# AITH-Facts

## A DIGITAL ART PROJECT































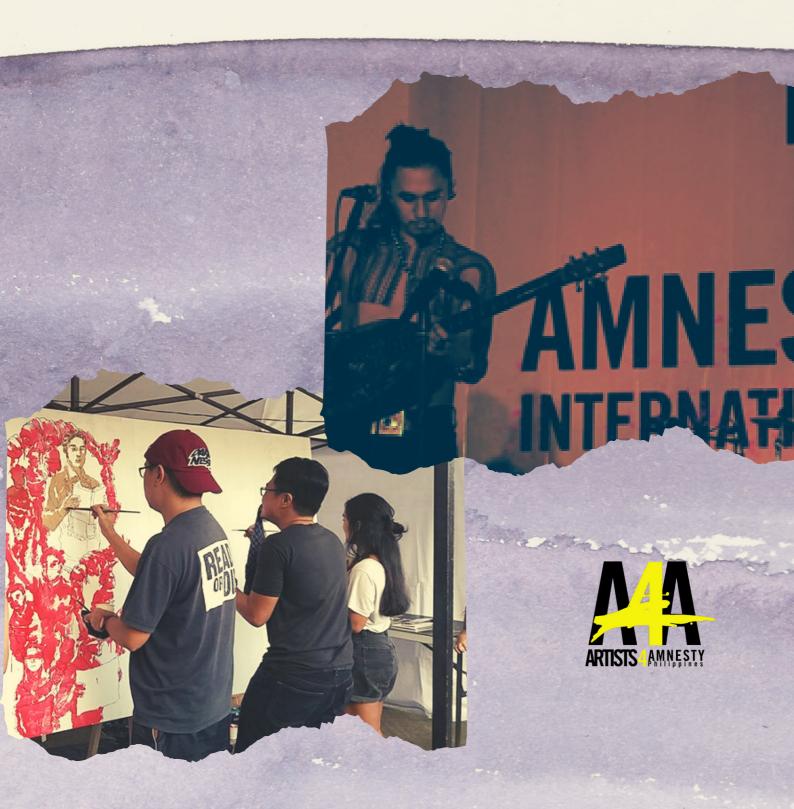












An Amnesty International Philippines collaboration with various artists of different genres in an inclusive online space where art and advocacy meet.

# **Artists for Amnesty**

# Art for Amnesty is a global project that aims to increase artistic support for Amnesty's human rights work.

Since its founding more than 60 years ago, artists have always been at the forefront of support for Amnesty International. With the shared value on the right to freedom of expression, Amnesty has fought with them in protecting this right as an integral condition for creative expression.

# Amnesty Philippines started working with artists in the early 90s.

The 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1998 was celebrated by Amnesty in the Philippines together with notable artist-activists who later came to be known as Artists for Amnesty Philippines or A4A. After more than a decade of partnerships and joint events, the A4A convention on freedom of expression was held in 2012, prompted by the massive support from over 200 local artists and artist groups from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao for AI@50 celebrations in 2011. Amnesty Philippines and A4A have worked together since, focusing on various campaigns on freedom of expression - a series of events called 'Word of Mouth' which also brought international artists in the Philippines such as the UK-based duo, Ooberfuse, in 2015, and long-time Amnesty supporter, U2, during their Joshua Tree World Tour in 2019.

#### Collaboration in the time of COVID-19

Amnesty Philippines recognizes the challenges many artists face brought about by the pandemic. When an opportunity to help presented itself for Human Rights Week 2021, Amnesty talked to various artists and discussed possible ways of assisting them get back on their feet.

As a way of giving back to the support they have given to promote human rights all these years, Amnesty Philippines provided a free virtual space where they can showcase their work, and support them mobilize people to take action for their advocacy at the same time.

This project is called 'ART+FACTS'.



# Amnesty Ph would like to collaborate with you!

#### Showcase your art in the ART+FACTS virtual exhibit on Kunstmatrix.

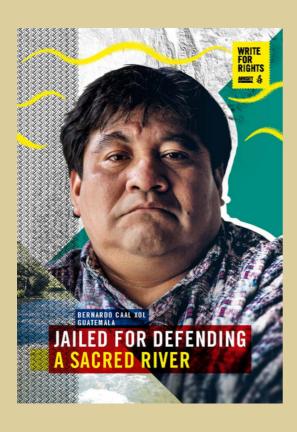
For Human Rights Week 2021, we launched the ART+FACTS digital exhibit where all artists from different genres - music, literature, visual and performance arts, were featured.

The right to peacefully protest has been under attack by governments and other powerful entities seeking to maintain power. State forces use misinformation and historical distortion as a tool to rewrite the stories of activists and human rights defenders who fought for hard won freedoms and civil liberties.



So this year, the Art+Facts Project puts front and center the promotion of the right to freedom of expression and assembly.

We are looking for art that celebrates and showcases protest movements at the heart of positive human rights change, calling for people to stand together with the marginalized and discriminated against to create a world where we are all equal and everyone enjoys human rights.



#### An ART+FACTS success story

Art+Facts' support to Write for Rights in 2021 has already created impact - Bernardo Caal Xol, an environmentalist and HRD from Guatemala has been released in March 2022 after four years in detention.

Bernardo's case was one of the featured cases, and Art+Facts displayed several artworks on environmental rights, with a link to a petition calling for his release.

ART+FACTS was able to collaborate with a total of 26 artists for its initial run, with 11 Artists for Amnesty, 15 new artists, and over 50 artworks featured.

### Artwork

We would like to invite you to send us scanned/digital version of your art, photographs, laid out soft copies of your poetry, film trailers, videos of your performances for musicians, poets, and theater artists.

The current phase of Art+Facts focuses on Amnesty's Protect the Protest Campaign and the Right to Freedom of Expression and Assembly. Some of the suggested themes for artwork to be submitted include:

- protection of the right to protest
- calling out violent dispersals or repression of critical voices
- success stories of protest movements
- solidarity with the marginalized and discriminated groups

Aside from a virtual space on Kunstmatrix,
Amnesty Philippines shall provide promotions
for your art and advocacy in our Ignite Conversations
Live Talk Show streaming on Facebook and YouTube,
as well as podcast releases on Spotify, plus features in our
campAlgn News Magazine and Instagram accounts.

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