

The ICAF “clearly shows us that when we allow children to explore their creativity through the arts, they shine.”—Richard W. Riley, former US Secretary of Education

“I am grateful to organizations like the International Child Art Foundation that give us the opportunity to see the world through the eyes of our nation’s young people.”  
—Hillary Rodham Clinton, former Secretary of State and First Lady

The ICAF has served since 1997 as the arts and creativity organization for American children and their counterparts around the world. Our mission is to enhance academic performance and instill global citizenship by nurturing children’s creativity and developing their empathy—key attributes of 21<sup>st</sup> century learners and leaders.

Our programs grow children’s imagination (Arts Olympiad), restore faith in nature of children facing natural disasters (Healing Arts Programs), and repair trust in humanity of children living in conflict zones (Peace through Art Programs). We publish the ad-free *ChildArt* quarterly and conduct research.

### Our Accomplishments

- Approximately 5 million children in 80 countries have produced art under the ICAF programs.
- The ICAF has the distinction of having hosted the first national children’s art festival in U.S. history, which took place in Washington DC in September 1998.
- The ICAF is a pioneer in introducing children to the *Artist-Athlete Ideal*<sup>SM</sup>-- The ICAF created the concept of *STEAMS Education*<sup>SM</sup>--showing how arts and athletics enhance and complete education in the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Since 1999 the ICAF has produced the World Children’s Festival every four years on The National Mall in Washington DC to honor the Arts Olympiad winners at an event of children’s co-learning and co-creation like no other.
- The Congressional Arts Caucus has endorsed the Arts Olympiad for “its important national and international implications” while the U.S. Olympic Committee has granted the ICAF a license to use the “Arts Olympiad” mark.
- The ICAF is the world leader in children’s art exhibitions and children’s panels at conferences.

### Our Current Goals

- To bring the 5<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad (2013-2016) to two million children in 100 countries.
- To host the 5<sup>th</sup> World Children’s Festival as the largest-ever children’s celebration in the world.
- To organize the International Arts Olympiad Exhibition in Rio during the 2016 Olympics.
- To make *ChildArt* magazine the leading publication on children’s creative education.

### Join our Mission

The world’s future depends on what children imagine to be possible and how they work together to make it happen. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, ICAF has received support from some of the world’s most creative companies such as Adidas, Brother, Chevron, Disney, Hilton, Lego, Faber-Castell, and Wacom. We depend primarily on contributions from creative and empathic individuals to ensure that our programs grow and remain free-of-charge for children and their teachers and schools.

**Come empower children to create a better future!**