

Sumaranun dance: Movement changes from medical ritual to dance movement

ABSTRACT

This article aims to discover the history of Sumaranun dance creation and conduct research on the implicit meaning of each Sumaranun dance movement in the community of Iranun. This minority ethnic group lives on the beach coast, particularly in the Kota Belud district. The Sumaranun dance began as a medical ritual involving both the supernatural and reality. When this medical ritual was rarely practised, it was modified to become a dance, the Sumaranun dance. This research focuses on the changes in the Sumaranun dance, from a medical ritual to a dance. This research is field research that uses the method of direct observation and interviews to gain detailed information that has been done in the community of Iranun that lives at Rampayan Laut village, Nanamun village, and Kota Bongan village. This research finds that medical ritual and Sumaranun dance are closely related until they become entertainment performance.