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Seattle's Biggest Children's Festival Announces 14th Year Anniversary

April 22nd & 23rd, 2023

SEATTLE, April 3, 2023 – Are you ready for the most culturally enriching festival of the year? The Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington (TACAWA) is thrilled to bring the **Fourteenth** Annual International Children's Friendship Festival (ICFF) to the Emerald City on Saturday, April 22nd and Sunday, April 23rd. In partnership with the Seattle Center and the Ethnic Heritage Council, the ICFF offers children a unique opportunity to celebrate their cultures, promote international peace, and forge new friendships through performance and education.

The ICFF draws inspiration from the Turkish tradition of "Children's Day," established by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey, in 1920 to emphasize that the future belongs to the next generations. Every year, kids from around the world visit Turkey to showcase their cultural dances and become part of this peaceful reminder of global friendship. The ICFF offers a unique opportunity to commemorate this important effort and continue Atatürk's legacy of **"Peace at Home and Peace in the World."**

"For fourteen wonderful years, this extraordinary event has been inspiring us to build stronger communities. We are thrilled to continue enriching the lives of children in the Pacific Northwest through cultural exchange in music, art, and friendship. Over the past decade, the ICFF has hosted more than 75 countries from around the world, featuring 500 different performances under the festival's umbrella. Thousands of lives have been touched and enriched by this incredible experience. Through cultural exchange in music, art, and friendship, we can strengthen international ties and promote a more harmonious and peaceful world. We look forward to many more years of bringing people together through the power of art and culture." said Lara Hanif, spokesperson at ICFF.

This year, Seattleites will have the exciting opportunity to witness children's groups from twenty different countries perform unique dances and musical performances over two days. The festival will also feature cultural exhibits by local ethnic communities, providing an enriching opportunity for visiting children to connect with and learn about each other's cultures. With partnership from Seattle Children's Museum our international playground will once again feature a play structure from Imagination Playground, and [Al Hirsch's Games of World](#) will entertain older kids. There will be fun arts & crafts activities, and face painting for kids. The ICFF will also host an [Arts Showcase](#), themed "What Makes You Happy?", that will present a wide range of art forms including paintings, drawings, sculptures, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore their creativity and share their unique perspectives on happiness with others. With a diverse lineup of music, art, and cultural displays, the ICFF is sure to offer an unforgettable weekend of learning and fun for families and individuals of all ages.

This year, we are expecting between 3,000-5,000 visitors. ICFF is rapidly gaining popularity in international communities as more countries and regions join the festival each year. On ICFF's 14th anniversary, visitors can experience the vibrant cultures of Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Denmark, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lu Mien, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, the Philippines, Scotland, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey, the United States, and more. Together, these countries are home to over 40% of the world's population, making ICFF a truly global celebration of friendship and culture. Come join the International Children's Friendship Festival (ICFF) and immerse yourself in the joy of friendship, cultural exchange, and the richness and diversity of the world through music, dance, art, and more!



Please join International Children's Friendship Festival (ICFF) - Seattle's largest Children's Festival - to celebrate its 14th Anniversary:

Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 & Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 - Free Event

11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Place: Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle, Washington 98109

www.seattlecenter.com

About International Children's Friendship Festival (ICFF):

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