

COLLECTIONS SERIES – ART MANILA

Hinahanap-hanap kita, Manila! Admit it – there's nothing closer to our hearts than home.

For the third leg of Powerplant's FOCUS ON THE ARTS: COLLECTIONS SERIES, the Filipino's love for art and home will be pushed to the fore, as this leg of the focus will be geared towards one of the highest forms of human expression, with a special premium on the sights and sounds of life in Manila.

Purveyors of both the old and new schools of art will be convening at the Power Plant Mall from August 31 to September 6, 2009 to celebrate Manila in the best way they know how. Here's what you should be looking out for:

GALLERY LAUNCH

To kick off the weeklong festivities, Power Plant Mall and Figaro Coffee will be holding a gallery launch for all the participating artists at 7 p.m. on August 31 at the North Court of the mall.

MANILA DEFINED: JEEPNEY ART

What better object to identify with the hustle and bustle of the metro than the iconic hunk of metal we all love to hate – the jeepney. What's more, who better to put a twist on this icon than the leading name in our country's pop-art royalty?

Francisco Motors Corporation, the company behind the birthing the legend of the Philippine Jeepney, will be teaming up with nationalistic pop-art pioneers Team Manila to put a new face on the oldest workhorse on Philippine roads. This creation will be displayed in Power Plant Mall's North Court starting Monday, the first day of a week's worth of exciting events.

On the Saturday of the same week, the jeepney will again be the center of the attention, as the eponymous Saturday Group – a renowned collection of painters mentored by Philippine art greats Malang and Bencab – will be holding court with a painting session featuring the Team Manila-styled jeepney with models from MAC (another new brand to watch out for in Power Plant this coming month) as their main subject.

EYE MANILA: AN EXHIBIT BY TEAM MANILA AND LOMOGRAPHY EMBASSY MANILA

In addition to making their mark on this installment of the FOCUS series with their uniquely stylized jeepney, Team Manila, along with their lomography arm – Lomography Embassy Manila, will also be holding an exhibit of their works at the Power Plant Mall's R1 Corridor.

This exhibit will run from Monday, August 31 to Sunday, September 6.

COFFEE ART- AN EXHIBIT AND WORKSHOP BY SUNSHINE PLATA

Painting curio sensation Sunshine Plata will also be pitching in her own share of creativity for the FOCUS series, as she will be holding an exhibit of her aromatic visual masterpieces – her paintings are made of coffee! - at the mall's Archaeology area from August 31 to September 6.

To culminate her exhibit, Sunshine Plata will be holding a coffee-painting workshop for kids of all ages (maybe even those who are children at heart!). Sponsored by National Book Store.

For more details or queries about the event, please call 898-1702.