



# KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION

## Media Release

### **SOCSARGEN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' VISUAL ART SHOW IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Peoples' Visual Art Show and Internet Auction of the *Kalinawa Art Foundation* was held in General Santos City at the HR Lobby of the Notre Dame Of Dadiangas University from July 25 to August 1 in partnership with Notre Dame of Dadiangas University (NDDU) and the Kalimudan Culture and Arts Center (KCAC) Over the course of the event, over 1,000 people attended.

Forty seven (47) artists provided 111 pieces of different pieces of art ranging from contemporary painting to the more traditional arts of weaving and embroidery. Mr. Al-Nezzar-Ali, a Moro visual artists and vice president KCAC curated the exhibit and was the master of ceremonies for the Opening Ceremony. As a prelude to the formal opening, a welcome ceremony was performed by the Tagakaolo Group from Sarangani Province and chanting by the B'laan Group. The NDDU Allegro Chorale led the National anthem, which was followed by Kaolo Prayer by Rev. Jun Malon and Maguindanawon Prayer by Al-Nezzar-Ali. The formal opening was accomplished with the ribbon cutting by the First Lady of Gen. Santos and Chairperson, Kagandahan Gensan, Dra. Rose Acharon and Bro. John Y. Tan, FMS, President of NDDU, with assistance from Mr. Carlton Hughes, *Kalinawa Art Foundation*.

Over the course of the evening, the Bla'an and Tagakaolo Group provided more performances of traditional dances. As well several people were invited by the master of ceremonies to provide remarks: former party-list representative Mario Aguja, Atty. Abduramanh Anacan (Chancellor, Mindanao State University - MSU) and Mr. Arturo Lawa of the Indigenous Peoples' Council. Other prominent guests present during the opening were Gensan Mayor Pedro Acharon and Mrs. Herlina Castañes of MSU.

The awarding ceremony was held on July 30 and began with the Paglong dance by B'laan artists, which was followed by the Doxology given by the NDDU Likas Teatro and Invocation (chanting) by Sigabo Tablo from the B'laan Tribe. Mrs. Letty Cabang, head of BEAM PMU Cotobato Annex Office gave an inspirational speech in which she congratulated the artist who participated in the event , the people who witness the exhibit and also the *Foundation* for its mission in helping the Indigenous People in gaining knowledge and information dedicated to discovering their arts and talents. She also mentioned that this type of visual art exhibition is the first of its kind in the SOCSARGEN areas.

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The celebration continued with a dance called Kasbulong by the Lam Bulol Kastifon of Lambagan National High School – Annex. Mr. David Gilinsky (founder of the *Kalinawa Art Foundation*) presented the awards and certificates of appreciation to the participants and volunteers who worked hard to ensure a successful event. The volunteers who donated their time and energy are: Rubeliza Del Carmen, Erwin Quimco, Joel Elevado, Crisson Ray Gangoso, Mark Munasque and Hamser Kamad.

Judges for the competition were Mr. Julius Señego, Exequiel Laurente, and Ms. Estelita Aquino, Leonardo Ray S. Carino and Bayani Nadua. From their assessment, the following were awarded the First Prize for each category:

- Jamaica Villasor - "Boy Fishing" - Youth Category
- Ronald Tamfalan - "Pagpunta sa ibang Bansa" - Two Dimensional Category
- Renato Altubar - "Hinaggis" - Three Dimensional Category
- Lilia Tasib - "Tabih" - Traditional Category

Additional winners, as well as the other artist information and their art can be found on the Kalinawa Art Foundation information website at [www.kalinawa.com](http://www.kalinawa.com).

As part of these activities, the *Foundation* sponsored a workshop for budding young artists conducted by Mr. Al-Nezzar Ali, the output from which were entered in the youth category competition. Mr. David Gilinsky made a courtesy visit to General Santos Mayor. During their discussion serious attention was paid to the possibility of the *Foundation* having another event in General Santos City in February during the annual KALILANGAN Festival.

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