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In January 2006, within the framework of the original „KINDERGRÜSSE“ project, the International Child Art Foundation sent twenty decorative window figures to Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Pakistan, the USA, Nigeria, and the United Arab Emirates. There, children of diverse origin, education, and religion completely refashioned the unusual visitors from Germany: in accordance with their own conceptions, the kids styled the figures with their own very personal messages to the world. Now, the results of this project are on display in the heart of Munich, in the „Galeria Kaufhof“ on Marienplatz. It pleases me that this multicultural project colorfully and joyfully fills our thoughts of international friendship with life in this particular summer.



Christian Ude
Lord mayor of Munich

When I saw the exhibition in the Galeria Kaufhof at Munich's Marienplatz for the first time, I was inspired. The decorative window figures impress not only through their unanimous, unpretentious show of creativity, they also show the viewer differing worlds, and thus inspire thought. This is an event that is perfectly suited to the spovision environment. Perhaps one or the other attendee will take some time out of the hectic trade show atmosphere in order to immerse themselves in the diverse cultures, and regard the greetings as a mental impetus to live life in a more childlike, individual, creative, and cosmopolitan manner.



Stefan Sponer
Röhnisch Sportswear

“Let's paint the sun!” „Génial - je peints un arbre jaune!” “Dobar den!” They don't understand each other's languages, and yet they're communicating fabulously. Children from all around the world are drawing, tinkering, singing, and just having fun. Their language is creativity. Thanks to their imagination and intuition, their world has no borders. Cultural differences and varying opinions are viewed with fascination. This attitude needs to be preserved.

Connecting kids the world over through art and creativity

Elena Janker, director of the ICAF emphasizes, „We would like to prepare children the world over for a cooperative, and creative future. We overcome borders, exchange ideas, and form worldwide friendships through direct contact with other nations, cultures, and peoples.“ And that's exactly what the ICAF is about. We promote border and culture spanning dialogue between youngsters using the language of art and creativity. Kids from all around the world can discuss their art and creativity with each other. In this way, we are sowing the seeds of peace and understanding between the peoples of the world.

The International Child Art Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Washington D.C. and Munich and active world wide. The ICAF was founded in 1997 by its' current Chairman Emeritus, Mrs. Harriet Mayor Fulbright. So far, over 2 million kids have participated in this world renowned arts and culture program. The highlight of this program takes place every four years in as the Creativity Olympics, the world's biggest festival for children's art.

The International Child Art Foundation e.V. (ICAF e.V.) was founded in Munich in 2004 and acts as the european representative of the ICAF. The „Kinder- und Jugend-Kunstgalerie“, located at Amalienstraße 41 in Munich is one of its' pilot projects.

The ICAF works with national and international partners in over 90 countries
All of its' activities are realized exclusively with the aid of donations and sponsoring.

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KINDERGRÜSSE – CHILDREN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD SEND GREET- INGS WITH ARTISTICALLY CREATED DISPLAY FIGURES AT ISPOVISION

- KINDERGRÜSSE or "Children's Greetings" – a project of the International Child Art Foundation e.V. (ICAF e.V.) – promotes worldwide interchange between children through art
- ispovision presents these works of art at a separate stand on 300m²
- Initiators and partners of the project are: Galeria Kaufhof Munich department store at Marienplatz, display figure manufacturer IDW Duisburg - Toronto.

ispovision, International Trade Fair for Sportstyle Fashion – inspired by Sports presents the exhibition KINDERGRÜSSE on 16 - 18 July 2006. This project of the International Child Art Foundation e.V. (ICAF e.V.) shows how children communicate with each other beyond frontiers and form friendships worldwide – by means of art. In this way, active points of contact with other cultures and peoples are established through art and creativity, leading to international understanding and peace.

In January 2006, the International Child Art Foundation e.V. (ICAF e.V.) sent twenty display figures to 18 countries including Bulgaria, Costa Rica, England, Pakistan, India and the USA – as well as the United Arab Emirates, Korea and Nigeria. In happenings there, the figures were newly invented, created and transmogrified by children and young persons just as they wished. The entire artistic process was recorded: videos and films were made and photos taken. The film and picture material tells the story of how these works of art originated and gives an insight into the culture,

language and life of the children and young persons. Each figure has a name and thus becomes a messenger bearing the children's hopes and dreams out into the world.

On over 300 m², the 18 fantasy figures are presented in the entrance area of ispovision. The process of their creation is documented on flat screens and information about the project is compiled in a separate booklet. "KINDERGRÜSSE" should give pleasure and encourage commerce to support projects like these in order to create incentives and added value for its customers", says Florian Weingärtner, Head of Marketing & Communications, ispo Group.

The co-initiator of "KINDERGRÜSSE" is Galeria Kaufhof München at Marienplatz. As director Reimund Baumheier states, "the World Cup is a global event which really had to be dealt with appropriately and we found a global and artistic solution to this with the art project "KINDERGRÜSSE". Our company stands for creativity where the layout of event areas and display windows is concerned and the exhibition was very well attended and highly praised by the customers. Whole school classes and groups of children came to us on their school outings, visitors from abroad were proud of the contributions from their countries. Thanks to the generous support of the company IDW, it was possible to realise this project. The exhibition brought our establishment a lot of attention and goodwill."

