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ACC PHILIPPINES CONTINUES TO GIVE GRANTS TO ARTISTS SETS FEBRUARY 18 FUNDRAISER WITH LEON GALLERY

Benefiting Filipino artists increasingly through the ACC cultural exchange grants program, Chairman Ernest Escaler and President Ma. Isabel Ongpin leads ACC Philippines Foundation to a series of program fundraisers this year commencing with the Asian Cultural Council Auction.

Leading up to its momentous 25th year, ACC Philippines revs up to the highly anticipated auction on February 18, 2023 in collaboration with staunch partner Leon Gallery and Director Jaime Ponce De Leon. This year's event banners some of the most sought after, rare and important works of art by Philippine masters and celebrated icons.

Rounding up the series of global festivities following its affiliate offices in New York, Hong Kong, Japan and Taipei marking the 60th ACC founding anniversary, ACC Philippines is in high gear for a special benefit gala dinner scheduled for November this year.

Proceeds from the fundraisers go entirely to the ACC Philippine Fellowship Program that supports Filipino artists in their journeys of self-exploration and development through cultural exchange in the United States and/or intra-Asia. Since ACC's founding in 1963, over 300 artists have received fellowship grants. The ACC alumni roll holds exceptional talent across all disciplines, some of whom have become National Artists. Among them are Jose Joya, Lucrecia Kasilag, Lamberto Avellana, Alejandro Roces, Francisco Feliciano, Jose Maceda, Kidlat Tahimik, Ramon Santos and Alice Reyes.

The latest ACC grantees on their fellowships are:

SASA CABALQUINTO (Dance) Fellowship to the United States and Japan to conduct research, immersion and exploration on Butoh dance and diaspora.

ROCKY CAJIGAN (Visual Art) Fellowship to the United States to explore curatorial and programming activities in New York.

RADNEL OFALSA (Music) Fellowship to support his second and final year as a candidate for the Master of Music Degree at the Mannes School of Music, The New School, in New York City.

The Asian Cultural Council Auction welcomes collectors and art patrons on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Leon Gallery, Makati City. Auction starts promptly at 2:00pm. To know more about the auction visit leon-gallery.com/auctions/The-Asian-Cultural-Council-Auction-2023

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