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Dear Ndeye Amy Ly,

We invite you to bring a children's delegation comprised of visual and performing artists to represent Senegal at the *7th World Children's Festival*, taking place at the National Mall, across the U.S. Capitol, from June 30 to July 2, 2026. The festival will also serve as the national children's celebration of America's 250th Anniversary.

The World Children's Festival is produced in Washington, D.C. every four years as the "Olympics" of children's imagination by the International Child Art Foundation (ICAF). Established in 1997 in Washington, D.C., ICAF serves as the national arts organization for American children and the global arts organization for children worldwide.

The delegates to the 7th World Children's Festival (WCF) are being selected as follows: (a) visual artists aged 8 to 12 through the 7th Arts Olympiad, ICAF's school art program that has grown over the years into the world's largest. The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee has granted ICAF an exclusive license to use the "Arts Olympiad" mark. We ask you to select the Senegal Arts Olympiad winners.

The performing artists aged 8 to 20 are selected by ICAF through an online submission process. We have invited you to submit the required information. We have also asked you and the accompanying educators to host a workshop or activity at the WCF.

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The 2026 WCF will commence with *Health & Environment Day*, where shared interests and personal visions foster a sense of fellowship among participants. Following that, *Creativity & Imagination Day* will feature self-discovery and ideation exercises designed to help students appreciate their creativity as an essential survival skill in the age of AI agents and sentient machines. The festival will conclude with *Peace & Leadership Day*, where empathy workshops and leadership training cultivate a new generation of peacemakers.

The Arts Olympiad is a free-of-charge school art program. Moreover, ICAF will not charge any registration fee for your participation in the 2026 WCF. However, you are responsible for arranging the Senegal delegation's travel, accommodation, meals, and local transport expenses. We request the Government of Senegal, as well as business and philanthropic leaders, to support your efforts.

Senegal has not been represented in the past six WCFs. Hence, we look forward to your participation. Once you confirm the names and details about your delegation, we will furnish you with a letter of U.S. visa support.

Sincerely,



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