

**Resurreccion “Sony” Florendo (RF), Gerardo Florendo (GF),  
and Luis Florendo (LF)**

RF: I am Resurreccion Florendo, and my nickname, which I am very well known, is “Sony.”

GF: I am Gerardo Florendo and I am the husband of Resurreccion.

RF: This friend and I help curate an art exhibit of Philippine masters, and I exhibited one of our family paintings. It was the biggest and most interesting in the gallery, but for 45 years the painting was on our wall. And when somebody sees it, I would say, “It’s just a beautiful painting for me--nothing more.” But the students and the artists asked me to explain the painting and came out what probably was inside me that I have never expressed. My friend caught it and said, “I will teach you how to paint.” I have never painted in my life, but after two lessons, I picked it up and started painting, never stopped.

GF: How old were you then?

RF: 77.

GF: And how many do you have now?

RF: More than 70. I caught up with my age. [Both laugh]

GF: How has it affected your adventuresome--sharing with other people?

RF: They did not have any idea that I could paint, and I said to them, “If I can do it, you can do it.” One of my classmates, when she visited me and saw this painting, she said, “there must be a serious artist in this house. Who’s painting all of this?” And I said “Me.” She is a very well known interior designer in the

Philippines. She said, “You know, Sony, I buy finished products. I have not tried painting, but now I think I am going to do it.” She’s also 77 years old. [Laughs] I had that one year of painting before it was discovered that I have breast cancer. And here I am, one year after. Right now, I have not touched a brush because I do not have the stamina. But I still have that creative feeling and sometimes, lying down in this hospital bed, I feel like I’m painting the ceiling. I want to paint the ceiling. Enjoy art, because enjoying art is part of healing and this is the stage in my life that needs healing and this has helped me a lot.

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