



# KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION

## Media Release

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### **SECOND ANNUAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' VISUAL ART EXHIBITION IN PUERTO PRINCESA TO BE HELD AT BANWA PENSION**

The *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION*, in partnership with the Banwa Pension (<http://www.banwa.com/>), will hold the second annual Indigenous Peoples' visual art exhibition at the Banwa Pension, Liwanag Street, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan Island from May 3 until May 9, 2007. All Indigenous Peoples' visual artists are invited to register themselves and their work for the exhibition, competition and sale. Registration begins at the Banwa House on Thursday, 3 May from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and continues on Friday, 4 May from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

PHP 36,000 in prizes will be divided among four categories and will be presented during the awards ceremony on Tuesday, 8 May at 4:00 p.m. 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. 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 and terracotta.

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 this inherent talent of the Indigenous People 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, develops skills, facilitates training and builds cross-cultural education.

As an institution having strong links with the “Indigenous Tribes of Palawan”, primarily through the crafts sector, and with an operating philosophy of being a “living ethos towards the exchange of cultural ideas and the growth of Filipino arts and crafts, Banwa Pension provides an ideal partner for the *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION* to begin the realization of it's commitment to be an ongoing participant in assisting to build the Indigenous Peoples' visual art sector in the Philippines. Last year's event at the Kamarikutan Gallery was the first undertaken by the *FOUNDATION*, and while the Gallery was offered as the venue for this year's event, it was agreed that it would be more beneficial for this year's Indigenous Peoples visual art exhibition to be used as an opportunity to encourage wider engagement and participation of others.

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Mr. David Gilinsky, who is responsible for creating the *FOUNDATION*, established two important commitments among other principles to guide its activities. First, he insists that the *FOUNDATION* build sustainable relationships. One way this can be realized is through the commitment of the *FOUNDATION* to undertake ongoing and recurring events. Second, the *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION* is a learning organization, not only in terms of the opportunities it presents and transfer of knowledge to others, but also within the organization itself. By returning to Palawan and working with Banwa Pension in Puerto Princesa City in the second year of its activities, the *KALINAWA ART FOUNDATION* is beginning the process of fulfilling these commitments.

The exhibition will be open to the general public from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday 6 May, through Wednesday, 9 May. During this time, the public is welcome to view the art at the Banwa Pension and online on the *Foundation's* website at [www.kalinawa.com](http://www.kalinawa.com). The art will be available for purchase on the Internet at [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com), from Saturday, 5 May at 12:00 p.m. to Tuesday, 8 May at 12:00 p.m., and at the exhibition after the awards ceremony on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday, 9 May from 08:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Jonathan Benitez, a prominent local artist, will work with the exhibition as the curator. Other activities scheduled during the Indigenous Peoples' visual art exhibition include:

- Formal opening of the exhibition at Banwa Pension, Saturday, 5 May at 4:00 p.m.
- Presentation by local artists Monday, 7 May (Time and venue to be determined)
- Invitational Symposium on Indigenous Peoples' Visual Arts and Tourism at Asturias Hotel, Tuesday, 8 May 2007
- Awards Ceremony at Banwa Pension, Tuesday, 8 May at 4:00 p.m.

With the enthusiastic participation of the Banwa Pension, Liwanag Street, Puerto Princesa City, this event promises to have a wide selection of art for the appreciation of the patrons throughout the world on the Internet and in Puerto Princesa City.

## **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' VISUAL ART SHOW PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**

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