



DoDDS-Europe Creative Connections 2012



DATE OF ACTIVITY: November 4-9, 2012 “INFINITY”

LOCATION: Jungengastehaus, Oberwesel, Germany

COST: Students pay a **210.00 EURO** registration fee which covers the costs of room, all meals, Creative Connections T-shirt, and group photo. The fee is payable in Euros only, at the registration table on site. The DoDDS-Europe Area Office is responsible for funding all transportation costs for students and staff, instructor contracts, and instructional supplies.

DESCRIPTION: Creative Connections is a six-day advanced visual and performing arts symposium for 150 motivated and talented high school students. The objective of the activity is to provide students with advanced instruction in fine arts. Offerings vary from year to year, and may include such classes as drama, show choir, strings, music composition/arranging, creative movement/dance, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor, oil pastels, digital art, and video production.

The week of intense coursework culminates on Thursday evening with an art exhibition and stage show which are open to the public. You'll find event information in progress on the DoDDS-E Intranet at <https://doddshost.net>.

STUDENT SELECTION: Interested students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to submit an application that includes a brief essay describing the student's experience, skills and interest, a teacher recommendation, and a sample of artwork or audition tape (for Visual Arts, Video, and Show Choir). **Applications are submitted online at <https://int.eu.ds.dodea.edu/finearts/>. The site will be open on Monday, August 27, 2012. Applications will be accepted until midnight, Monday, Sept 17, 2012.** Details and forms are posted on the website, and can also be obtained from the school Creative Connections Point of Contact (POC). Each application is rated by a panel of judges. When scoring has been completed, selected students are assigned to classes by an impartial panel at the Area Office. Students, teachers, and parents receive a class list and transportation information in early October.

STAFF: Instructors and assistants are selected from applications submitted by DoDDS-Europe teachers and specialists. Stateside and European experts may also be contracted to teach some workshops. In addition to the instructors, the following administrative staff is on duty full-time: Host Nation Liaison, Evening Program Coordinator, Dean of Men, Dean of Women, Nurse, Performing Arts Coordinator, Visual Arts Coordinator and Project Officers.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me by telephone (338-7467 DSN; +49 611 380-7467 Civilian).

Fine Arts Instruction System Specialist
DoDDS-Europe Education Division