

Announcing the 6th Annual

# Daniel Glass European Jazz Intensive

October 1-5, 2026

Groovekiste Drum Academy - Osthofen, Germany

**We are thrilled to announce that in 2026, Daniel Glass will be bringing his highly successful New York Jazz Intensive program back to Europe for the sixth time. The Daniel Glass European Jazz Intensive will be held October 1-5, 2026, at the Groovekiste Drum Academy in Osthofen, Germany, situated in the heart of the stunning Rhineland region.**

For five days and four nights, master drummer, author, historian and educator Daniel Glass (along with his New York trio) will lead participants through an exciting, in-depth exploration of jazz drumming in all its facets. In addition to an intensive course of study, you will have the chance to jam and perform with a professional New York rhythm section, culminating in a final concert that will provide you with a studio-quality recording and video of your performance with the band.

The 2025 European Jazz Intensive promises not only to deliver the jazz excitement of New York to Europe, but it will offer participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of Germany's historic Rhineland region. Cultural events include an opening night concert in an underground wine cellar, a guided tour of the medieval city of Worms, and lunch at the legendary Wormser Hagenbräu on the shores of the Rhine river.

**Costs and other details listed  
on the following pages.**



# Daniel Glass European Jazz Intensive

## Groovekiste Drum Academy - Osthofen, Germany

**Total Cost: €1,295**

More details and video clips can be found at:  
[danielglass.com/2026-euro-jazz-intensive/](http://danielglass.com/2026-euro-jazz-intensive/)

### What's Included in the Price?

- **5 days and 4 nights** of intense instruction, jamming, motivation, and inspiration.
- **12 Technique Classes** covering 9 specific elements of jazz drumming.
- **Individual Attention:** Small group size (max 12) means you will work one-on-one with Daniel each day developing key motions and 4-way independence.
- **Play With and Be Critiqued** by Daniel and his all-star NY rhythm section.
- **Professional Audio Recording**, plus a video of your final performance.
- **Online Video Access:** Free access to Daniel's 10-part video series on Drumming Evolution, which includes several units covering the story of jazz.
- **All Gear** (you bring sticks, brushes and Syncopation).
- **Swag Bag** and door prizes for all participants.
- **Career Development** and motivational Q&A with Daniel Glass, Falko Eckey (owner of Groovekiste) the members of the trio (Sean Harkness/Michael O'Brien).
- **Opening Night Concert** with the DG Trio (in a venue converted from an ancient wine cellar).
- **Guided Tour** of the historic city of Worms on the picturesque Rhine river.
- **2 Catered Dinners** on Jam Night and Final Concert.
- **Snacks and Beverages** throughout the day (and evenings) to keep you fueled up. **This includes the legendary Groovekiste OPEN BAR!**

### Course Description

For many drummers, the study of jazz can be an overwhelming experience. With over a hundred years of evolutionary development, jazz incorporates many distinct eras. Students often struggle when learning the mechanics of jazz and understanding what to play when comping or soloing. As the author of five books and four DVDs on the subject, Daniel Glass brings an incredible wealth of jazz knowledge to the table, combined with decades of experience as an international jazz artist and world-class clinician. At the Jazz Intensive, he breaks down jazz drumming into a clear, comprehensive series of **motions**, showing you the nuts and bolts of *how* to produce a **killer feel** that swings like crazy! He also teaches a melody-based awareness that gives you a clear strategy so you know *what* to play when comping or soloing.

### Who Can Benefit from the DG Jazz Intensive?

In short, any drummer at any level, from beginner to highly experienced. Daniel's depth of knowledge and unique teaching approach will provide the "how" behind the "what," offering new information and a deeper understanding of the **motions** involved in jazz drumming, regardless of your experience or skill level. The goal is to present jazz drumming "from the inside out," so you walk away with a comprehensive understanding of the music itself, your role on the jazz bandstand, and the practical skills needed to swing harder than you ever thought possible!

