

The International Child Art Foundation (ICAF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has served as the leading art and creativity organization for American children and their international counterparts since 1997.

Mission: To employ the power of the arts for the development of creativity and empathy – key attributes of successful learners and leaders.

Vision: To rejuvenate American ingenuity and creative leadership for a just, prosperous and peaceful world.

Programs: ICAF's key programmatic objectives are to cultivate children's imagination (the Arts Olympiad), reduce violence (Peace through Art Programs), and remediate suffering (Healing Arts Programs). The United States Olympic Committee has granted ICAF an exclusive license to use 'Arts Olympiad' and related marks. The Congressional Arts Caucus has endorsed the Arts Olympiad.

Publication: *ChildArt* quarterly – published since 1998 with no commercial advertisement – is a unique full-color magazine that inspires children to embrace lifelong creativity and global learning,

Events: ICAF produces the World Children's Festival as the "Olympics" of children's imagination and co-creation every four years on The National Mall. ICAF is also a world leader in children's art exhibitions and has taken children's art to The White House, IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings, etc.

Pedagogy: ICAF introduces children to the *Artist-Athlete*SM ideal of the creative mind and healthy body. ICAF is a pioneer in *STEAMS*SM education, which integrates Arts and Sport with STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) for children's holistic development.

Impact: Approximately 5 million children worldwide have participated in and directly benefitted from ICAF's programs. More than 110,000 people have participated in ICAF's festivals and exhibitions to date. ICAF provides inner-city children in Washington DC the opportunity to connect with children from across the United States and around the world. At the national level, ICAF identifies imaginative children and inspires them to co-imagine and co-create in order to understand each other and broaden individual horizons. At the global level, ICAF brings the world's creative children together to transform them into creative leaders and peacemakers.

Advocacy: ICAF advocates that every contemporary art museum dedicate at least one room to the live art of children, that corporate headquarters devote a single wall that displays children's artwork, that organizers of conferences about the future include children's voices, and that a child's right to be creative and empathic be respected and honored.

Funding: Some of the world's most creative and innovative companies support ICAF. Current supporters include Brother International, Creativity for Kids, and tbgWorldwide. In the past, Adidas, Disney, Faber-Castell, Hilton, LEGO, WACOM, and Yahoo! have supported ICAF. Donations by creative and empathic individuals support ICAF operations and ensure that ICAF programs, festivals, and exhibitions remain free-of-charge and open to all and that *ChildArt* stays advertisement-free.