



THE 10th SEADOM CONGRESS
“CONNECTING ACROSS BORDERS”
Theme Session Breakout Minutes

Theme: Staff and Student Opportunities

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Reports:

A. 1st Topic : Soundpainting.

- What is soundpainting? - Soundpainting is the universal multidisciplinary live composing sign language for musicians, actors, dancers, and visual Artists. It can be performed successfully with performers for any variety of levels.
- How many signs for soundpainting? – the language comprises more than 1500 signs.
- Who creates the sound painting? - The Soundpainting language was created by Walter Thompson in Woodstock, New York in 1974.

B. 2nd Topic: Connecting across borders.

The ability to connect across artist borders is problematic.

- Issues forced by institutions to connect internationally
 - Facilities
 - Budgets
 - Funding
 - Curricular restrictions – same class but different credits
 - Specialisation in education
- The person realities
 - Language – communication problems
 - Compatible skill levels
 - Genre specific
 - Manpower
 - Time
 - Planning/logistics – supporting
- What is needed?
 - Specialisation enhances and is a basis for the expansion into interdisciplinary and collaborative realms.
 - Practicality of facilities are not the obstacles for collaboration.
 - Genre and medium are starting points for exploration.
 - Experimentation is welcome and mistakes are opportunities rather than points of contention.

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