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### **2024 Annual Report**

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**The Very Quiet Studio Limited** 

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# **About Us**

#### **Arts & Heritage Charity**

#### Mission

To promote better minds, reflections and learning conditions, for personal and social well being, through preservations and active re-discovery of higher truths, asian heritage, spiritual treasures.

The Very Quiet Studio Limited is now an Arts & Heritage charity organization in 2017 in the following objectives:

#### **Objectives**

- a) To promote the Asian Heritage
- b) To encourage Mental Health Fitness
- c) To educate on physical and mental health literacy
- d) To produce arts, culture and heritage related films or plays.

#### **Methods/Activities**

## Influence through Art

To produce creative projects through the use of cinematic works and soundtracks with international artists.

To produce, direct, write, organise other audio or stage or visual production in suitable genres or medium or new platforms.

To build our mental capabilities and use our minds as a resource to stay fit and sound.

## Empowerment through Advocacy

To encourage Mental Health Fitness for the aging and aged, both locally and internationally.

To inspire through organising forums, varying art genres and educational works, for continuous selfawakening and development.

To introduce innovative products that empower the independence of seniors in their daily living.

## Awareness through Education

To produce publications on Buddhism Dharma and secular books.

To educate on physical and mental health literacy through the use of arts, new media or applications, and research.

To develop short-term programmes which bring change to create better life attitudes and practices.

# Overview of Charity

#### Summary

The Very Quiet Studio Ltd is a Singapore Arts, Culture & Heritage Charity with a mission to promote better minds, reflections and learning conditions, for personal and social well being, through preservations and active re-discovery of higher truths, asian heritage, spiritual treasures. Since 2007 it has been evolving through short films, performing arts (piano, dance & music, choir 2020), collaborative el hibitions on local works, forums to discuss on acquiring wisdom as we age, original books publishing and creating its own media genre Sound Sañña a work on 5 sian stories through cinematic sound choreography.

The Very Quiet Studio Limited ("TVQS") was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee] in 16/11/2016.

TVQS was registered as a charity under the Charities Act (Chapter 37) since 12/12/2017.

TVQS has M&AA as its governing instrument.

TVQS is a charity with gross annual receipts or total expenditure of not more than \$50,000.

#### **Unique Registration Number (UEN):**

201631481G

#### **Registered Address:**

36 Robinson Road #14-03 City House Singapore 068877

#### **Auditor:**

**TJ Assurance Partners PAC** 

#### **Bankers**

Singapore

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# Leadership

#### Council

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Name	Current Charity Board Appointment	Occupation	Past Charity Board Appointments
Ng Wei Chin	Founder, Board Director, Secretary & 8 YW2016	Exe Director TVQS; Director of Light Carriage Productions	Board Member 16 Nov 2016
Leong Lai San	Board Director & Treasurer 28 May 2021	Urban Planner	
Dr. Sri Ghanavenothan Retnam	Board Director 1 June 2020	Bhaskar's Arts Academy Music Director	
Wong Chin Ye Elizabeth		IT Manager	Board Member 16 Nov 2016

# Highlights of the Year

#### 2024 Online and offline Works



Meditation video 3 was completed and premiered on 8 April 2024



We held our first QnA via Pigeon platform with success.





We have an acapella performance by local talents presenting songs from 3 Chinese regions: China, Taiwan and Singapore.





TVQS organized OBW
Chinese Forum in 12 Oct 2024
in Observance of Mental
Health Day 10 Oct, was held
at Singpost Auditorium with a
seating plan of 242 with full
house.

