count.
Jan 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art SG 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Handled the installation monitors and conservation of artworks. ◦ Collaborated with other fair assistants in ensuring the flow of the fair.
Jun 2019 - Mar 2021	Programs Head , The After School Special, Immaculate Conception Academy, Philippines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized concerts to raise funds for chosen beneficiaries such as Saint Luke's Geriatric Ward and Kalinga Kontra Korona. • Spearheaded the program layout, script writing, and contacting of performers. • Raised upwards of 70,000 PHP (1,700 SGD).

Extracurriculars

Mar 2025	Student Ambassador , University of the Arts Singapore (UAS), Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage visitors and prospective students about my practice and the BA Fine Art programme for the UAS Open House
Oct 2024	Acting and Voiceover Talent , Nanyang Academy of Fine Art (NAFA), Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the two nominated students representing the Year 3 Fine Art cohort for the School of Fine Art corporate video. • Showcased at Open House 2025 and other platforms.
Sept 2024 - present	Student Representative , NAFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the three students chosen to represent the Year 3 Fine Art cohort for the Academic Year 2024/2025.

Volunteer

Mar 2023	Open House Facilitator , Singapore Tyler Print Institute (STPI) Creative Workshop & Gallery, Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for the Tortoise & Hare Racers workshop of Open House: Fables along with other facilitators. • Provided wayfinding and information to visitors. • Assisted in station set-up and pack-up.
Jan - Mar 2023	Exhibition Host , Singapore Art Museum (SAM), Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for conserving artworks for the 2022 Singapore Biennale. • Insight into the installation process of artworks and execution of program events. • Collaborated with other exhibition hosts in the preservation of artworks.
Jan 2023 - Jan 2024	Art Teacher , Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF), Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A collaborative project between NAFA's School of Fine Art and Faculty of Art and Design, and CCF - the social service agency that aims to improve the quality of life of children impacted by cancer by enhancing their emotional, social, and medical well-being. • Developed lesson plans catered towards preschool, primary, and secondary children from the • Engaged and assisted in teaching the children resiliency and self-expression through art therapy.
Feb 2023	Photographer , Xin Yuan Community Care (XYCC), Singapore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteered as the event photographer for a local charity with an Institution of Public Character (IPC) status that serves over 250 vulnerable elderly and around 60 youth beneficiaries from low-income families each year.

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *UAS Open House*, University of the Arts Singapore
The Paper Menagerie, ISA Art Gallery, Indonesia
Downsizing: Menjadi (成为), Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Singapore
Open House, NAFA, Towerblock BAFA3 Studio, Singapore
- 2024 姓, NAFA and UAS, Campus 3 Studio Theatre, Singapore
Scholarship and Award Ceremony 2024 Exhibition, NAFA, Lee Foundation Theatre (LFT), Singapore
BAFA 3 Open Studio, NAFA, Towerblock BAFA3 Studio, Singapore
Singapore Art Book Fair 2024, Thing Books, Singapore Art Museum, Tanjong Pagar Distripark, Singapore
NAFA x UAL Student Exhibition, Chelsea College of the Arts, The Cookhouse, London
Finding Peace, Chelsea College of the Arts, The Cookhouse, London
Belonging, Visionary Art Collective, Virtual
tip it, top it, tape it!, Chelsea College of the Arts, The Morgue, London
Jeune Pinceau International Young Artist World Exhibition, International Curator of Youth Arts, France, Singapore, Hong Kong, and China
Open House, NAFA, Towerblock BAFA3 Studio, Singapore
Collective Activations: Waterloo Street, Singapore Art Week 2024, NAFA Campus 2 Fashion Gallery
- 2023 *Subliminal Paradigms*, NAFA, Towerblock BAFA2 Studio, Singapore
Stories of Care III, NAFA x Assisi Hospice, Towerblock BAFA2 Studio, Singapore
Ice Cream, Jalan Binchang, Singapore
Sonder, Photographic Society of Singapore (PSS), Singapore
Realism Beyond Reality, Super Duper Gallery, Philippines
'Escape To:', School of The Arts (SOTA) Gallery, Singapore
- 2022 *Formative Open Studio*, NAFA, Towerblock BAFA1 Studio, Singapore
Atelier Showcase, NAFA, Singapore
Open House, NAFA, Singapore

Performances

- 2025 *Performative Practices Lab*, NAFA x Singapore Art Week 2025, Campus 2 Fashion Gallery, Singapore

Awards & Certificates

- 2024 Certificate of Award for the UAS Facade Design Competition, Singapore
NAFA Scholarship Award for Academic Year 2024/2025, Singapore
- 2023 Prix du talent for Jeune Pinceau International Young Artist Competition
- 2022 Traditional Oil Painting, Galvez Atelier, Philippines
- 2021 Classical Drawing Basic, Galvez Atelier, Philippines
- 2020 Academic Excellence Award, IBDP, Immaculate Conception Academy, Philippines

Press Mentions

- 2025 *"Performative Practices Lab 2025,"* Art Week SG, National Arts Council, January 2025
- 2024 *"Belonging, March 2024, Curated by Victoria J. Fry,"* Visionary Art Collective, March 2024
"Collective Activations: Waterloo Street," Art Week SG, National Arts Council, January 2024