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## Winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad announced and invited to the 6<sup>th</sup> World Children's Festival

WASHINGTON DC, July 14, 2021 – The International Child Art Foundation (ICAF) announced today the 6<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad winners, ICAF's school art program. These winners will be the Official Delegates representing their respective cities and states or foreign countries at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Children's Festival from July 30 to August 1 at the National Mall across from the U.S. Capitol.

Launched in 1997, the ICAF's school art program called the Arts Olympiad has grown over the years to become the world's largest. On average, about one million children worldwide participate in the Arts Olympiad and produce original art on a specified theme. Because of COVID, the participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad was approximately 220,000 students. Many bright spots emerged despite the pandemic. In Uganda, for example, more than 10,000 students in 200 schools participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad, and two winners were selected.

In the United States, the 6<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad winners reside in California, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The countries that took part in the International Arts Olympiad include Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Taiwan, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.

After eighteen long months of lockdowns and COVID traumas, the winners look forward to participating in the 2021 World Children's Festival (WCF). However, travel restrictions due to COVID makes the convening of all winners impossible.

Organized quadrennially since 1999 as the "Olympics" of children's imagination, the WCF is the premier international event for children always held at the National Mall. Though the 2021WCF will be more of a regional event than an international one, it will be a timely opportunity for children and their families to come together to celebrate creativity, diversity, and unity in our nation's capital.

Information about the festival is available at https://WorldChildrensFestival.org

## 6<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad Finalists

## **US Arts Olympiad**

California

Alisa Nartovetsky (age 9)
Meher Birari (age 10)
Kedaton Campbell (age 12)
Michelle Chen (age 12)
Olivia Harper (age 10)
Sonya Gomes (age 10)
Tamanna Majithia (age 11)
Deekshitha Paidimarla (age 8)

Elise Qiu (age 11)
Ivan Sivenkov (age 8)
Ujaan Mitra Tripathi (age 8)
Wesley/Courtney Chang (age 9)
Chloe Yang (age 10)
Ivy Yu (age 9)

Georgia

Cassandra Lohr (age 10) London Robinson (age 12) Alexis Tan (age 13)

Illinois

Laya Shankar (age 11)
Harshini Senthil (age 12)
Tammy Yu (age 12)
Sincere Wyang (age 9)

Kansas

Sloka Ganne (age 11)

Massachusetts

Rachel Wang (age 9)

Maryland

Ethan Hsu (age 8)
Emma Ka (age 12)
Maddie Ka (age 9)
Yuni Lin (age 9)
Shin-Ning Liu (age 11)
Adeline Schierloh (age 8)

North Carolina Evie Felten (age 12)

Riya Tolani (age 9)

**New York** 

Henry Langmack (age 12)

<u>Pennsylvania</u>

Samantha Brown (age 11) Samie Rundle (age 10) Lilyan Stauffer (age 11)

Wisconsin

Charles Yao (age 8)

Wyoming

Juniper Mason (age 10)

**International Arts Olympiad** 

<u>Argentina</u>

Daira Minhye Choi (age 13)

<u>Azerbaijan</u>

Altay Adigozalov (age 10) Nurgul Aliyeva (age 12) Sultan Huseynov (age 9) Zeyneb Mammadli (age 12) Zahra Mammadzada (age 8) Leyli Musayeva (age 9) Nadin Kazim (age 9)

<u>Belarus</u>

Anastasia Aya Kukain (age 13)

<u>Bulgaria</u>

Tsvetelin Kirov (age 10) Ralitsa Savcheva (age 9)

<u>India</u>

Amey Adand Apte (age 10) Mithilesh Ramchandani (age 12) Prasham Amar Shah (age 12) Jineshree Anish Shah (age 9) Jaival Utpal Upadhya (age 12)

<u>Indonesia</u>

Kenard Alvaro Hadinata (age 10)

<u>Iran</u>

Hasti Abedi (age 9) Hosna Eskandari (age 10) Sogol Fattahi (age 9) Radin Garousi (age 8) Ali Gholami (age 12) Rastin Jaferi (age 8) Kiana Omidi (age 9) Kazakhstan

Saniya Kainaarkyzy (age 13)

<u>Liberia</u>

Angel Baffour (age 9)

Morocco

Lilia Azbane (age 10) Nour El Bardai (age 11)

New Zealand

Lawriel Tapuke (age 9)

**Nigeria** 

Joseph John (age 12)

North Macedonia

Eli Popovska (age 12)

<u>Poland</u>

Jan Kolucki (age 13) Nikola Nogly (age 13)

<u>Romania</u>

Dragos-Andrei Negura (age 14)

Singapore

D.M.Evin Senithu (age 9)

<u>Taiwan</u>

Jasper Chen (age 11) Serena K. Huang (age 9) Kingston Tsai (age 11)

<u>Togo</u>

Christine Gbandi (age 10)

<u>Turkey</u>

Ayse Cekic (age 10) Muhsin Cekic (age 12)

Uganda

Ayesigne Ianlee Jacob (age 12) Ahimbisibwe Mark Juniorr (age 12)

Uzbekistan

Veronika Yadgarova (age 9