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DC-based artist, the talented [Joey Manlapaz](#) will be opening her “Reflections” exhibit at the [Zenith Gallery](#) (901 E Street) this evening. A selection from her “[Hot Dog Vendors](#)” series was prominent in my parents’ Art-in-Embassies collection/exhibit at the Residence in Manila (the theme was Asian-American artists). She explained to us that the hot dog vendor carts in DC are what the [sari-sari stores](#) are to the Philippines. I’ll try to make the opening after work to say hello.

Speaking of Filipina artists, I was saddened to learn via [Tessie Luz](#) that [Pacita Abad](#) is quite ill (apparently she has cancer which has spread to her brain). Abad’s “Circles of Mind” recently opened at [The Philippine Cultural Center](#) on Roxas Boulevard in Manila (open until October 31). Long-time DC art enthusiasts might recall Pacita Abad’s amazing installation at the [National Museum of Women in the Arts](#) and also in the Metro Center station in the nineties. I sleep beneath one of her prints and it greets me warmly each morning. Pacita Abad has one of the most generous spirits – please keep her in your thoughts.