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Nora Aunor (center) in a scene from her latest film “Hustisya” for Cinemalaya 2014 this August.

Superstar Nora Aunor this week broke her silence about her exclusion from this year’s list of National Artist awardees, admitting she was hurt by the snub from Malacañang.

“Inaamin ko pong nasaktan ako sa nangyari,” she in a statement coursed through screenwriter

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Ricky Lee, who wrote the movie “Himala” which featured perhaps the actress’ most iconic role.

Nora, however, added that she has been heartened by the overflow of support from fans, supporters and industry observers over the controversy.

“Pero ang dagsa ng suporta na nakita ko at naramdaman mula sa aking mga kababayan — mga katrabaho ko sa industriya

*,
mga*

fans

at mga kaibigan

*,
mga pari at madre*

*,
mga guro at iba pang taga*

*-
akademya*

*,
mga taga*

-media,

mga

National Artists,

mga pangkaraniwang mamamayan dito at sa ibang bansa

*—
ay sapat*

*-
sapat na upang maramdaman kong maski wala mang tropeo o karangalang igawad sa akin ang mga nasa kapangyarihan*

*,
iniluklok naman ako ng mga kababayan ko*

*,
habang buhay sa kanilang mga puso*

*,
bilang isang artista ng bayan*

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“Para sa akin po ay mas totoo at mas masarap ang karangalang ito dahil taos-pusong nanggagaling sa mga taong siyang dahilan kung bakit ako nagpapakabuti bilang isang artista

*—
ang mga mamamayang*

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Pilipino.”

Nora was among the final nominees for the award by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), but was omitted from the final list signed by President Benigno Aquino III.

“It is the duty of the President to decide on who among the short-listed nominees deserve to be conferred the Order of the National Artist. In making the decision, the President considered how each of the nominees measured up to the criteria for choice,” Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. said.

The decision caused an uproar among fans, media observers and film personalities alike, with Fil-Am writer and educator Bino A. Realuyo calling her “the greatest Filipino actor of all time” in an essay published in the Huffington Post and GMA News Online.

In her statement, Nora thanked her supporters for giving her strength.

“Ang pagsuportang ito ang lalong nagbibigay ng lakas ng loob sa akin, at ng walang kapantay na inspirasyon , upang lalo kong pagbutihin ang aking sining , upang lalo akong sipagin sa pagbabahagi ng kung anumang talento meron ako , at upang lalo ko pang pag - ibayuhin na maging isang mabuti at marangal mamamayang Pilipino,” she said.

“Maraming salamat po at pagpalain po kayo ng Diyos.”

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