

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 as the national arts and creativity organization for American children and the international arts and creativity organization for the world’s children since 1997. Our mission is to enhance academic performance and imbue global citizenship by nurturing children’s creativity and developing their empathy—key attributes of 21st century learners and leaders.

Our Accomplishments

- Approximately 5 million children in 80 countries have produced art under the ICAF programs.
- The ICAF has the distinction of hosting the first national children’s art festival in U.S. history, which took place in Washington, D.C. in September 1998.
- The ICAF is a pioneer in introducing children to the *Artist-Athlete Ideal* SM of the creative mind and healthy body, and informing teachers about *STEAMS Education* SM, which integrates Art and Sport with 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, D.C., as the Olympics of children’s imaginations.
- 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 5th Arts Olympiad (2013-2016) to two million children in 100 countries.
- To host the 5th World Children’s Festival as the largest 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. The ICAF is a non-profit organization that has received support from some of the world’s most creative companies (Adidas, Disney, 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 the children and teachers.

Join us to empower children to create a better future.

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