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NMAG Highlights TT Artists on World Art Day 2023

Scores of art enthusiasts turned out for the National Museum and Art Gallery's (NMAG) World Art Day 2023 celebrations on Saturday (15 April, 2023).

UNESCO World Art Day is celebrated on April 15th annually and, according to its website, aims to help reinforce the links between artistic creations and society, encourage greater awareness of the diversity of artistic expressions and highlight the contribution of artists to culture and society.

NMAG observed the day under the theme "Performance is Art" at the City of Port of Spain Museum and featured a performance art piece by artist A K U Z U R U and bio-percussionist the Jajah Onilu Legacy Project. The performances climaxed with parades by the Burrokids and the 1000 Mokos. The works of several artists were also on display at the venue.

Guests also participated in a gallery hop to the Rotunda Gallery, Castle Killarney, Soft Box Studios, Medulla Art Gallery, the Art Society of Trinidad and Tobago, Think Art Works and The Frame Shop.

The Board of NMAG extended congratulations to all the galleries and museums that participated in World Art Day 2023. Plans are in the pipeline to host more activities to highlight the talent of local artists as NMAG continues to work to further the appreciation for art and heritage while creating spaces and experiences that inspire and celebrate a better understanding of Trinidad and Tobago and the world.

Some of the other events to mark the day included: an Oil Painting Workshop with local artist Marissa Yung Lee held by the Art Society of Trinidad and Tobago that was followed by a

Minimalism Exhibition showcasing the works of 53 member artists; Angostura’s “The Art In Us” event that featured exclusive tours of the Art and Butterfly Collections as well as an all-inclusive Sip and Paint; the annual Fine Art Market held at the Anchorage where patrons were able to view and purchase art from over 70 local artists; Arnim’s Art Galleria’s (Port of Spain) “Make Your Mark” activity that provided free studio space for artists as well as a “Collage Mural Activity” at its South Trinidad location; the Tobago Visual Arts Association members’ exhibition entitled “Creativity from Tobago” at the Rotunda Gallery of the Red House; Horizons Art Gallery’s “Recent Works” by Ryan Williams; Medulla Art Gallery’s “A Moment of Quiet” by Wendy Nanan and; Think Artwork Studio, Soft Box and the Frame Shop exhibits by local artists.



Patrons of NMAG’s Gallery Hop view artwork at the Soft Box art exhibition



Patrons are given a tour of Castle Killarney during NMAG's Gallery Hop



Members of the Burrokids conduct a demonstration for patrons during NMAG's World Art Day 2023 celebrations