



**International House Proudly Presents
“Crossroads Arts Series”**

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International House is very excited to have the opportunity to offer, for your enjoyment and cultural enrichment, some of Charlotte’s most talented performers.

Our first event features **Christine Van Arsdale**, a North Carolina performing and recording artist and harpist with the Charlotte Symphony. Her love for folk music, and the Celtic musical tradition in particular, has taken her around the world to workshops and competitions in Scotland, Brittany, Montana, and Nashville. She has won Celtic harp competitions in the United States and in Brittany. For three years, she was a solo harpist with the Orquesta del Principado de Asturias in Oviedo, Spain. It was during her stay in Spain that Christine developed a love for the Spanish language, which has, in turn, led to her association with International House. Christine will be performing at **International House on Thursday, May 24th, at 7pm.**



For our next event in the Crossroads Arts Series, we invite you to join us for an intimate evening of acoustic guitar, where we will be celebrating mixed tastes, different styles, and diversity, with charismatic performer

Jake Greene. Mr. Greene’s selections will include the beauty of classical Spanish music, as well as traditional classical pieces, blues, and jazz. Jake’s audiences are as diverse as his music; he has performed for the esteemed Ambassador of New Zealand and strummed his way through an evening of rock-n-roll in Nuremburg. Please join us on **Friday, June 8th, at 7 pm at International House** for what promises to be a delightful evening.

Our final event features internationally acclaimed performer **Maha Gingrich.** Maha Gingrich is both educator, Associate Dean of Central Campus and Visual and Performing Arts at Central Piedmont Community College, and performer, having danced before dignitaries in many cities in India and the United States.

Maha Gingrich is certified by the former president of India as one of the most prominent artists of India, and was also honored with the Best Dancer Award from UNASCO International. She has performed to sold out audiences in major cities throughout India and the United States. Maha Gingrich is known and respected for her original choreography and her efforts to share the Indian culture. Please join us on **June 23, 2001, 7pm at the Mint Museum, 2730 Randolph Rd.,** as we celebrate Indian culture and dance with Maha Gingrich and her dance troupe. International House would like to thank the Mint Museum for kindly donating their space for this event.

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These performances are part of a series being presented by International House to bring diverse ethnic entertainment to the Charlotte area. This project is made possible in part by a Community Cultural Connections grant from the Arts & Science Council-Charlotte Mecklenburg, Inc. and the Grassroots Arts Program North Carolina Art Council, a state agency. Each event costs \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call International House at 704-333-8099.

Employment Opportunities Abound in the International House Job Bank

Job seekers and employers alike can benefit from the International House Job Bank, a free listing service that helps match qualified individuals with available jobs. We currently receive job postings from employment agencies, nonprofit organizations, private companies, and individuals, for a variety of jobs in categories that include: Professional/Administrative; Customer Service; Child Care; Housekeeping; Hotel/Guest Services; Construction/Manufacturing; and Education. The Job Bank has been successful in finding employment for many bilingual professionals and international newcomers.

Under the direction of Client Services Manager Hunter Saussy, the Job Bank has expanded in recent weeks, as Hunter has worked to both recruit new employer contacts and more widely publicize this service to job seekers. As more people have become aware of this program, we have experienced a large influx of individuals interested in employment in the areas of housecleaning, childcare, construction, and factory work. Hunter is currently seeking information on vacancies in these critical areas, as well as listings in any other of our job categories. If you are an employer looking to advertise available job openings, or an individual searching for meaningful employment, please make use of this free community resource. For more information please contact Hunter Saussy, Client Services Manager, at 704-333-8099 ext.13.

Language Conversation Hours

Weekly informal conversation time and cultural exchange in various languages: ENGLISH – FRENCH – GERMAN – ITALIAN- RUSSIAN – SPANISH. Some interest has been shown in resuming our Japanese and Mandarin Chinese language conversation hours and in starting a Catalan-Provencal language conversation hour. If you are interested in any of the above listed conversation hours or if you are interested in starting a conversation hour in a language that is not listed, please contact Sheila Bennett at 704-333-8099 ext. 18.

