

Culture

Brunei-Malays originate from the Brunei Sultanate and are found along the West coast of Sabah, reaching as far north as Papar and as far south as Kudat in Sarawak. The customs and practices of the Brunei-Malays are largely influenced by their Malay and Indonesian values but the royal traditions of the Brunei Sultanate are distinct parts of their customs.

Umang Ting Ting is one of the traditional dances of the Malay community, often performed during festivities. It is accompanied by the playing of several traditional instruments, namely the gendang, a wooden lute and an angklung. The dance is characterized by witty mockery and banter between the singers. The dance is signified with the gentle hand movements of the women while the men appear to be teasing the ladies with their hops and skips. An upbeat yet graceful dance, the Umang Ting Ting is performed during weddings and other social dignitaries.



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