



KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION

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Press Release

2nd ANNUAL SOCSARGEN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' VISUAL ART SHOW IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY

In partnership with Notre Dame of Dadiangas University (NDDU), the Kalimudan Culture and Arts Center and the BEAM PMU Gensan Cotobato Annex Office on the occasion of the Kalilangan Festival, the *Kalinawa Art Foundation* will hold the 2nd Indigenous Peoples' Visual Art Exhibition, Internet Auction and Competition at the H.R. Lobby of NDDU, Marist Avenue, General Santos from February 25 until March 03, 2008. The registration begins on Monday February 25 at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and continue the next day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A total of P36, 000 in prizes will be divided among four categories and presented at the Awards Ceremony on March 01, 2008. The categories are:

Traditional — Pieces based on Indigenous traditional knowledge and/or materials

Youth — Open category for artists under 18 years of age

Open Two Dimensional — Any two-dimensional medium excluding photography, which can include but is not limited to paintings, drawings, tapestries and etchings

Open Three Dimensional—Any three-dimensional medium, including but not limited to sculpture, pottery, terracotta and carving.

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 Peoples of the Philippines by supporting institutional mechanisms that will assist in the development of a visual fine arts sector that celebrates their culture, promotes talent, develop skills, facilitates training and builds cross-cultural education.

The NDDU, located on the National Highway in General Santos City, is the best school in town. It has undergone some major renovations in the past few years. For more information please refer to NDDU official website <http://www.nddc.edu.ph/>

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The Kalimudan Culture and Arts Center (KCAC) is a non government organization (NGO) composed of theatrical, musical and visual artists, public school teachers and advocates for social reform, NGO workers and other interested individuals from General Santos City, who have come together to help promote culture and arts in the vicinity.

Basic Education Assistance for Mindanao, BEAM PMU Gensan Cotabato Annex Office - is a [Philippine Department of Education](#) (DepEd) project aiming to improve the quality of life for Indigenous People, including access to basic education in Southern and Central Mindanao. It is funded by the Government of the Philippines (GoP) and the Government of Australia (GoA) through a AUD\$36 million grant from the [Australian Agency for International Development](#) (AusAID). GoP's contribution is managed by DepEd's [Educational Development Projects Implementation Task Force](#) (EDPITAF) while that of GoA's is through the Australian Managing Contractor, [Sinclair Knight Merz](#) (SKM).

The opening ceremony for the Exhibit is scheduled on Thursday 28 February at 5:00 p.m. The Exhibit will then be opened to the public from 8:00 – 5:00 pm. on Friday 29 February until Sunday 2 March 2008. During this time the public is welcome to view the art at the H.R. Lobby of the NDDU. The art will be also available for sale on the Internet at www.ebay.com from Tuesday 26 February at 2:00 p.m. to Saturday 1 March at 2:00 p.m. and at a community sale at he Exhibit itself on March 02 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The curator for the Exhibit will be Bing Carino an artist, writer and Interior Designer. He is also a regional representative on the committee on visual arts for the NCCA Board of Directors.

The program of activities includes a workshop by artist Ronald Tamfalan scheduled as follows:

February 25 – Workshop on Soil Painting 1:00 p.m. at Dameans' Park
February 27 - Workshop on Painting 1:00 p.m. at Dameans' Park

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