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## **The Arts Olympiad Exhibitions Celebrate the London 2012 Games in Washington DC**

WASHINGTON – The International Child Art Foundation is hosting the Arts Olympiad Exhibitions at public libraries in Washington DC to celebrate the Summer Olympics.

This week the Arts Olympiad Exhibition is taking place at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library. The exhibitions are open to the public during normal library hours until Thursday, July 26, 2012.

From July 30, 2012 to August 3, 2012, the Arts Olympiad Exhibition will be held at Woodridge Neighborhood Public Library. and from August 6 to 10, 2012 at the Georgetown Neighborhood Public Library.

The exhibitions promote the Olympic ideals of peace and tolerance. The artworks on display were produced under the Arts Olympiad, the world's largest and most prestigious art and sport program for children. Workshops organized by the ICAF provide attendees the opportunity to paint or draw their favorite sport. Through the exhibition and workshops, attendees are introduced to the *Artist-Athlete Idea*<sup>SM</sup> of the creative mind and healthy body—an ideal that the ICAF promotes through the Arts Olympiads.

“We are delighted to provide our fellow residents an opportunity to relate to the Olympic Games using their own creativity and imagination,” said Dr. Ashfaq Ishaq, the ICAF Chairman.

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### **About the International Child Art Foundation**

The ICAF has served as the leading art and creativity organization for our children and their international counterparts. The ICAF employs the power of the arts for the development of creativity and empathy, key attributes of successful learners and leaders in the 21st century. The ICAF publishes the amazing *ChildArt* magazine and every four years hosts the *World Children's Festival* on The National Mall as the “Olympics” of children's imagination and co-creation.