From 26 May to 14 June 2006, the figures were presented in a fantasy exhibition in Galeria Kaufhof München at Marienplatz and they transformed the store into a multicultural art area for three weeks. The donator and manufacturer of the figures is IDW Duisburg - Toronto GmbH, which also took on the transportation of the figures worldwide and thus made the project possible.



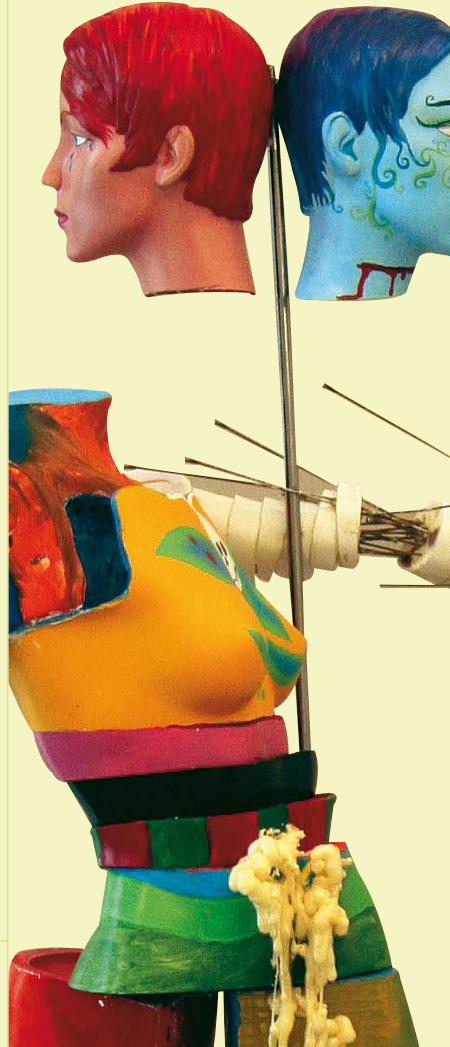
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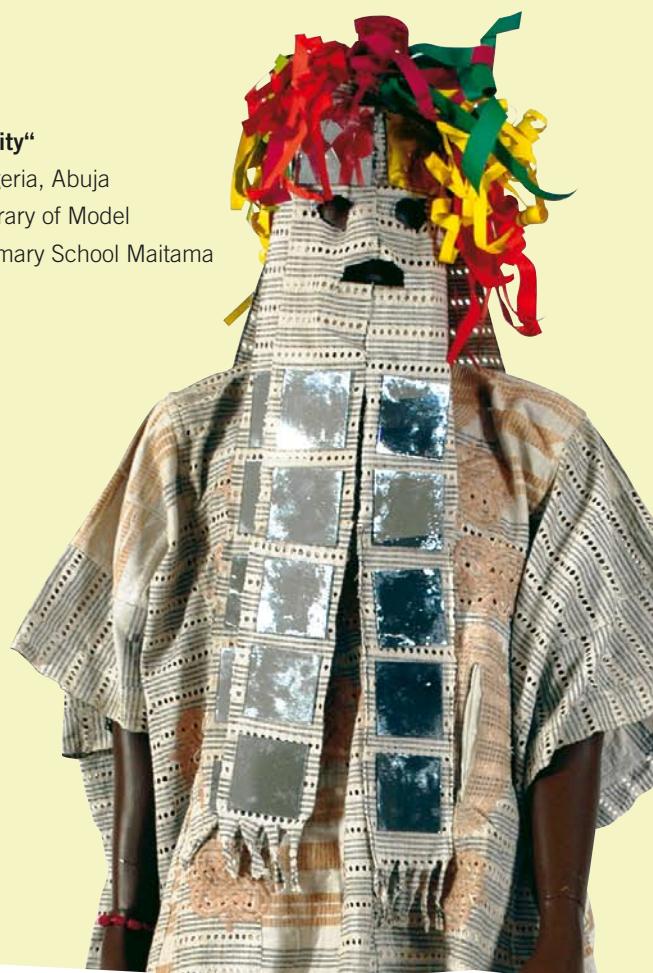


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The **ICAF** is a wonderful organization that shares important artistic values with children. Through a design process involving kids from diverse nations, cultures, and social strata, our decorative window figures have become ambassadors of the children's dreams, wishes, and sense of longing. This has encouraged a lively worldwide dialog that is helping us to understand, tolerate, experience, and to be there for others, realizing the responsibility we have for ourselves, and for the bigger picture. Many thanks to the children, many thanks to the ICAF for allowing us to take part in this process.

Jörg Döring
IDW

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The FIFA Soccer World Championship in Germany was a global event, and while grappling with this theme, only one global solution came into consideration. In co-operation with our partner, the ICAF, we gave birth to this idea as an art project. For us, even though the artists are children, this is art in its' purest form. Our customers value the „Galeria Kaufhof am Marienplatz“ due to our creativity in diverse projects. Together with the ICAF and the IDW we've launched this project with a lot of love, money and know-how. For us, this exhibition was a huge success and was very well received by our customers.

Reiner Baumheier
Managing director Galeria Kaufhof am Marienplatz



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