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Free Performance of *Jean's Family: Lessons, Dreams & Magical Stories* at Malden High School, August 26 and 27, 2015

MALDEN, Mass, August 17, 2015 / There will be two free performances of *Jean's Family: Lessons, Dreams & Magical Stories*, at 9:00 a.m., August 26 and 27, 2015, at Malden High School, 77 Salem St, Malden, Mass. All are welcome to attend.

This performance describes the journey of immigrating to the United States from a child's perspective and includes folk tales from several countries. It was first performed on Friday, August 14, 2015, for children in the vacation camp program at BASEC in Belmont, Mass. The upcoming performances are open to the public and appropriate for both children and adults.

The performers are comprised of students of The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) who reside in Malden and surrounding communities. The performers come from Brazil, China, Columbia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Hong Kong, Iran, Morocco, South Korea and Togo.

The Immigrant Learning Center Theater Class began in 2003 to help immigrants improve their English skills through writing and performing plays. Each session, students write and perform original plays about their experiences as newcomers in America. These performances also help the public gain a greater understanding of world cultures and the immigrant experience.

A retrospective of the last 11 years of the Immigrant Theater Class is available on The ILC's website at www.ilctr.org.

Photo Captions

Front, Left to Right: Jonhyoung (Tom) Kim, Angelica Maria Gomez, Jean Lucien, Dede Attivi-Gadjezo, Eias Julio

Stairs, Left to Right: Mercia Lubin, Man Ying (Bonnie) Cheung, Kensia Sissoir, Luhately Castillo, Lilian Danyela

Man Ying (Bonnie) Cheung performing for day campers at BASEC in Belmont, Mass.

Dede Attivi-Gadjezo leads day campers at BASEC in Belmont, Mass. in a traditional song and dance from Togo.

About The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that gives immigrants a voice in three ways. The English-language program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston to help them become successful workers, parents and community members. The Public Education Institute informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society, and the Institute for Immigration Research, a joint venture with George Mason University, conducts research on the economic contributions of immigrants. For more information, visit the website at www.ilctr.org or Facebook page [ImmigrantLearningCenter](https://www.facebook.com/ImmigrantLearningCenter).

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