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to Kezia

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Dear All,

I just wanted to offer a huge thank you for participating in Dadang Christanto's *Survivor* at Lismore Regional Gallery on Friday 20 July. I am sure it was a demanding experience for you, but one I hope was equally as rewarding. I also wanted to thank you for the deep commitment and solemnity you brought to the performance. I know it meant a lot to Dadang. We did an interview on ABC radio yesterday about the work, and Dadang was quite emotional when he spoke about the level of dedication the local participants brought to the performance, and the connection they felt with the disaster. For the artist, this work is very much about the participants having time to reflect on this event in East Java, and also injustice in the world in general.

We received some images from Steve Axford who was here on Friday, of the site in East Java where the mud flow is taking place. It's a stark reminder of the massive effect this event had on the villages, and a couple of images of people in the mud are heartbreaking, and exemplify the importance of Dadang's work in raising awareness of the situation.

To this end, we have received quite an amount of media interest in the performance, a couple of examples attached below. It will be screening on NBN news tonight (Tuesday) – and I will also forward the ABC Open piece when it is ready.

The photographs that were taken during the performance are stunning, and are now on display in the Gallery. The film documentation should be up by about Thursday.

We will print a couple of photos for each of you, and Dadang would like to sign these for you all. He intends to travel to Lismore to be here when we host the Indonesian Cultural Day on Saturday 11 August, so this could be a time to collect the photographs. I have attached details on this, and please feel free to pass this on to other people. For those not receiving information about the Gallery and its events, I encourage you to join our facebook page, or email art.gallery@lismore.nsw.gov.au and request to be put on the e newsletter list.

Once again, on behalf of the Gallery, and Dadang Christanto, thank you for your commitment to this project.

Kind regards,

Brett Adlington

<http://www.echonetedaily.net.au/?iid=65653#folio=1>
<http://www.northernstar.com.au/story/2012/07/23/art-imitates-an-injustice-dadang-christanto-artist/>

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Showing 20 July - 26 August:

SURVIVOR :: *Dadang Christanto*

Presented by Kultour in partnership with 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art and toured by Museums & Galleries NSW

BANANAS, BEANS and BOCCE (THE LISMORE ITALIANS) ED HARVEY :: *An interpretation by Leonie Lane and the Lismore region's Italian community*

BLISS :: *Fiona Foley*

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