Our night is filled with good energy and wisdom shared by our 3 guests; we continued the Taiji in the next morning at Taiseng Basic Studio

#### **Summary Financial Performance**

- Total Income: \$ 67009
- Total Expenditure: \$46188
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#### **Grants & Collaborators**

- Cultural Matching Fund recipient for 2024 with \$34530 matched.
- Triple One Properties, Tan Ean Kiam Foundation, Sayang Sayang Fund 2nd Tranche, Individual donors
- Various Donors from the public at Older But Wiser Forum

# Our Work: Programmes and Activities

Productions: https://www.youtube.com/c/TheVeryQuietStudio

#### **Productions:**







Documentary film Production work was TVQSL 1st Project mandate in 2007. It began when Buddhist Library Singapore engaged and commissioned Director Ng Wei Chin to make donors a simple presentation on their Asia 2004 Tsunami Rebuilding Sri Lanka Hambantota Charity Work. (https://youtu.be/MqiQD3hTX0E) It took about 1 year from 2006, that the final cut was presented and distributed to donors who supported in the aid. Since then, later film production works continued with meditation related talks and dhamma propagation video. Despite local organizations lacking in support and understanding to media & creativity, TVQS continued in the background work for more than 14 years since 2005.







TVQSL intends to utilize creative production for educational works such as Health Literacy, and Light a Little Light programs. Asian Chinese Language is the doorway to the unknown treasures of cultural wisdom, rich philosophies and moral attitudes, e perienced and practiced by Chinese ancestors, documented in concise and vivid words. Singapore used to have a strong foundation in bilingualism with proficiency in Mandarin while maintaining English as our working language. The Asian heritage can be further shared with non-native and non-Chinese who may become future experts of our neglected and misunderstood mother tongue.





TVQS Channel has more than 33.5K subscribers as of 25 May 2023. The channel is monetized via Youtube from 4 May 2019. It has over 11 Million youtube views, and over 50 million views worldwide on other platforms. In 2021 Oct 16-18 TVQS participated at Parliament of World Religions presenting Five Elements Movement. The work completed in late Feb 2022 and is put on Vimeo.

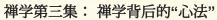






Since Covid started 2020, TVQS has produced 3 videos on meditation guidance, 2020 & 2024







禅学 第二集: 在家里如何禅修?



**禅学 第一集: 禅学是心灵** 卫生的泉源

Year	Program	Donors	Copyright
2024	禅学第三集: 禅学背后的"心法" https://youtu.be/uORQNJXWATw	Public donors & CMF	TVQS/NWC
2022	CAMRE workshop promotional video https://youtu.be/yNZ8KuTJpKY	Sayang Sayang Fund	TVQS
2021	Five Elements Movement 44min on Vimeo trailer https://youtu.be/a3cTB97NtfU	BF/ TOP/ Public donors Harmony Fund / CMF	TVQS
2020	《点灯小时间》https://youtu.be/MbQtYINnTIU	NAC Digital Performance Grant & TOP	9
2020 during	A tribute to Singapore Healthcare Workers Covid19 https://youtu.be/mshtSWmfJDA	Self funded	TVQS
2020	禅学 第二集: 在家里如何禅修? https://youtu.be/XM-PAbocEIE	Public Donations	TVQS/NWC
2020	禅学 第一集: 禅学是心灵卫生的泉源 https://youtu.be/6hzYKk02A-w	Public Donations	TVQS/NWC
2019	知北游 https://youtu.be/bYv8yLcVaWo	Self funded	TVQS
2015 -2019	Older But Wiser In-house productions forums recording (see older but wiser)	(see older but wiser)	TVQS
2015	Health Literacy "Glaucoma" prototype 医学常识青光眼 (样板) https://youtu.be/RH6QNyDVdWs	Self Funded	TVQS
•	Taiwan Luminary Light Video Work for 'Mindfulness for Creativity" Conference. 台湾香光寺 《转念。创意》 国际研讨会	Commissioned	<b>Luminary Light</b>
2012	Taiwan Organization Special Interview and documentation	Commissioned	TEK

# Our Work: Programmes and Activities

Older But Wiser: https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/older-but-wiser



Old But Wiser

























Chinese Forum 《老不沉重》June 2015 and 《老不得空》Feb 2017 received affirmative support and recognition by the local Chinese speaking audience. OBW guest performer Mdm Elaine Wu 巫衡丽 piano concerto on 《祭礼》won international fame and recognition, and The Very Quiet Studio Limited was mentioned by local Channel 8 interview and international CCTV-1& CCTV-3. We explored further collaboration with younger generation in English Forum "Space for our mental well being" Feb 2015 through indian dance re-expression with St Anthony Canossian Convent. March 2018 we created a new work Indian Raga Music & dance "Four Elements Movement" and debut at TTSH atrium well received by caregivers, patients, staff and passerby.