### What's Not Included?

- **Travel** to and from the Jazz Intensive.
- **Accommodation** while in Osthofen. (See pages 5-6 of this document for suggestions at various prices).
- **Saturday Concert Fee**, Daniel plays with Falko Eckey's epic swing band The Nannys (two drummers!).
- **Food and beverages** (other than previously indicated).
- **Cost of farewell luncheon** on Monday, 13 October.

Course curriculum will be presented along

# FIVE BASIC CRITERIA

## Evolution

Every attendee will be given free access to Daniel's 10-part video series on the Evolution of Drumming, which features over 12 hours of material. The series includes several units dedicated in particular to the story of jazz, from its origins in New Orleans through the big band era, the rise of Bebop and beyond. These video lectures integrate photos, video clips and audio examples, bringing the world of jazz to life.

## Technique

The 5-day event features twelve separate technique sessions, designed to establish a connection between the historical material being discussed and the way we apply it on the drum set. As opposed to many courses of jazz study, which present jazz drumming merely as a series of limb independence exercises, Daniel offers a deeper and more holistic approach to understanding jazz technique. This approach incorporates a discussion of "pulse," the unique *motions* of the four limbs, and how the limbs should be properly balanced in order to achieve a true "jazz sound." Once these basics are established, other core concepts like "melodic" playing, comping, 4-way coordination, hand-to-hand accents, soloing and brushwork will be integrated.

## Performance

The course offers participants a variety of opportunities to play jazz, as well as experience world-class performances by top-level New York players. Opening night festivities include a concert by The Daniel Glass Trio. Other evening activities include a "jam session," (where participants can sit in with the band), and a second concert with German swing titans the Nannys. Daily "feedback sessions" offer participants the chance to work one-on-one with Daniel and the rhythm section. The event culminates in a student concert, from which every participant will head home with a studio quality audio recording and a video of his or her performance.

## Repertoire

Any understanding of jazz *drumming* cannot be achieved without an understanding of jazz *music*. Concepts like melody and song form are as important as technique when it comes to playing jazz and understanding how to approach it on the bandstand. As such, a part of each day will be dedicated to focusing on key songs, chart reading, and helping participants to understand more deeply "the conversation" that goes on between jazz musicians.

## Motivation

We've set aside some time for you to ask Daniel whatever is on your mind: technical questions, career advice, motivational issues, etc. The Q&A session will feature our co-hosts, who will be able to offer valuable real-world input into your musical development.

## Daniel Glass Bio



**Drummer.Author.Educator**

**Daniel Glass** is an award-winning drummer, author, historian and educator based in New York City. Since 2010, he has been the house drummer every Monday night at New York's legendary Birdland Jazz Club. Daniel is widely recognized as an authority on classic American drumming and the evolution of American Popular Music. A member of the pioneering swing group Royal Crown Revue since 1994, Daniel has recorded and performed all over the world with a diverse group of artists, including Brian Setzer, Bette Midler, Liza Minnelli, Jose Feliciano, Gunhild Carling, Michelle Shocked, Melissa Manchester, Mike Ness, Freddie Cole, Air Supply's Graham Russell, Marilyn Maye, the Hot Sardines, the Budapest Jazz Orchestra, Luann De Lesseps from the Real Housewives of New York, and KISS front man Gene Simmons. For two years running, Daniel was voted one of the top five R&B drummers in the world by readers of *Modern Drummer* and *DRUM* magazine.

As an educator, Daniel has published five books and three DVDs, including the award-winning titles *The Century Project*, *The Roots of Rock Drumming*, and *The Commandments of Early Rhythm and Blues Drumming*. He is a regular contributor to publications like *Modern Drummer*, *DRUM* and *Classic Drummer*. Daniel has performed hundreds of clinics and master classes globally, appearing at many of the world's top educational conferences and music festivals. In 2016, he began hosting an annual 4-day Jazz Intensive in New York City, drawing an international student base. That same year, he formed the Daniel Glass Trio, which recorded its debut album *BAM!*. In 2021, Daniel expanded the Jazz Intensive brand into Europe. 2026 will mark the sixth annual European Jazz Intensive, which is held near Frankfurt, Germany.

