



KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' VISUAL ART SHOW DAVAO CITY

The Institute for Indigenous People's Education (IIFE), the Panan-aw Art Group of the Ford Academy of the Arts and the *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION* are working together to bring the Indigenous Peoples' visual fine art of Davao City to the world through an open art show and internet auction at the Institute for Indigenous Peoples' Education facility near the Davao City National High School compound, Mabini Street, Davao City.

For Indigenous Peoples, the visual arts are central to identity, place, and belonging, as well as an expression of a unique and enduring tradition. Thus, the visual arts have an important place in the continuing survival of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures.

The mission of the *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION* is to build on the inherent talent of the Indigenous People of the Philippines by creating institutional mechanisms to build up a visual fine arts industry that celebrates their culture, promotes talent, develops skills, facilitates training and builds cross-cultural education. Results will be measured by the increased visibility and understanding of Indigenous People and improved income for participating artists.

The Institute for Indigenous People's Education (IIFE) has been advocating for the development of Indigenous Peoples' education through partnership with different government agencies, non-government agencies, and other civil groups. Since 2004, it has tapped 20 pilot schools in Region 11 with a student population of mainly Indigenous Peoples in response to the Indigenous Peoples' need for a culturally sensitive, appropriate, and holistic education. An Indigenous Peoples' curriculum, which embodies Indigenous Peoples' core values, has been implemented in those schools.

The Panan-aw Art Group of the Ford Academy of the Arts is an association of artists, which undertook academic art training at the school and serves as an umbrella group of different art associations in which the participants are students/alumni of the Ford Academy of the Arts.

The Academy's vision is to provide excellent education on the four levels of learning; pre-school, grade school, high school and college. A non-sectarian institution, the Ford Academy gives due respect to its clientele regardless of age, sex, color, social status and appearance. Their educational system is geared towards reverence and pride for Filipino culture and spirit.

The Ford Academy of the Arts believes that through the arts, science and technology, they can inject a holistic method of learning into the lifeblood of education.

The open art show and Internet auction will be held at the Institute for Indigenous Peoples' Education facility near the Davao City National High School Compound, Mabini Street, Davao City from November 27 to December 3. Registration is November 27 (6 – 8 p.m.) and November 28 (8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). All Indigenous artists are invited to register their artworks. PHP 36,000 in prizes will be divided among four categories and presented during the Awards Ceremony on December 2 at 4:00 p.m. The categories are:

- Traditional – Pieces based on Indigenous traditional knowledge.
- Youth – Open category for artists under 18 years of age.
- Open Two Dimensional – Any two dimensional medium excluding photography. Can include but is not limited to paintings, drawings, tapestries and etchings.
- Open Three Dimensional – Any three dimensional medium. Can include but is not limited to sculpture, pottery and terracotta.

The general public is welcome to view the art at the Institute for Indigenous Peoples' Education facility near the Davao City National High School compound, Mabini Street, Davao City and at www.kalinawa.com. Art works will be auctioned for sale on the Internet at www.ebay.com, from November 28 at 6:00 p.m. to December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Functions scheduled at this time include an opening ceremony on November 28 at 7:00 p.m., judging on December 1 at 5:00 p.m. and an awards ceremony on December 2 at 4:00 p.m. On December 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be personnel available to accommodate purchases at the event by interested patrons. Other activities may be added later.

With the participation of the Panan-aw Art Group of the Ford Academy of the Arts and the Institute for Indigenous People's Education (IIFE), this event promises to have a wide selection of art for the appreciation of the patrons throughout the world on the Internet and in Davao City.

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