

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1115

DECLARING FELIPE DE LEON AS NATIONAL ARTIST FOR 1997

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution provides for State patronage of arts and letters;

**WHEREAS**, the category known as National Artist was created under Proclamation No. 1001, dated April 27, 1972;

**WHEREAS**, preeminent achievements that have enhanced the Filipino's cultural heritage deserve the recognition and acknowledgment of our Government in pursuit of its policy of preserving and developing Filipino culture and a national identity;

**WHEREAS**, the works and achievements of Felipe De Leon in the field of Music are reflective of this preeminent excellence and of the national genius that contributes to the artistic heritage of the Philippines and the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and upon recommendation of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1001, do hereby declare Felipe De Leon as National Artist for 1997.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 9th day of October in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.



By the President:

  
**RUBEN D. TORRES**  
Executive Secretary

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