A pioneer in online education, Daniel works one-on-one with an average of 50 private students each month (who hail from five continents). His online courses, based on a unique teaching philosophy called the *Motion Based System*, have changed the lives of drummers around the world. In 2013, Daniel co-curated an exhibit on the history of the drum set at the Rhythm Discovery Center in Indianapolis, IN, for which he was awarded the Percussive Arts Society's "Distinguished Service Award."



Learn more at:

**[www.DanielGlass.com](http://www.DanielGlass.com)**

# More Details: Transportation, Lodging, etc.



## Welcome!

I'm absolutely thrilled to be bringing the Daniel Glass Jazz Intensive program back to Europe for our fourth annual event. When we ran this event in New York, we had a ton of interest from European drummers who were interested, but couldn't make it across the pond. So, we're thrilled to be able to bring a bit of the "Big Apple" to Europe!

This page is designed to offer some logistical details about Groovekiste, the town of Osthofen, as well as some suggestions for transportation, lodging, etc.

If you have any questions or need assistance as you go through the planning process, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or my partner, and we'll do whatever we can to help you find the best solution:

**Falko Eckey (Owner of the Groovekiste):**

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**Daniel Glass:**

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**Herzlich  
willkommen!**



## 1. The Groovekiste – Our “Headquarters.”

Most of the Jazz Intensive activities will take place at the Groovekiste Academy of Music, run by my good friend and fantastic drummer/educator Falko Eckey. **Take a video tour:** <https://danielglass.com/groovekiste>

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**2. Osthofen and Worms:** Located in the Alzey-Worms district in Rhineland-Palatinate, Osthofen is a charming little town with a population of less than 10,000. This means that most of our local activities will be an easy walk, and everything you need will be close by.

Several of our activities will take place in the historic city of Worms, just a few minutes ride from Osthofen. Situated on the west bank of the Rhine river, Worms traces its roots to the medieval era, and we'll be touring some of its world class sights, including: Worms Cathedral, the Nibelungen bridge, the Martin Luther monument, and the old Jewish Synagogue.

The Rhineland is also home to a vibrant winemaking industry, and if the weather cooperates, we usually hold one of our events in a local vineyard!



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### 3. Getting to Osthofen:

If you're flying in, the closest major airport is in Frankfurt (FRA). The easiest way to get to Osthofen from the airport is by train. The ride takes one hour and costs approximately €15-17, depending on which train you're taking.

To find your train, we suggest that you download an app called **DB Navigator**, which specializes in schedules and payment for the Germany Railway system. This free app is available on IOS and Android.

DB Navigator will tell you automatically which train, which platform, the time, costs and updates for your booked ride. You can pay with PayPal or Credit Card. It's easy and comfortable.

Put the following cities into the DB Navigator:  
**Frankfurt (M) Flughafen Regionalbf <—> Osthofen**

### 4. Lodging – Where to Stay?

If you plan to stay in a hotel while at the Jazz Intensive, we suggest you choose from the following three options. They cover a range of prices, and all within a few minutes walk from the Groovekiste.

#### Landhotel Schwanen:

<https://www.zumschwanen-osthofen.de/#/?a=herzlich-willkommen>  
(Walking distance: 2 Min)

#### Weingasthof "Zum weissen Roß":

<https://www.weingasthof-osthofen.de/gasthof>  
(Walking distance: 3 Min)

#### Gästehaus Steinmühle:

<https://www.gaestehaus-steinmuehle.de>  
(Walking distance: 10 Min)

- **Breakfast:** European hotels often include a substantial breakfast with the rate. Please check hotel to see if this option is included or can be added.

- **Room Sharing:** For further savings, room sharing options may be available. Please contact Falko Eckey for details: [info@groovekiste.de](mailto:info@groovekiste.de)

#### Other Lodging Options:

These options might be more affordable than staying in a hotel:

- Vacation Rental by Owner: [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com)
- Air BnB: [www.airbnb.com](http://www.airbnb.com)



### 5. Other Activities:

Daniel Glass  
Trio in  
concert!



DG with the  
Nannys  
Swing Band!

#### Wormser Hagenbräu:

Our final luncheon will take place at this classic German restaurant on the shores of the Rhine!

