

## Almost 35,000 Pupils Visited Ars Electronica Center Linz in 2011

(Linz, December 29, 2011) 2,436 school groups including 34,194 pupils have visited the Ars Electronica Center so far this year (as of December 22nd). Most came from the City of Linz and the Province of Upper Austria (17,863), followed by Salzburg (3,184), Vienna (2,648) and Lower Austria (2,637). The numbers from Bavaria (1,124) and The Czech Republic (1,228) showed big increases. Ample proof that some classes are willing to travel long distances to experience the Ars Electronica Center was provided by a group from the Vocational School in Stoob, Burgenland. The 45 students spent four hours in transit to Linz and then four hours on their return trip to eastern Austria not far from the Hungarian border. They took the Museum of the Future's "Of World Machines and the Origin of All Things" special tour.

## Open Labs and Fascinating Activities for School Kids

More and more school groups take advantage of the Ars Electronica Center's extraordinary infrastructure to deal with subject matter and examine issues in ways that would not be possible in regular, everyday classroom instruction. Open labs equipped with raster electron microscopes and 3D printers, interactive installations featuring an electrode cap and a Visucam, and exhibitions populated by androids make the Museum of the Future a super setting for youngsters' exciting encounters with new things. Here, the accent is on hands-on experimentation and design by the students themselves. The entire school program offered by the Ars Electronica Center is tailored to school course content at the various grade levels, and is continuously being developed further in cooperation with faculty experts at teachers colleges, Linz Art University and the Hagenberg campus of the Upper Austria University of Applied Sciences.

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