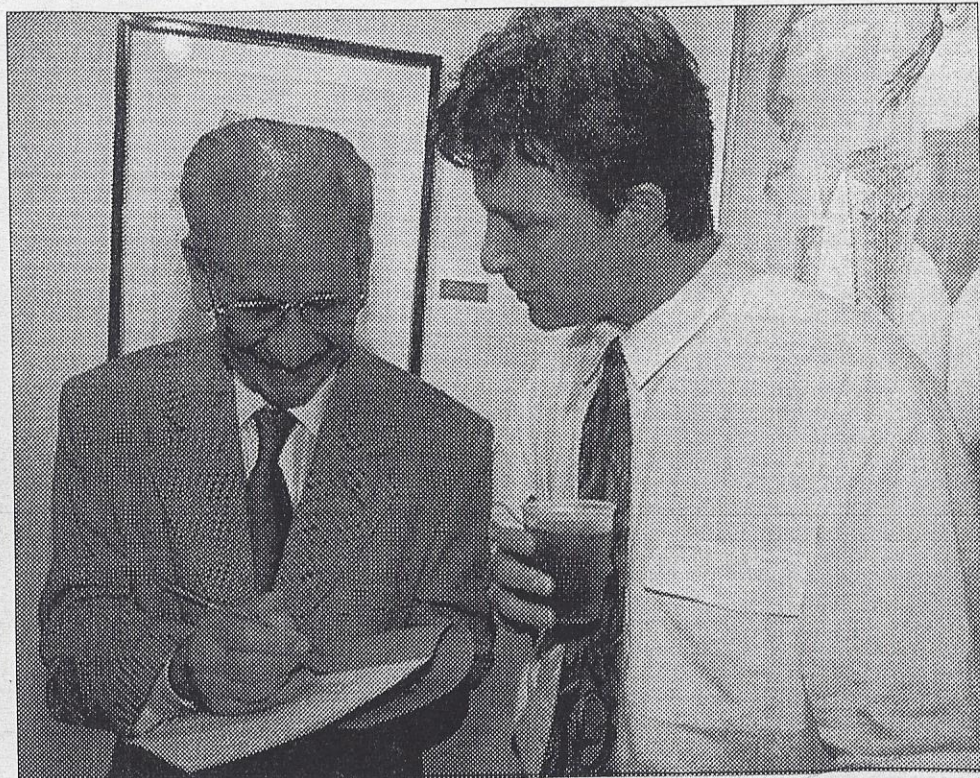
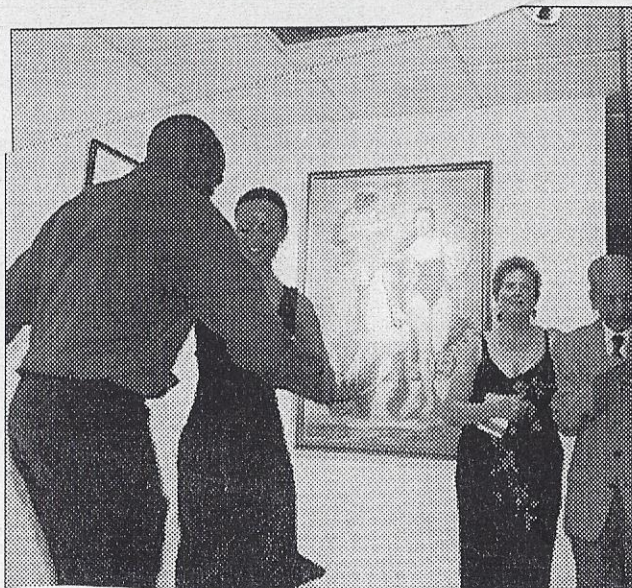


A bold painting typical of Benitez's style. Photos: Suzette Ebanks



Artist Mr. Adigio Benitez signs an admirer's programme.

Big turnout for Cuban show



Some 330 art lovers of all ages turned out for last Tuesday's opening of the National Gallery exhibition of works by Cuban master Adigio Benitez. It is only the third solo show by the 78-year-old artist outside his country.

The Cuban artist received his country's highest honour - the Order Felix Varela - in 1994.

Bright colours and ex-

otic landscapes were an appropriate backdrop for salsa dancers Sarah Diggle and Roger Thompson. Their performance was a highlight of the opening.

The artist's paintings combine realism and cubism, often with a sly sense of humour.

The exhibition is on until 20 April and daily hours are 9am-7pm on weekdays and 11am-4pm on Saturdays. The National Gallery is found in Alexander Place (formerly Alexandra Place) on Dorcy Drive, Industrial Park, George Town.

LEFT: Sarah Diggle and Roger Thompson perform a fine salsa routine at the show's opening ceremony.