







were displayed by Cliff Rasidin, Raymill Nerkust, Saskia Pinas, Renoucka Dipotiko, Sophina Naarden, Jessica Jodha, Kishan Graanoogst and Lyroy Caupain. The three-day Guianame ArtSplash Expo was enthusiastically received by visitors.

On Saturday morning, March 25th, Prof. Leyland Lucas and Ms. Camille Ishmael from the University of Guyana gave two presentations under the theme *SEBI Beyond Borders*, in which they explored areas of synergy and cooperation in education between institutions in Guyana and Suriname. Friends, faculty and dedicated students of the Paramaribo-based International Hospitality and Tourism College (IHTC), were in attendance for the lectures by the visiting academics from Guyana.

On Thursday, March 30th, seven IHTC students, who performed hospitality tasks at the weekend event, each received a Certificate of Appreciation from the event organizers, *Inside Guianame*.

The Guyana delegation returned from Suriname on Monday after their rich and fruitful experience.



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INSIDE GUIANAME MAGAZINE LAUNCH AND ART-SPLASH EXPO

Twin-Launch in Paramaribo



the creative skills and works of thirteen

visual artists from Guyana and Suriname.

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Indonesia to the Republic of Suriname and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, **Dr. Julang Pujianto** (currently, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Suriname), was the special Guest of Honour at the twin-launch ceremony attended by other diplomatic representatives, high officials and members of the public from Suriname. The opening event featured a unique cultural presentation of Indonesian-Javanese 'Gamelan' music and dances. It was the first time since the pandemic that the 12-member Gamelan Orchestra performed for a public event.

The first copies of the new *Inside Guianame* magazine (3rd Edition), with a focus on Paths to Wellness and Fruits of Industry, were later presented to contributing writers, advertisers, special guests, dignitaries and artists in attendance.

A 15-member-strong delegation, led by Mr. Donald Sinclair, co-Editor of *Inside Guianame*, travelled from Guyana to attend the event. The Guyanese delegation included Prof. Leyland Lucas, Dean of the UG School of Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation (SEBI); Ms. Camille Ishmael, Head of the UG Department of Marketing and Sustainable Tourism Management; Mr. Ohene Koama, Curator of the Castellani House National Art Collection; Mrs. Melanie McTurk, President of Visit Rupununi, and a number of representatives from Art Associations in Guyana.

Following the ritual striking of the Gong by Dr Pujianto and Mr Sinclair, the Principal of AlphaMax, Mr. Sean F. Taylor, welcomed the attendees. Mr Taylor spoke of the centrality of art, creativity, culture and beauty to the shared space of Guianame. This theme was echoed by celebrated artist, Mr. Anand Binda, the Suriname Curator of the ArtSplash Expo. The Gallery of Artists whose works were on display included *Guyanese artists, Cosmata Lindie, Maharanie Jhillu, Pekahiah James and Roberto Teekah.* In addition to the veteran *Suriname art master, Anand Binda*, works