In 2019 October, we held two interfaith forums on World Mental Health Day. Our Guest of honor was Senior Minister of State for MCCY & MCI, Ms Sim Ann.









Date	Activities	Venue	Participants	Sponsor
2024 12 Oct	《老人悟》2024 之 静心艺力 座谈会 Old but Wiser Chinese Forum https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PLHLn9bkDuHpwGF8jm0OO4zU-RYnurXafV	Singpost Auditorium	242	TOP/TEK/EKS/CMF Private/Public donors
2022 May - 2023 Nov	Connecting Arts & Mental resilience Exploration CAMRE Workshop https://youtu.be/yNZ8KuTJpKY	Basic Studio @ The Commerze	38	Sayang Sayang Fund/ CFS Triple One Properties
2019 Oct https://www.you	MCCY Harmony Fund/ NKF/ Cultural Matching			
2019 Oct	Older but Wiser "A Smooth Departure" English interfaith Forum 3  utube.com/playlist?list=PLHLn9bkDuHpwcKRvsrooqzFlqk	NKF HQ	>500	Fund/ Triple One Properties TOP/ Tan Ean Kiam Foundation/ Public
	ebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?tab=album&al		76782169	
2019 June	International Conference for Cohesive	Raffles Cit	y >7000	MCCY/RSIS

https://youtu.be/QNIj\_Toha8Y https://www.facebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=2401428689879950

Societies ICCS presenting "Wind Element" Ballrooms from "Four Elements Movement"

**OBW Activities/Events Attendance** Sponsor Venue

"Four Elements Movement" at Singapore General Hospital SGH 中央医 2018 Dec > 100

https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/re-expressions

https://www.facebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=2105796219443200

老人悟《老不成荫》华语座谈会 3 2018 Oct NKF HQ

2018 Mar Original works "Four Elements Movement" TTSH

https://youtu.be/tldnlfZTuh8

https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/fourelementsmovement

Triple One **Properties TOP** >300 /Tan Ean Kiam https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHLn9bkDuHpwg3vJbsjVmhfs0Pn\_fW7Kt Foundation / https://www.facebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=2105739389448883 NAC/Artsfund/ Bengawan >1000 Solo /Angel 陈笃生医院 debut at Tan Tock Seng Hospital Donor/NKF

老人悟《老不得空》华语座谈会 -巫쨹丽 2017 NKF HQ >45 million "梁祝"钢琴曲演奏风靡中国

Triple One https://youtu.be/c4YzLPXyV6w **Properties** https://v.qq.com/x/page/o0384qeeaj8.html Pte Ltd TOP/

Older but Wiser Photography & Paintings TTSH 2017 Feb >1000 3rd Exhibition at TTSH 陈笃生医院

https://www.facebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=1353189101370586 https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/publications

2017 Feb Older but Wiser "Space of our Mental NKF HQ <40 Well Being" English Forum 2

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHLn9bkDuHpzNbC 9ruLjGqwQvXUogJdA

老人悟《老不得空》华语座谈会 2 **NKF HQ** >8 Million 2017 Feb

https://www.facebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=1361891390500357 https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHLn9bkDuHpwsUB4H39L4n6a0tbrraSvz

