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Dr. Aurora Sidney-Ando and Professor Maria Claudia Albini join our Board

WASHINGTON DC, July 19, 2019 – The International Child Art Foundation (ICAF) announced today the inclusion of two new members to the ICAF Advisory Board, one from Alaska and the other from Argentina.



Dr. Sidney-Ando is a licensed professional counselor in Alaska and a freelance artist. Her counseling experience includes working with emotionally disturbed children and families, complex trauma, and using creativity and expressive arts towards self-discovery and building efficacy. Born and raised in Mexico, she has lived in Alaska for the past 10 years. She received her Masters' in Counseling from Alaska Pacific University and her Ph.D. in Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology with a certificate in Expressive Arts for Social Change from Saybrook University. Her research focused on positive social change and the use of art in building empathy and efficacy within at-risk populations in efforts to support individual and communal empowerment. In her free time, she travels to remote areas of the world finding inspiration in places ranging from the jungles of Peru to the windswept cliffs of the Himalayas.

Professor María Claudia Albini was born in Buenos Aires, where she has lived all her life. She has devoted herself to teaching children, teenagers and adults in primary and in secondary school and at university for the past 30 years. She is a teacher of English (specializing in Literature in the English language), a music teacher, and holds a BA in Education and a BA in Arts. She is at an advanced stage of her doctoral studies in Art, at the Universidad Nacional de las Artes. As a lecturer and a university researcher, her main interests are the interrelation between music and language, and applied linguistics. She represents ICAF in Argentina, organizes the Arts Olympiad, and leads Argentina's delegation to the World Children's Festival.



"We are very pleased that Dr. Sidney-Ando and Professor Albini have joined the ICAF Family to grow a grassroots movement for schoolchildren to democratize creativity and develop mutual empathy for sustainable prosperity and a peaceful future," stated Dr. Ashfaq Ishaq, ICAF's founder and chairman.

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