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Call for Nominations: Guam Masters Award – “Guam National Treasure” For Heritage Arts

[Hagåtña, Guam, May 31, 2024] – The Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) is pleased to announce that the nomination packets for the Guam Masters Award - “Guam National Treasure” For Heritage are now available. Packets can be picked up at the CAHA office located 238 Archbishop Flores Street, DNA Building, Suite 202, in Hagåtña or may be downloaded off their website at www.guamcaha.org.

The Guam Masters Award – “Guam National Treasure,” created through Public Law 30-139, was established in 2010 to recognize master practitioners of Guam’s Heritage Arts. To honor and preserve Guam’s indigenous cultural heritage, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities (CAHA) awards the Guam Masters Award – “Guam National Treasure” once every four (4) years to master traditional artists. The award gives due recognition to these master practitioners for their artistry, craftsmanship, and their continuing efforts to preserve Guam’s rich history and cultural traditions through the practice and perpetuation of their arts. Out of the seventy-five (75) practitioners who were awarded the title of master, just twelve (12) Masters are alive today.

CAHA Board Chair Monica Guzman stated “Master practitioners are custodians of traditional knowledge, skills, and artistic forms that have been passed down through generations. By acknowledging their expertise, we honor and preserve our cultural heritage, ensuring that it continues to thrive. CAHA Director Angie Taitague added “Recognizing master practitioners through the Guam Masters Awards brings attention to their work. It allows the public to appreciate and celebrate their contributions, fostering a deeper understanding of cultural diversity and creativity.”

Deadline to submit nomination packets with supporting materials to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities is **4:00 p.m., Friday, August 30, 2024**. Nomination packets must be addressed to Mrs. Angie Taitague, CAHA Director and **must be submitted directly to** the Offices of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities located at DNA Building, Ste. 202, in Hagåtña. **No mailed or email submissions will be accepted.** For inquiries regarding the Guam Masters Award call (671) 300-1206/7/8 or (671) 300-7582/4 or send an email to info@caha.guam.gov.

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