ACT NOW is a calligraphy and painting workshop, held in the medieval art city of Arezzo, in Tuscany, Italy. Classes are held in Monica Dengo’s studio and accommodation is in a holiday home facing the gorgeous Piazza Grande, both in the city center, where it’s easy to find small trattorias and typical restaurants, sit at cafés and enjoy the many beauty of this medieval town.
Monica Dengo, calligrapher, and Olivia Petrides, painter, have been exchanging their ideas about calligraphy, text, figuration and abstraction. This class offers a continuing dialogue with the students about the possibilities of relating the two disciplines with potentially exciting results.

With Monica Dengo the students will focus on the process that allows them to create new marks, texts and textures, expanding the concept of handwriting, taking inspiration from scribbles, graffiti or early XX century logotypes, studying samples of VIII century German signatures, a Tibetan manuscript or a IV century BC Chinese seal script.

Olivia Petrides will show students how to prepare watercolor grounds and - utilizing visual information from the environs of Arezzo - how to create new shapes and structures on the page. The students will produce a large amount of work which will then be assembled to create new and unexpected compositions within the book format.

TUTORS:
Monica Dengo: is an artist and a professional calligrapher. She has taught in many parts of the world, including the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Belgium. In Italy she collaborates with the Fondazione Musei Civici in Venezia and works as freelance.
For more information see: www.monicadengo.com  www.freehandwriting.net.

Olivia Petrides: has taught painting and drawing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago for 20 years. She also co-instructs a summer class in France, entitled “The Artist's Journal in SW France.”
For more information see: www.oliviapetrides.com www.travelwithartists.com

SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Although most participants have had previous experiences in calligraphy, art or design, we do accept some beginners. Please send a resumé. Tuition will be in English.

LOCATION:
Arezzo - Italy
Lessons will be held in Monica Dengo's studio, a large and luminous room located in the Arezzo historical center in front of the Vasari House.

DATES:
Arrival: May 26th, evening drink. Class begins on Sunday May 27 th, ends on Sunday June 2nd.
Wednesday May 29 is free day.

TUITION:
3 days with Monica Dengo and 3 days with Olivia Petrides. 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (small lunch break).
ACCOMODATION:
Students will accommodate in a holiday home situated at walking distance from the classroom. You can see the web sites at: http://www.lacortedelre.com/. Meals are not included. Arezzo historical center is small and full of narrow streets and typical restaurants with reasonable prices.

FEES:
Total cost: Euro 950,00. Includes tuition, accomodation and paper. Transportation and meals are not included.
Deposit: Euro 150,00 (non refundable) due by January 15th 2013.
Final payment: Euro 800,00 by March 15th 2012.

INFORMATION:
For more information contact Monica Dengo at info@freehandwriting.net

MATERIALS LIST:
A list of materials will be sent to all participants within May. The paper for the course is included in the fee. Special tools or materials will be available for use in the classroom.
APPLICATION FORM

Please fill the enrollment form and send to:

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Via Venti Settembre, 60
52100 AREZZO
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or email this form with a pdf to:
info@articalligrafiche.it

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