Amateur Davis Cup Tennis Tournament



International House will be holding its 3rd annual tennis tournament at Olde Providence Racquet Club in September. Players of levels 3.5 and above are invited to participate. For more information about playing, volunteering, or sponsoring, please call Juan Sandoval at 704-551-4825 or e-mail: Juan_Sandoval@prusec.com.

Doorways Book Club

Traveling Mercies, by Anne Lamott, will be the focus of the Doorways Book Club discussion on Monday, May 21, at 7:00 pm. This book presents “an honest look at dating, dimpled thighs, dreadlocks, doubt, death, life, family.....her heart-rending stories will fill you with laughter and tears.” For additional information call Sheila Bennett at 704-333-8099 ext. 18.

Doorways

International and American women gather for social and cultural exchange. Next program: **Wednesday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m.**, we will meet at International House before traveling to the beautiful **McGill Rose Garden** for a tour and “pot luck” luncheon. All international and American women are welcome. Please mark this date on your calendar and call Sheila Bennett at 704-333-8099 ext. 18 for further details.

Celebrating 20 Years

GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Charlotte's Council for International Visitors &
Community Connections

Northern and Southern Irish Youth to Visit Charlotte This Summer



On May 21st, Charlotte's Council for International Visitors will welcome 20 young people from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. For 11 weeks, Charlotte will host this Wider Horizons 2001 group, a program sponsored by the International Fund for Ireland.

The International Fund for Ireland is a unique organization established by the British and Irish governments in 1986 to promote economic and social advancement and to encourage contact, dialogue and reconciliation between nationalists and unionists throughout Ireland.

Wider Horizons provides opportunities for young people to work together as they train and seek employment. Drawing from both communities in the North and South, and giving priority to disadvantaged areas in the North and the Southern border counties, the program makes a valuable contribution to reconciliation in Ireland. In many cases, groups travel to locations in Europe, the United States and Canada for training and find that viewing their home from a distance challenges their perceptions of each other and enhances their perception of their own potential to achieve.



The young people will come from the city of Larne in Northern Ireland and the county of Donegal in the Republic of Ireland (including Arranmore and Torry Islands). This group is comprised of men and women, Catholic and Protestant, between the ages of 18 and 27. A major focus of the Wider Horizons Program is to assist these young people in obtaining solid job skills and work experience to take back home. During their time in Charlotte, they will be working at Carowinds and will also be taking courses at York Technical College in Rock Hill, SC.



Two other objectives of the Wider Horizons Program are for the group to: (1) learn about American life and culture and; (2) acquire some conflict resolution and mediation skills. Charlotte's Council for International Visitors will be taking on this aspect of the program. A number of conflict resolution and diversity programs will be set up, along with different cultural activities and opportunities to meet Americans.

There are many ways you can get involved in Wider Horizons 2000:

- *Host a participant for dinner in your home one evening
- *Take a participant shopping, hiking, to a movie, to a concert, to the lake...
- *Include a visitor in your 4th of July festivities
- *Donate food or supplies for the welcome/farewell parties

Don't miss this exciting opportunity! Please call Florence Beretta at (704) 342-2248.

For additional information, you can visit:

www.dun-na-ngall.com County of Donegal
www.larne.com City of Larne
www.intl-fund-ireland.org/ International Fund for Ireland

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PlaySpanish™ Camp

Children's Summer Camp Schedule

Ages: 2½-10--**Dates:** One-week camps from June 4 through July 27 --**Time:** Morning and afternoon camps available--

Cost: \$125.00 for ages 2½-3½ (2 hour camp), \$135.00 for ages 3-5 (2½ hour camp), \$140.00 for ages 5½-10 (3 hour camp)

Camp Français

Ages: 6-8--**Dates:** June 11-15--**Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM--**Cost:** \$130.00.

German Camp

Ages: 5-11. --**Dates:** June 18-22 and June 25-29--**Time:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.--**Cost:** \$130.00.

Mark Your Calendar!!!

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October 27, 2001- 12th Annual International House Gala, this year's theme: Treasures of the Caribbean

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