

## CALL FOR LOCAL GLOBAL ARTISTS

The Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County ([www.plcmc.org](http://www.plcmc.org)) , in collaboration with International House (<http://www.ihclt.org>) , seeks story-based performance groups and visual artists to appear as part of the Global Family Story Festival Series at ImaginOn ([www.imaginon.org](http://www.imaginon.org)). The series celebrates cultures across the globe on four Saturdays at ImaginOn. The events are sponsored by the Arts and Science Council with support from the North Carolina Arts Council.

The Global Family Story Festival Series includes the following celebrations on the third Saturday of each month for four consecutive months:

- January 16, 2010: Celebrate Asia!
- February 20 , 2010: Celebrate Latin America!
- March 20, 2010: Celebrate Africa!
- April 17, 2010: Celebrate Native America!

Story-based performance groups (storytelling, puppet, dance or theatre groups) will appear on ImaginOn's Page Stage. The Page Stage is an informal 8' platform in a festival atmosphere, right in the heart of ImaginOn. Acts that thrive in this space are:

- high energy
- technically flexible and fairly minimalist
- comfortable with audiences that ebb and flow
- able to perform for 20 minutes, rest, repeat
- can command focus in a space with ambient noise and activity
- relevant to a wide age range and their families
- inclusive of some story element
- inclusive of a touch of audience participation
- appealing to diverse audiences
- include cultural education and celebration

The visual arts venue for the Global Family Story Festival Series is an informal stanchioned floor space, in the children's library area. We are looking for artists who can set up and create with passing observers and passer-by questions. Visual artists who thrive as Artists on Display at ImaginOn are:

- equipped with a portable work station and supplies
- comfortable with audiences that ebb and flow
- can work in a space with ambient noise and activity
- relevant to a wide age range and their families
- inclusive of some story element
- comfortable both working quietly in front of observers as well as fielding observer questions
- appealing to diverse audiences
- include cultural education and celebration

No travel or accommodations are provided. This opportunity is best suited to groups within the Carolinas. To apply, please fill out and return the electronic application. Deadline: Friday, November 13. Review of applications begins upon receipt. Please direct questions to: [bmurray@imaginon.org](mailto:bmurray@imaginon.org).

