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# National ChildRight Arts Festival

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Honoring Children  
17-20 Nov, 2011  
Islamabad

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Participation Invitation

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“There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.” Nelson Mandela

## **NATIONAL CHILDRIGHT ARTS FESTIVAL**

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### **Summary**

In 1954, United Nation General Assembly recommended that all countries must institute the “**Universal Children Day**” to promote the welfare of the children and protect their basic rights without any discrimination. On **20th November** the UN Assembly adopted the declaration of the rights of the child.

To commemorate this auspicious occasion, The Little Art has developed an innovative festival “**National ChildRight Arts Festival 2011**”. The festival will be an expression of celebration to respect and acknowledge the right of every child worldwide.

The Little Art believes that this project will be an **opportunity for all children** to be heard, be creative about showcasing their basic rights and feel important. The festival will become a platform to educate and spread awareness among the audience to understand the importance of basic child rights and also develop the sense of responsibility to condemn any social or cultural norms which are not in coherence with the **UN Child Right Convention**.

The Festival aim to highlight the following key areas:

- Right of Basic Education
- Child Labor
- Children Abduction
- Child Sexual and Mental Abuse
- Child's Right to Creative Expression
- Right of Identity

### **Objectives**

- To celebrate and acknowledge the Universal Children's Day
- To provide an opportunity to children so that they can understand and be aware of their rights
- To inspire Pakistani children and youth to develop different art forms and express themselves to a larger audience
- To sensitize the community to respect children as individuals and condemn any discrimination against them
- To develop a sense of responsibility in public about child rights and mobilize for child protection

**Your school can participate in the Festival through the following two ways;**

- A Theater Play from Your School
- Visual Art Exhibition

### **A Theater Play from Your School**

Theater is a very important and major component of the Festival. We will present theater plays made by school children and young people. Through a process of curation, the Festival will select plays for the festival through a certain criteria.

**This year, we are seeking school's participation with theater plays in the festival ONLY from Islamabad and Lahore. We hope to extend our invitation of theater plays for Karachi schools in coming years.**

### **Visual Art Exhibition in the Festival**

The Little Art will curate an exhibition of arts works made by children and young people. The art works will portray how children see the world they are living in. Such experiences that children encounter in their lives are also connected with certain issues, that we as adults need to understand. Through the visual arts exhibition in the festival, we will allow children to reach out to the people and community with their voices.

The key areas that can be covered by the children and young people in the paintings and drawings includes, but not limited to;

- Importance of Education
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Children and Society
- Health and Hygiene

Please note the following;

- It would be convenient for school if they can collect art work from children and submit it to us ONCE.
- The art work should carry the following information;
  - o Title of the painting / drawing
  - o Name
  - o Age
  - o Class
  - o School
- It is suggested that children under the age of 14 years shall use art paper and young people from 14 to 18 year old can paint on canvases. It is not mandatory.
- Children and young people of any age group can participate.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of artists.
- Submissions will be accepted until October 28, 2011.
- A selection from the entries will be curated for the Festival.

**All the young artists whose work is presented in the exhibition will be awarded with the certificate of participation.**