2015 Dec Older but Wiser Photography & Paintings FortCanning >100 The Foothills 2nd Exhibition at Fortcanning Park

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老人悟《老不沉重》华语座谈会 1 **NKF HQ** 2015 Dec https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHLn9bkDuHpy4ut-lzrA3bottcG4hz4Ob https://www.facebook.com/pg/OlderbutwiserMind/photos/?

tab=album&album\_id=1086470074709158

2014 Jan **TVQS Older but Wiser 1st Exhibition** NLB Lee

> on Singapore Street Elderly B/W **Central Library** film photography

https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/publications

2014 Jan Older but Wiser "Elderly Happiness & Dignity" English Forum 1

https://soundcloud.com/theveryquietstudio69/sets/english-forum-elderly

>300

>200

中央图书馆

**NLB Central Library** 

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NAC/

Tan Ean

Artsfund/

**Triple One** 

Ltd/ NKF / **Nparks** 

**Properties Pte** 

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# Our Work: Programmes and Activities

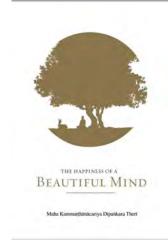
### Publications: https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/publications

#### **Publications:**

Book publication 2nd Project started 2008 May with Khoon Chee Vihara commissioning of buddhist mahayana Master Ven Cihang's writing on《成难识论讲记》(https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/dhammabooks) to be published as Ebooks in simple Chinese Text format by 2010.

The second commissioning is buddhist meditation master Maha Sadhamna Jotikadhaja, Mahā kammaṭṭhānācariya Daw Dipankara Theri's book "The Happiness of a Beautiful Mind" (www.issuu.com/tvqs) in 2014 which has since been translated to Indonesian, Chinese 《喜祷禅心》, Korean and two more languages to come. It is available in printed and ebook format.

Another ebook publication is "Glimpses of Light" 《例影之心》 https://issuu.com/tvqs/docs/obw-ebook-050617\_final that collects photography, paintings, poems and translations of our first 2 years "Older But Wiser" projects. We await an opportunity to market the ebook.







https://issuu.com/tvqs

《例影之心》 Glimpses of Light-The following e-book is a compilation of past Older but Wiser events held by The Very Quiet Studio from 2015 to 2017 and works written in four main languages of contemporary Singapore with English translations.

Older but Wiser seeks to preserve and promote our intangible heritage.

老人悟 - 《侧影之心》 - 电子书

这是静境镜自2015年至2017年主办"老人悟"的话动汇集电子书。此书包含新加坡四种主要语言并附有英文翻译。

"老人悟"希望保留并提倡亚洲非物质文化遗产对 精神建构的重要性。

Year	Publications	Author	Print	Sponsor
2017-2020 https://issuu.com	《例影之心》 Glimpses of Light /tvqs/docs/obw-ebook-050617_final	Various	E Book	NAC and more
2020	Digital Orchid Painting Exhibition at Gardens by the Bay	Various	Digital Display	Gardens by the Bay
2015-2020 https://www.thev	《喜祷禅心》(禅学) veryquietstudio.asia/dhamma-books	燃灯大禅师 (上座部长老尼)	> 9500 & ebook	International donors /TVQS
2014-2020	The Happiness of a Beautiful Mind (meditation)	Mahā Kammaṭṭhān- ācariya Dipankara Theri	>6000 & ebook	International donors /TVQS
2008- 2010 https://www.the	《成雅识论讲记》 《十二门论》 《相宗十讲》 veryquietstudio.asia/dhamma-books	Ven. Cihang 慈航大和尚讲解	e-book	Khoon Chee Vihara 児慈精舎 (新か坡)

# Our Work: Programmes and Activities

Sound Sañña: https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/sound-sanna

