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16TH INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN FINLAND

Dear Madam/Sir

We have the great pleasure to invite children and young people from your country to participate in the **16th International Art Exhibition** organised by Art Centre for Children and Young People in Hyvinkää, Finland.

The theme of the exhibition is Together. The theme can be interpreted openly and broadly bearing in mind participants' own cultural traditions. The works should be sent to arrive **no later than 31 May 2017**. Detailed instructions and information on how to send the works of art can be found in the enclosed brochure and on our web site www.artcentre.fi.

Exhibition is part of the programme for the centenary of Finland's independence in 2017.

Art Centre for Children and Young People is maintained by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture and the City of Hyvinkää. Since1970's, the International Children's Art Exhibition has been organised every third year. Today Art Centre has a remarkable and unique international archive of children's art including approximately 100 000 pictures from over 130 countries. The archive is used for art education and research as well as exhibitions in Finland and abroad. The material received through the International Exhibitions supports children's culture and education for a multicultural world.

We would appreciate it very much if you could help us to distribute the information on the enclosed brochure about the International Art Exhibition to schools, art schools, kindergartens etc. We would be very happy if the children and young people from your country participated in the exhibition.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Yours sincerely,

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