

*Our future depends on what children imagine to be possible  
and how they work together to make it happen.*

The International Child Art Foundation (ICAF) has served American children as their national arts and creativity organization since 1997. The ICAF is also the sole international arts and creativity institution serving the world's children.

We employ the power of the arts to nurture children's innate creativity and develop their intrinsic empathy—preconditions for prosperity, preservation, and peace.

Our Arts Olympiad, the world's largest child art initiative, encourages children to embrace the *Artist-Athlete Ideal<sup>SM</sup>* of the creative mind and healthy body. Our Peace through Art programs in conflict zones restore children's trust in humanity. Our Healing Arts programs renew children's faith in nature following natural disasters. Our *ChildArt* magazine celebrates children's talents, features creative leaders, and gives a glimpse of what is possible when creative and cooperative solutions are applied to complex problems.

Every four years we host the World Children's Festival as the "Olympics" of children's imagination and co-creation. The festival's educational programming is based on *STEAMS Education<sup>SM</sup>*, our pioneering approach to integrate Arts and Sports into STEM disciplines for children's holistic development.

### **Our Accomplishments**

- We hosted the first national children's art festival in U.S. history, held in Washington in 1998
- Since 1999 we have hosted the World Children's Festival every four years on the National Mall
- About 5 million children worldwide have produced art under our programs in the past 17 years
- Our research on creative education has proven to be useful for educational reforms

### **Our Current Goals**

- To bring the 5<sup>th</sup> Arts Olympiad experience to 2 million children in more than 100 countries
- To take *Children's Favorite Sports* exhibition to Rio de Janeiro for the 2016 Olympics
- To restore the Arts Olympics into modern Olympic Games, as was the case until 1952
- To urge corporations to exhibit artwork produced by employees' children in corporate offices
- To have contemporary art museums dedicate one room to paintings produced by children

### **Join our Mission**

A 501(c)(3) non-profit, the ICAF is an independent organization that believes that every child is creative and that adults are responsible for nurturing children's innate creativity and their intrinsic empathy.

We do not receive funding from the U.S. government and do not partake in partisan politics. We have never done mass mailing nor organized charity galas. While some of the world's most creative companies have supported the ICAF, we depend primarily on contributions from creative and empathic individuals to ensure that all our activities remain free-of-charge for children.