#### Sound Sañña



Sound Sañña is TVQSL 3rd project that began in 2008 Dec. As an ardent lover to good stories and asian cultural wisdom hidden and embedded in literary works, Sound Sañña sets to identify and sieve out the noble minerals hidden in the cracks of rocks. Asian stories as the main focus but enhanced through cinematic audio and story choreographed music, through the sound recording of exceptional good voice. The inaugural CD was launched in Salt Lake City, Utah USA at World Parliament of Religions Oct 2015 and a paper on the concept was well received at World People'e Organization "International Conference on Spirituality & Psychology" at Bangkok March 2016. The next collection of stories shall be in Chinese to be targeted at wider international audience but we are still seeking funds https://youtu.be/XFABXceZ35I

Year	Event	Production	Print	Sponsorship

2023 Asanga II Audio Cinematic remake CMF

2021-2022 Mousetrap 老鼠器 Chinese Stories CMF 2nd CD in progress

2015 Oct Launching Story Kasina CD Marketing Private Dono

Launching Story Kasina CD Marketing Private Donors at 6th Parliament of World Religions at Salt Lake City

https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/sound-sanna https://youtu.be/XFABXceZ35I

2015 Mar "International Conference on

Spirituality & Psychology" in Bangkok

https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/pilot-cd-story-kasina

2008-2015 New Genre Creation Audiocinema Project

- Sound Sanna on Asia Stories

亚洲声像故事计划 (6 Stories)

https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/asia-stories

2000 CD

陈弈福、释空亿、 黄卫众、王振辉 Lee Kum Chew



#### TVQS Timeline: Overview (click picture/links to view)



6th Parliament of World Religions at

Salt Lake City



#### TVQS Timeline: Overview (click picture/links to view)

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5EM was presented at NUS CHS 云茂潮文化讲座 SEP 2022 TVQS applied and received Community Foundation of Singapore Sayang Sayang Fund (a special fund during covid) for its workshop CAMRE Connecting Arts and Mental Resilience Exploration



2022 Workshop 1 & 2 consists of Taiji, Meditation and Classics recital

2023 Workshop 3
has Nagomi and
Meditation Class
and just
Meditation
session run at
Marine Terrace
Breeze RC

《禅学》第三集禅学背后的心法



TVQS held 《静心 艺力》Chinese Forum at Singpost Auditorium on 12 Oct 2024 in observance of World Mental Health Day. It is a 10th year program with our 1st invitation of foreign speakers from Taiwan and China, including Singapore



2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	2025
5EM entered for festivals and was awared Awards Honorab Bhutan International Court as Outstanding Festival Outstan Swedish Acaden Picture Award as Religion	le Mention; onl Film Festival ilm, it won in national Film ding Fim and ny of Motion		The 4th workshop has Raga conducted by Dr Ghanavenothan Retnam followed by meditation conducted by WeiChin. Plus another separate session with only meditation.	10:12 WEEKER	
Tokyin	Awards the Mention	S R2	M1 P D2 S		
		WINNER TIPE 2023	WINNER  BEST FILM ON RELIGION 2023		

## Governance

#### **NOTES**

The Very Quiet Studio Ltd is a charity with gross annual receipts or total expenditure of not more than \$50,000.

#### **Term Limit of Board**

All members of the board are renominated in 2023 in accordance of Code of Governance.

#### **Board Meetings and Attendance**

A total of one Board meeting and one AGM were held during the financial year. The following sets out the individual Board member's attendance at the meetings:

AGM Date: 28 May 2025 General Meeting: 23 Feb 2025

Names of Board members	% of attendances
Ng Wei Chin	100%
Leong Lai San	100%
Ghanavenothan Retnam	100%
Huang JinYi Elizabeth	100 %

#### Disclosure of Remuneration and Benefits received by Board Members

No Board members are remunerated for their Board services in the financial year except for Executive Director. The Board has agreed to let the Youtube advertisement revenue full amount be paid as Consultant fee to Ng Wei Chin, as long as there is a continuous revenue.

Names of Board members	Amount of remuneration and benefits for the financial year 2024 (\$)	
Ng Wei Chin (Exe. Director capacity)	S\$ 12000	