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What Made Your World Shrink?

The Center is happy to announce a special event in conjunction with Storytelling Arts of Indiana. We will be hosting this month's "Jabberwocky," which is an evening storytelling event revolving around the theme, "It's a Small World: Experiences that Made My World Shrink." Join us on December 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Indy Fringe Theatre. Friends of The Center will be telling stories about how cultural diversity has shaped their life, so please bring yourself and your family to listen and enjoy!

Jackie Nytes, CEO of the Indianapolis Public Library; Jane Gehlhausen, Director of the Mayor's Office of International and Cultural Affairs; Terri Downs, Executive Director of the Immigrant Welcome Center; and Ansuyah Naiken, Global Competency Training Manager at The Center make up our lineup of tellers--you won't want to miss their stories! If you like, you may tell your own 3 - 4 minute story about cultural diversity and its role in your life during the open mic portion of the program. If not, sit back, listen and partake in the cash bar and appetizers. For more information, please visit Storytelling Arts of Indiana [website](#).

Festival Fund Open House Scheduled for January 22



SAVE THE DATE
1.22.2015

FESTIVAL FUND
COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
OPEN HOUSE

HOSTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The International Center is hosting an Open House for all past, present and future Festival Fund grant applicants on January 22 from 4-6 p.m. at our office in downtown Indy. The goal of the Open House is to educate all potential applicants on how to complete a competitive Festival Fund application as well as plan a successful cultural event or festival. [Click here](#) to learn more and register! The event is free and welcome to all.

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International Events in the Community

St. Nikolaus Festival
The Athenaeum
December 7

Jabberwocky
Indy Fringe Theatre
December 9

Russian Music Festival
Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
January-February
Visit the ISO's website for more information

Leadership Across Cultures Spring 2015

The International Center is finalizing the program details for our second Leadership Across Cultures training opportunity.

As our Global Competency Training clients prepare to fill their schedules for 2015, we invite you to learn more about this incredible and comprehensive leadership program and to consider joining us this spring.

Please contact Ansuyah Naiken at anaiken@internationalcenter.org for more details or to reserve your spot.

IC Staff Member Featured in Community Event

Last month, the Indianapolis Public Library served as a host to the city's annual Spirit and Place Festival. The Festival took place over ten days, featuring a range of exhibits and events, specifically focusing on this year's designated theme, "The Journey". The exhibit on display at the Public Library was titled "One Million Journeys, One Destination", with a series of artistically designed photo and story displays regarding a select few Hoosier's incredible journeys from foreign countries and cultures to the Circle City. The Center's own Development Manager, Magdalena Josipovic, was selected to participate in the exhibit to share her inspiring journey from her childhood home in Bosnia, to living in a refugee camp in Croatia, to pursuing law school in the States and eventually making her home here in Indianapolis.



The Center is honored to see one of our own being recognized by the community as someone with a truly amazing journey. Congratulations, Magdalena! Be sure to check out the exhibit featuring her story at the downtown Central Library.

A Very Special Naturalization Ceremony

This year's 38th Annual International Festival, sponsored by the Nationalities Council of Indianapolis, proved to be another successful event. One of the many facets of the event is a Naturalization Ceremony for soon to be American citizens. The Center was proud to be represented this year by intern Carla Natividad, who made a presentation on behalf of The Center at the ceremony. Carla and her family immigrated to the United States from the Philippines eight years ago, moving to the Indianapolis area.



Although Carla has been here for eight years, attending Indiana University, and graduating, she still comments on how much she still has to learn about the American culture. Carla was naturalized three years ago, coincidentally at the International Festival! When our staff heard of this coincidence, we only found it appropriate that she present at this iconic ceremony. The Center is proud to be able to enjoy Carla as their fall marketing and communications intern, and could not be more excited she was able to participate in such a special ceremony.

It's Giving Tuesday!

There's Black Friday, Cyber Monday and today, Giving Tuesday.

Please consider making a gift today to one or more nonprofit organizations that you value in your life and our community. We'd be honored to be one so recognized! Click here to contribute. Thank you for your support!

IVLP in the News

Our International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) hosted a visit in August on Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development. The program was featured in a special article which can be found below.

Beth Barich, our International Visitors Program Manager, did an outstanding job arranging the itinerary for this group from Latin America. The visitors' stay in the midwest included a trip to Paris, IL to meet with the Paris City Council. You can learn more details about the entire program in an article published [here](#).

Internship Opportunity

Please email Jeff Kamm at jkamm@internationalcenter.org if you are interested in applying for a spring internship at The Center.