

U.S. Art Collector Dedicates Exhibit to the Cuban Five



Havana, July 18 (RHC)-- A visual arts collection entitled "My Love for Arts, My Love for Cuba," was inaugurated on Thursday in Havana as a donation by U.S. collector Gilbert Brownstone in tribute to the five Cuban anti-terrorist fighters, who were arrested in 1998 in the United States.

"The Five represent social justice for Cuba and the world; they have been deprived of their freedom because they fought terrorism in the entrails of the monster," said Brownstone as he recalled a statement by Cuban National Hero Jose Marti about his exile in the United States which said "I have lived in the monster and I have known its entrails."

In the presence of Rene Gonzalez and Fernando Gonzalez, the only two of the five men who have returned to Cuba after they served their unfair sentences in U.S. jails, the collector said that he was privileged to have met the relatives of the Cuban anti-terrorist fighters.

The remaining three -- Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labañino and Antonio Guerrero -- are still held in U.S. prisons despite a huge

international campaign for their release.

During the inauguration of the exhibit at the Jose Marti Memorial, the president of the National Council of Visual Arts, Ruben del Valle, said that the collection of so many works of art will be displayed until August 17th.

The collection includes works by Picasso, Roy Lichtenstein, Richard Lindner, Andre Masson and other outstanding artists, which Gilbert donated to Cuba.



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