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The European-American Cultural Foundation works to strengthen cultural bonds and collaboration between the European Union and EU Member States with the United States, reflective of their profound historical relationship and affinity.

We've got news to share!

Since the date of the European-American Cultural Foundation's inaugural event – held at the Library of Congress on October 7—the E-ACF has successfully completed a major project, Kids Euro Festival 2014. There's also a new video and event pictures to see on the E-ACF web site, and a preview of the European Month of Culture.

KIDS EURO FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 9

Kids Euro Festival is the largest children's performing arts festival of its kind in the United States, featuring professional performers, events, and films for children and their families—from each of the 28 European Union member states—all for free. (www.kidseurofestival.org)

Presented in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union and 30 cultural institutions, Kids Euro Festival 2014 attracted almost 15,000 attendees in just two weeks!



Events—156 of them—took place in schools, arts venues, embassies, and libraries throughout DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Imaginative offerings in theater, dance, music, magic, puppetry, and storytelling engaged metro audiences, who had the unique opportunity to “take a trip to Europe without a passport”.

Feature news stories appeared in *The Washington Post* and *The Washington Times*, and former EU Ambassador João Vale de Almeida was interviewed by NewsChannel 8’s Morning News.

Children were shouting “I love science!” after a “science theater” show from Estonia... a District school teacher declared that Malta’s offering was “the best assembly we have done”... and the arts therapy coordinator told us the Belgian magician brought “smiles to the faces of [our] patients” at Children’s National Hospital. This type of cross-cultural audience response is precisely what Kids Euro Festival was designed for — and it’s just a small sample of the impact it continues to have.

E-ACF WEB SITE: WWW.E-ACF.ORG

If you haven't yet visited the E-ACF web site — or if it's been awhile — please go to www.e-acf.org to



learn more about the mission of the E-ACF, watch a new video, and browse pictures from the spectacular October 7 inaugural event. We'd also love to hear from you at info@e-acf.org.

MAY: A MONTH OF EUROPEAN CULTURE AND AN OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars for May—because May is the European Month of Culture!

An annual month-long festival with a wide variety of events, the European Month of Culture includes musical performances, dance, lectures, film screenings, art



exhibits, conferences and workshops from the 28 EU embassies in Washington—and most events are free. On May 9, the European Union Embassies and the EU Delegation to the United States will open their doors to the public for the annual EU Embassies' Open House—a

day of family fun, food, culture and more. Additional details will be sent as the Month approaches—but in the meantime, you can visit www.euintheus.org/event/european-month-of-culture and www.euopenhouse.org.