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**Free Performance of *Nothing Is Impossible* at the
Malden Senior Community Center, December 18 – 19, 2013,
Marks 10 Years of Immigrant Theater Class**

MALDEN, Mass, December 9, 2013 / The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) will present two free performances of *Nothing Is Impossible*, 10:00 a.m., December 18 and 19, 2013, at The John and Christina Markey Malden Senior Community Center, 7 Washington Street, Malden, Mass.

The show will tell the story of leaving home and facing the challenges of traveling to a new place using Aesop's fables paired with folktales from the students' native countries. The performers are studying English at The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. and come from Brazil, China, Congo, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Iraq, Turkey and Vietnam. These performances help the public gain a greater understanding of world cultures and the immigrant experience. All are welcome to attend.

“These plays are a huge accomplishment for our students,” said President and CEO Diane Portnoy. “It’s hard enough for most people to speak in front of an audience. These students perform sometimes deeply personal stories in the newly-learned language of English. Audiences always leave impressed.”

The Immigrant Learning Center Theater Class began in 2003 to help immigrants improve their English skills through writing and performing plays. Each term, students write and perform original plays about their experiences as newcomers in America. *Title* is the 35th production since the class began 10 years ago. A retrospective of the last 10 years of the Immigrant Theater Class is available on The ILC's website at www.ilctr.org.

About The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, Mass, is a not-for-profit organization that helps immigrants and refugees become successful workers, parents and community members through direct service programs and public education. Our direct service program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston. The ILC further supports immigrants through the Public Education Institute, which informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society. For more information visit <http://www.ilctr.org>.

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