



## News Release

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### **DoDDS-E JAZZ SEMINAR 2007 SWINGS IN NAPLES JAN. 16-21**

**Wiesbaden, Germany** — *“It don’t mean a thing if it ain’t got that swing”* — Irving Mills said it, Duke Ellington set it to music, and DoDDS-Europe students will prove the tradition of American jazz is alive and well when DoDDS-E hosts Jazz Seminar 2007 in Naples, Italy, Jan. 16-21. The annual event highlights DoDDS-E’s extensive music and arts curriculum for students at the high school and middle school level.

This year the Big Band Jazz Ensemble will consist of 26 students, and the Jazz Vocal Ensemble will feature eight students from DoDDS-E schools across Europe. Over 110 students from 20 DoDDS-E high schools auditioned for the 34 positions.

Prof. Jiggs Whigham, noted jazz trombonist, composer, conductor and educator will lead the Jazz Seminar ensembles in three performances. Whigham is presently conductor of the BBC Big Band in Great Britain and artistic director of the Berlin Jazz Orchestra. He will be assisted for the five days of instruction, rehearsal and performance by a staff of DoDDS-E music educators. Jazz Seminar students will also work with members of the U.S. Navy Band, who will conduct sectional training and perform for participants.

This will be the 23rd annual Jazz Seminar hosted by DoDDS-E for students interested in learning about and performing the big band sounds of such classic American composers as Duke Ellington and Count Basie. Students will intensively study, read, perform and improvise jazz. Seminar activities will culminate in three concerts on military installations in the Naples community on Friday and Saturday. The community is invited to attend, and admission is free of charge. For performance information contact the Naples High School at (DSN) 629-4061, (USA) 011-39-081-811-4061, (From Italy) 081-811-4061.

Participants in Jazz Seminar 2007, their schools and their instruments are:

Aviano HS

**Joshua Blanco** — Big Band, Guitar

Baumholder HS

**Zachary Splittstoesser** — Jazz Vocals, Bass

Brussels EHS

**Andrew Moyseowics** — Big Band, Guitar

**Claire Rumery** — Big Band, Trombone

Gen. H.H. Arnold HS

**Kellis Nobles** — Big Band, Tenor Saxophone

**Jessica Smith** — Jazz Vocals, Soprano

Giessen HS

**Lee Hillmon** — Big Band, Alto Saxophone

**David Peplinkski** — Big Band, Trumpet

Heidelberg HS

**Adam Lawrence** — Big Band, Tenor

Saxophone

**Jeremy Pratt** — Jazz Vocals, Tenor

Kaiserslautern HS

**John Frank** — Big Band, Trumpet

London Central HS

**Dakota Gomez** — Big Band, Trombone

Naples HS

**Caitlin Frizzell** — Jazz Vocals, Soprano

**Peter Lawton** — Big Band, Trumpet

**Austin Struckmeyer** — Big Band, Trombone  
Patch HS

**Brad Bergfeld** — Big Band, Trombone

**Cody Dickey** — Jazz Vocals, Bass

**Jacob Dickey** — Jazz Vocals, Tenor

**Rae Lietzau** — Big Band, Alto Saxophone

Ramstein HS

**Colby Albrandt** — Big Band, Bass

**Derek Call** — Big Band, Trombone

**Macy Jepson** — Big Band, Piano

**Leah Johnson** — Jazz Vocals, Alto

**Bennett Lumban** — Big Band, Trumpet

**Alicia Martin** — Big Band, Piano

**Aaron O'Neill** — Big Band, Bass

**Eric Oyan** — Big Band, Alto Saxophone

**Bradley Paulhamos** — Big Band, Trombone

**Micah Pischnotte** — Big Band, Trumpet

**Nina Ramos** — Jazz Vocals, Alto

**Kars Wadsack** — Big Band, Tenor

Saxophone

**Dan Whitney** — Big Band, Drums

Sigonella HS

**Dane Paschal** — Big Band, Bari Saxophone

Würzburg HS

**Daniel Osgood** — Big Band, Drums

**FOR BACKGROUND ON PROF. JIGGS WIGHAM, GO TO:** <http://www.jiggswigham.com>

**FOR AN ONLINE LOOK AT THE 2006 JAZZ SEMINAR, GO TO:**

<http://www.eu.dodea.edu/jazz2006.htm>

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