



DARA LO

Contemporary Artist

An independent and self-driven young artist pursuing a Fine Art degree 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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Education

● Bachelor (HONS) of Fine Art

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA)

2022-present

Singapore

● International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP)

Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA)

2019-2021

Philippines

Languages

English (Native)

Filipino (Native)

Mandarin (Beginner)

Extracurriculars

Calisthenics

Parkour

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Muay Thai

Experience

● Freelance Mural Painter

Mural Lingo

Apr 2023 - Present

- Collaborated with a team of artists to paint commissioned designs.
- Painted indoor and outdoor murals for businesses, companies, and apartment complexes.
- Murals for Play Studio, Volkswagen, Bugis Street, Shell, Fernvale Glades Senior Care Centre.

● Team Lead

2024 National Design Centre
Facade Design Competition

Jun - Present

- University of the Arts Singapore (UAS)
- Led a team of 4 artists in conceptualizing, planning, and designing a mural for the National Design Centre facade.
- Managed all phases of the design process, from conceptualization to final presentation.
- Coordinated team meetings, delegated tasks, and ensured timely completion of project milestones.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to align design goals with competition requirements.
- Successfully integrated UAS branding and innovative design elements into the final submission.

● Part-time Art Teacher

Legend Art

Apr 2023 - Jan 2024

- Assisted with teaching the Preteen and Teen classes foundation skills in art.
- Coordinated with art education professionals to ensure students' lesson comprehension.
- Taught students individually in the Direct School Admission to SEC 1 class to reinforce learning concepts and develop portfolios.
- Identified students' strengths and areas of improvement for personalized learning.
- Prepared teaching materials and set up audio-visual equipment.

● Gallery Assistant

Art SG 2024

Jan 2024

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



Lihang Puso (Letter of the Heart), 2023
Acrylic Paint on Canvas
29.7 x 42cm
Winning Entry for the Jeune Pinceau
International Young Artist Competition

Awards & Achievements

2024 NAFA Scholarship Award
Awarded the 'NAFA Scholarship (Degree)' for Academic Year 2024/2025

2023 Prix du talent for Jeune Pinceau International Young Artist Competition
One of five artists receiving the Artistic Talent Award for the eighteen to twenty-two painting category in Southeast Asia under the theme of "I'm also a master of art."

2022 Traditional Oil Painting
Completed the Traditional Oil Painting course of Art Renewal Center (ARC) approved Galvez Atelier in the Philippines.

2021 Classical Drawing Basic
Completed the Classical Drawing Basic course of Art Renewal Center (ARC) approved Galvez Atelier in the Philippines.

2020 Academic Excellence Award
Completed the Grade 11 International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) with honors.

Seminars & Courses

Toastmasters
Public speaking.

Digital Marketing and E-Commerce
In Progress - Google course on Coursera.

AI x Arts
Industry Literacy in AI Certificate.

Experience

- **Co-Lead Curator**
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts
Oct - Nov 2023

 - Assisted in curating the NAFA BA year 2 studio showcase, Subliminal Paradigms.
- **Fair Assistant**
Affordable Art Fair
Nov 2023

 - Assisted in the 2023 art fair, serving as the first touchpoint for guests and exhibitors through payment collection, ticketing, and tracking of attendee count.
- **Custom Curator**
Levi Strauss & Co.
May 2023

 - Customized, designed, and painted denim for Levi's 150 years of 501 event.
- **STPI Creative Workshop & Gallery (volunteer)**
Open House Facilitator
Mar 2023

 - 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.
- **Exhibition Host (volunteer)**
Singapore Art Museum (SAM)
Jan - Mar 2023

 - Responsible for conserving artworks for the 2022 Singapore Biennale.
 - Gained knowledge and exposure to contemporary arts and how major key events like biennales are carried out.
 - Insight into the installation process of artworks and execution of programs and events.
 - Collaborated with other exhibition hosts in ensuring the preservation of artworks.
- **Fair Assistant**
Art SG 2023
Jan 2023

 - Handled the installation monitors and conservation of artworks.
 - Collaborated with other fair assistants in ensuring the flow of the fair.
- **Marketing Intern**
Dashlabs.ai, Philippines
May - Jul 2022

 - 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.
- **Programs Member and Head**
The After School Special, Philippines
Jun 2019 - Mar 2021

 - 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).

Volunteer Activities & Community Services

Teacher

Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF)

Jan 2023 - Present

- Developed lesson plans catered towards preschool, primary, and secondary children from the 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 and their families by enhancing their emotional, social, and medical well-being.
- Engaged and assisted in teaching the children resiliency and self-expression through art therapy.

Photographer

Xin Yuan Community Care (XYCC)

Feb 2023

- 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.
- Aided in the well-being of the elderly in the charity event.

Exhibitions

2024

Belonging, Visionary Arts Collective (VAC)

- One of the selected artists to exhibit virtually on the theme of belonging,

Jeune Pinceau Young Artist Competition 2023, International Curator of Youth Arts

- Selected work toured in a World Exhibition for France at Mairie de Paris Centre, Singapore, China, and Hong Kong. Selected to represent Singapore alongside artists from France, Mainland China, Macau, Luxembourg, Japan, and Taiwan.

Collective Activations: Waterloo Street, Singapore Art Week 2024

- A showcase featuring six collective projects selected from over three BA (Hons) Fine Art cohorts (2021-2023).

Open House 2024, Nanyang Academy of Fine Art (NAFA)

- Showcasing the second-year students' works from the NAFA x ASSISI collaboration.

2023

Stories of Care III, Nanyang Academy of Fine Art (NAFA) in collaboration with Assisi Hospice

- Site-specific showcase in collaboration with a social worker from Assisi Hospice.

Subliminal Paradigms, Nanyang Academy of Fine Art (NAFA)

- A showcase featuring 6 collectives mirroring, distorting, and reimagining Waterloo Street.

Ice Cream, Singapore

- An open-call exhibition featuring 45 selected artists celebrating the colors of life.

Realism Beyond Reality, Super Duper Gallery, Philippines

- A group exhibition featuring 21 selected contemporary figurative artists.

Sonder, Nanyang Academy of Fine Art (NAFA)

- An exhibition held at the Photographic Society of Singapore (PSS) featuring 19 emerging artists.

Escape To:, School of The Arts (SOTA) Gallery

- An open-call exhibition curated by the School of the Arts Singapore students.