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Cebuano artist dies

Renowned painter Martino "Tinong" Abellana, 74, died of cancer at dawn yesterday, March 5. He is survived by his widow Natividad Noel and 10 children. His body lies in state at his residence in Carcar, Cebu.

Abellana took up Fine Arts from the University of the Philippines, then at the Paco district, and graduated in 1938. 1988 would have been his jubilee year as an artist.

He notably won in 1952 and 1953 the grand prize of the Art Association of the Philippines (AAP) annual art competition - conservative category. After his return to Cebu, he taught at the College of Architecture of the



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Cebu Institute of Technology (CIT) and the Department of Fine Arts at U.P. College Cebu.

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He counts Sofronio Y. Mendoza (SYM) and Romulo Galicano among his students who made a name for themselves in the Arts.

Dubbed by colleagues and countless patrons as "The Amorsolo of the South," Abelana indeed excelled in representational painting, especially portraiture. A retrospective of his works has been scheduled at the Manila Arthaus along Gorordo ave., Cebu city come March 12. (GAVIN SANSON-BAGARES)