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Kinding Sindaw recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary in New York City with its colorful and memorable presentation of the legend of Tabunaway and Mamalu, the two brothers whose families and peoples made up Mindanao.

With dance, music and song/chant, Kinding Sindaw's dance drama brought to life the oral history of these indigenous people.

Mindanao The Legend was brilliantly created, choreographed and directed by Potri Ranka Manis.

Mindanao The Legend at La Mama was a family affair where the tales, rituals and spirit were conveyed in an intimate salon.

Original cultural dance moves and musical traditions depicted tabloids of the story of Tabunaway and Mamalu.

The dance drama portrayed Tabunaway as a "skillful forest gatherer and considered as the Datu" while Mamalu was the fishing family in the village.

The quaint and treasured day to day life from the farm to the sea, courtship and marriage, as well as tribal practices in tune with nature was a delight to see.



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