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**Breaking: ArtsFAS, Malaysia's largest grant for arts and culture returns!**  
*Creative practitioners seeking grant funding to submit eligibility assessment by 15 April*

**KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Apr 2022** – Yayasan Hasanah (“Hasanah”), a foundation under Khazanah Nasional Bhd (“Khazanah”), has opened applications for its Arts for All Seasons ([ArtsFAS](#)) grant for this year, in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia.

As the largest arts grant in the country, last year, ArtsFAS 2022 has made monumental impact by providing **RM4.2 million** in funds, supporting **107 public arts showcases** of various formats, hence spurring economic opportunity for **over 3,000 arts practitioners**.

Entertaining arts and culture lovers around the country, the most recent programmes supported by ArtsFAS have included highly-acclaimed shows namely: *“Drumhouse: Honouring a Cultural Heritage”* by Hands Percussion, a concert of Teochew opera and Kelantanese Mak Yong and Mek Mulung, *“The Hearth Brought To Light: A Food-Over-Fire Festival”* by Whatmatters Sdn Bhd, encompassing Sarawak’s tradition, arts and heritage through pantomime, *“IKAT: Motif Kita”* exhibition by Experiential Design Team, marrying immersive technology with traditional motifs in textile arts, and *“Walimatulurus”* by Projek Suatukala Sdn Bhd, an immersive theatre experience celebrating popular Langkawi legends Mat Chincang and Mat Raya, among many other fantastic shows.

A platform to showcase Malaysia’s preserved and conserved arts, heritage, and culture in a public event, ArtsFAS aims to educate the younger generation and the larger community through technology, knowledge exchange and art events, as well as conservation through activation, to make arts accessible for all.

Applications are now open! Those interested in applying for the ArtsFAS grant are urged to submit for eligibility assessment by 15 April. Eligible candidates will then receive a link to apply through a dedicated online platform by 30 April. For more info and to submit for your eligibility assessment, visit [www.artsfas.org/apply-now/](http://www.artsfas.org/apply-now/). Recipients of the grant are expected to host their projects between September and December 2023.

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**Caption:** Last year, ArtsFAS also supported *“Drumhouse: Honouring a Cultural Heritage”* by Hands Percussion, an intercultural concert featuring Teochew opera and Kelantanese Mak Yong and Mek Mulung

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## **ABOUT ARTSFAS**

*Arts For All Seasons (ArtsFAS) is a grant programme that contributes to a larger effort by Yayasan Hasanah to preserve and celebrate Malaysian Arts, Heritage and Culture (AHC). ArtsFAS was initially launched in 2020 in response to closures of public spaces due the COVID-19 pandemic, offering an alternative avenue to showcase and honour our “cultural frontliners” by making their art accessible, while supporting livelihoods. Today, ArtsFAS is organised by Yayasan Hasanah every year, where it awards grants for various shows, screenings, theatre productions, workshops, exhibitions, festivals, and place-making activities; aiming to educate the community and connect our heritage to the youths.*

## **ABOUT YAYASAN HASANAH**

*Yayasan Hasanah (“Hasanah”) is the impact-based foundation of Khazanah Nasional Berhad (“Khazanah”), the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia. Hasanah was set up as an independent entity on 1 July 2015, building on nine years of Corporate Responsibility (CR) efforts previously driven by Khazanah. As a grant-giving organisation, Hasanah goes beyond ringgit and sen to facilitate an ecosystem of transformation, working in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, infusing a spirit of advocacy and building capacity in five key focus areas: Education; Community Development; Environment; Arts and Public Spaces; and Knowledge. Collectively and collaboratively, Hasanah hopes to shift the needle of social and community reform for Malaysians, towards a better Malaysia. For further information, please visit [www.yayasanhasanah.org](http://www.yayasanhasanah.org)*