



## Searching for "Culture Comets" at schools in the Hanover region

### The TUI Foundation and the Stiftung Kulturregion Hannover reward schools for outstanding culture projects

**Hanover, 7 November 2012.** The TUI Foundation and Stiftung Kulturregion Hannover have created the new "Culture Comets" awards for schools that are particularly engaged in cultural education. They are searching for schools that get young people involved in cultural projects outside the rigid framework of school curricula, or are planning these kinds of projects. There is a total of EUR 10,000 in prize money for the "Culture Comets". The applications deadline is 28 February 2013.

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The projects can be in the areas of music, drama, literature, fine arts, film or video, as long as they are creative and original. Coherent projects, including disciplinary concepts which make cultural education a firm aspect of life at school, are also welcome. A jury of regional cultural scene celebrities will decide which of the projects deserve the awards and the prize money.

"Extra-curricular cultural projects are often very challenging for the schools. They can't be integrated lessons because they need space and a lot of hard work and commitment on the part of everyone involved," said Anja Römisch of Stiftung Kulturregion Hannover. "We want our awards to support teachers and heads who believe in the importance of cultural projects, because these projects encourage the children to develop team spirit and language skills, and they promote integration, competence and confidence," said Elke Hlawatschek, Secretary General of the TUI Foundation.

The awards ceremony takes place in June 2013. In future, the Culture Comets will be presented every two years. You can find further information at [www.kulturkometen.de](http://www.kulturkometen.de).

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