

PASSION...REVEALED!

Art exhibitions from Bren Bataclan, Maurice Mauricio & Chiky Nibungco

A portion of the proceeds will benefit

Typhoon Ondoy victims through Gawad Kalinga

OVER the last weekend, torrential rains brought about by typhoon Ondoy (international code name Ketsana) pounded the Philippines, which resulted in massive flooding of its capital and some low-lying provinces. As reported by the National Disaster Coordinating Council, the death toll from the onslaught of tropical storm Ondoy rose to 246 and has affected more than 500,000 individuals after high floodwaters gobbled houses and cars. The figures are expected to rise as rescue efforts continue. Damage to property was placed at P4.6 billion, while the cost of assistance was estimated at P9 million. This is the most catastrophic typhoon that hit the Philippines in 40 years.

In response to this humanitarian crisis, a portion of the proceeds from Passion...Revealed will be donated to typhoon Ondoy victims through the relief efforts of Gawad Kalinga. GK has mobilized its team of volunteers in the Philippines who are actively engaged in relief operations ---and sooner in

rebuilding homes-- in the hardly hit areas such as Manila, Cainta, Pasig, Marikina and Rizal to name a few.

Passion...Revealed! is a celebration of America's ingenious endowment where fashion, music, dance and visual arts come together in a night of pure nostalgia. Fashion Designers will deliver opulent, colorful, and diverse collections. Musicians will create that magical and hypnotique ambiance that has the power to move, electrifies and make everyone feel the thrill. Visual artists will stimulate and satisfy our hunger for the arts. Dancers will showcase cutting edge mix of ballet and contemporary dance. Passion...Revealed! will transform the audience into a world of art by combining the best talents in runway, dance, live music and visual arts.

Catch *Passion...Revealed!* A Fusion of Fashion, Music and Arts on October 16, Friday at the Vibiana and listen to the mixes of internationally known DJ Rocky

Rock on the wheels of steel at the After Party!

Featured artists
Bren Bataclan: Bringing smile and hope through art

"Smile artist" Bren Bataclan has left numerous paintings in hospitals, parks, street corners,



Bren Bataclan

train stations, unemployment agencies, schools and airports across America and around the globe. Each painting has a note attached to it saying "This painting is yours if you promise to smile

at random people more often." This made people smile or gave them hope.

Born in Makati, Philippines, Bren immigrated to the US with his family when he was 12 years old. He studied in UCLA and worked in the special effects industry in Hollywood for a time before he went to graduate school in the Ohio State University. He taught computer animation in Boston and then joined the dot com world in the same city. When the dot com world crashed several years ago, he lost his job and didn't know what to do next. He started drawing and decided to put up a show with 56 acrylic paintings. He said he would be happy if three of his paintings sold. Within two days, 49 of his paintings were sold.

Bren Bataclan writes that his goals were to: "Bring art

to people who typically do not visit art galleries and museums, give paintings to folks who may not be able to afford original artwork, and see smiles around the globe."

When the economy bottomed last year, he changed the note on his urban paintings to say, "Everything will be alright." Many art keepers have been so touched and have left a positive feedback on how it changed their outlook.

The success of his "Smile Project" and "Everything will be alright." missions has brought Bren Bataclan into the limelight having been interviewed by various TV shows nationwide and around the world. He has been featured by Reader's Digest, CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, Smithsonian Magazine, ABC7, Asian Week, The Examiner San Francisco, Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, The Filipino Channel's Balitang America and GMA TV News to name a few. He has been invited to speak for presentation at Harvard University, Tufts University, Boston College and Lasell College this year and published a book *The Smile Proj-*

ect by Gingko press.

Maurice Mauricio and Chiky Nibungco

Maurice Mauricio and Chiky Nibungco are the extremely creative dynamic duo from Southern California. Their name is coined from the industry dub for Canon luxury lens - hence Red Glass. Both driven and passionate for their craft, their goal is to capture artistic images that show life, love and beauty as unique as the people in their photographs. Their love for traveling and curiosity in life inspires them to capture everything through their lens. Smart, corky, funny and out of the box thinkers and doers, they want to put a smile on every person's face through every image they take.

As a team, they have covered events such as the John Robert Powers Promo booth at the Jonas Brothers Concert, John Robert Powers Cover Shoot for Kid's Directory and The Craigslist Wedding Story "Beg, Barter or Bride."

Both belonging to the Generation NOW (early 30's), they let their joy in life be unrestrained.

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GMA's Operation Bayanihan: Typhoon Ondoy Kapuso Celebrities help Ondoy victims

SEVERAL Kapuso stars continue to lend their hand in helping the victims of typhoon Ondoy by serving as operators in the Ondoy Kapuso Helpline and as volunteers in GMA Kapuso Foundation's Operation Bayanihan: Typhoon Ondoy.

Lucy Torres-Gomez, Marvin Agustin, Iza Calzado, Mark Herras, Ryza Cenon, Aljur Abrenica, Kris Bernal, Isabel Oli, Benjie Paras, Arnell Ignacio, Butch Francisco, Princess Violago, Ynna Asistio, Vivo Ouano, Gino dela Pena, Jonalyn Viray, Aicelle Santos, Jay Perillo, and Mocha Unson are just some of the Kapuso stars who have lend their time at the Ondoy Kapuso Helpline.

The Kapuso Helpline - led by broadcast journalist and GMAKF Executive Vice President Mel Tiangco together with various GMA personalities including Dingdong Dantes, Dennis Trillo, Arnold Clavio, and Pia Arcangel among others - has already received donations amounting to more than P15 million (cash and pledges), including the P1 million donation from GMA Network.

Cash donations were also given by Richard Gutierrez, Marian Rivera, Ogie Alcasid, Rhian Ramos,

Mark Herras, LJ Reyes, JC De Vera, Sunshine Dizon, German Moreno and Francine Prieto. Boxing's pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao also donated P1 million cash.

Also serving as volunteers in GMA Kapuso Foundation's Operation Bayanihan: Typhoon Ondoy were boxing champ Nonito Donaire, Joey de Leon, Chris Tiu, Raymond Gutierrez, Bubbles Paraiso, Chynna Ortaleza, LJ Reyes, Michelle Madrigal, together with Sexbomb Dancers and Survivor Palau castaways Justin, Marvin, and Jef.

For donations for victims of typhoon Ondoy, the following are the Kapuso Foundation's dollar accounts:

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