

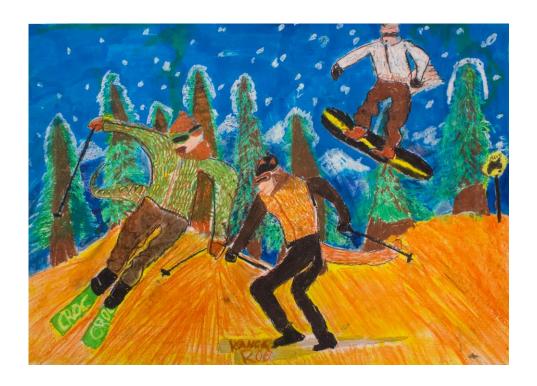


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World Children's Festival attracts creative children from as far away as Australia and New Zealand

WASHINGTON DC, March 3, 2015 – The International Child Art Foundation (ICAF) is pleased to announce that visual and performing artists from Australia and New Zealand will be joining children from nearly fifty other countries at the 5th World Children's Festival in Washington this June 30th to July 4th.

Adelina Rupolo, the Australia Arts Olympiad winner is an 11-year-old from New South Wales. "I am extremely overwhelmed and pleased," she says. "It will be such a pleasure to experience something as amazing as this." Her artwork is based on Australian Skiers and their true Aussie Passion, dressed as Aussie animals (crocodile, kangaroo and cockatoo).



Adelina's art teacher Ms. Jane Eliot says that she did not tell the class their works were for the ICAF Award until after they were done. "This was deliberate so as the students do not get anxious and just make a considered response to the visual problem presented." St. Charles' Catholic School principal Hillary Cameron adds that it is "an outstanding achievement by a dedicated art student."

Traveling via Australia, the Kutarere Kapahaka Group will depart New Zealand on June 29th and stay in Washington until July 9th. The Maori children will be accompanied by Shona Hammond Boys, the ICAF representative in New Zealand who will host workshops at the festival as will other educators accompanying the delegation.



The *5th World Children's Festival* will open with a three-day public celebration on June 30th to July 2nd at The Ellipse—"President's Park" south of The White House. On July 3rd the WCF Awards Banquet will be held, followed by a communal celebration of United States independence on July 4th.

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