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## Supporting Guildhall School



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## Welcome backstage

There are many different ways to build a closer relationship with Guildhall School and to support the world-class training of students.

### About Guildhall School

Guildhall School is a vibrant, international community of musicians, actors and production artists. Ranked as one of the top institutions for performing arts in the world, the School has over 1,000 students in higher education, representing over 70 nationalities. As one of the UK's leading providers of lifelong learning in the performing arts, we also offer inspiring training for over 1,500 young people, adult learners, and creative and business professionals.

Founded in 1880, Guildhall School has built an outstanding reputation as a global leader in creative and professional practice, promoting innovation, collaboration and research. Our mission is to empower future generations of artists, craftspeople and creative leaders to achieve their full potential, enrich the lives of others, and make a positive impact in the world.

With your help we will build on the values and excellence on which the School was founded, training artists for our ever changing industry and society.

### Guildhall School Alumni

Guildhall School's award-winning alumni have gone on to work in theatres, concert halls, film and television studios, schools, colleges, hospitals, prisons and other community settings around the globe. Their success is a testament to the intensive training Guildhall School delivers.

#### Our alumni include:

Thomas Adès CBE  
Naveen Andrews  
Hayley Atwell  
Alison Balsom OBE  
Daniel Craig  
Judy Craymer CBE  
Michelle Dockery  
Paapa Essiedu  
Lennie James  
Damian Lewis OBE  
Paul Lewis CBE  
Tasmin Little OBE  
Anthony Marwood MBE  
Ewan McGregor OBE  
Sir Bryn Terfel CBE  
Roderick Williams OBE  
Debbie Wiseman OBE

*“Guildhall School is a place of constant innovation, energy and open mindedness. I became friends with, and got inspired by, some of the most talented artists and teachers in the world.”*

*Alison Balsom, Trumpet*

## Supporting student scholarships

*“My scholarship allowed me to continue on into further study. This year I have tried to make the most of opportunities to train in outreach work, using my music to make a difference in the wider community. It has been a joy and privilege to invest in my skills and to reach out to people in our society, to whom music can make a massive difference. I am really thankful to all supporters for making this possible.”*

Sam Gillespie, MMus Performance (Clarinet)

At Guildhall School we award places on the basis of talent, regardless of financial circumstances. We know how life changing it can be for a student to be given the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Each year nearly half of our students receive scholarship support from generous donors and from the School's own income generating activity. Many more need vital funds to enable them to take up their hard won places and continue their years of training.

Training as a young artist has never been more expensive. On average, students graduate from university with £40,000 of student loan debt, and this amount is far greater for overseas students. The intensity of conservatoire training, and the significant additional practice and performance hours required, prevent students from funding their studies with concurrent paid employment. Philanthropic support is therefore integral to continuing to provide world-class training to all talented students.



*“After losing a close relative who lived and breathed song and dance, we felt the most fitting way to honour her memory was to offer sponsorship to other young creatives wanting to share their passion with the world. Through their performances we are able to remember our lost loved one and create her a legacy.”*

The Nicky Bird Scholarship supporters

#### **Support a Named Scholarship**

From £5,000

Become part of a student's creative journey by establishing a scholarship in your name or in the name of a loved one.

The full cost of training varies enormously, ranging from £20,000 for 1 year to £120,000 over 4 years. As such, we can work closely with you to tailor a Named Scholarship Award to the study area that best reflects your interests, either for a single academic year, or for the length of a full training programme. Multi-year commitments are especially helpful as it is hugely reassuring for a student to know that they will be supported for the duration of their course. In return for your generous support, you will receive invitations to attend performances and correspondence from your student about their training progress.

#### **Give to the Scholarships Fund**

The demand on the Scholarships Fund increases year on year, as tuition fees and living costs continue to rise. Your gift will be distributed by the School as General Scholarship Awards to students in financial need. All supporters who give above £1,000 to the Scholarships Fund have the opportunity to engage with scholars at an exclusive event at the School. We keep all supporters of the Fund updated on the number of scholarships awarded to students each year and the impact of their support.



## Support world-class training

The reputation of the teaching across all disciplines is unrivalled, with a strong emphasis on one-to-one and small group teaching, delivered by specialist teachers and graduate mentors. Students experience working in a professional context to industry standards, drawing on a pool of outstanding world-renowned artists who work alongside them as directors, coaches and tutors. Supporting this world-class training ensures that unique and innovative production opportunities, outstanding masterclasses, strands of specialist teaching, and state of the art equipment and facilities prevail at all times.



**We welcome support for the following areas of the School's work:**

#### **Naming Opportunities**

From £50,000

Naming one of the School's practice rooms, rehearsal spaces or performance venues provides vital funds for the refurbishment and upkeep of our unique training facilities.

#### **Productions & Performances**

From £10,000

These range from full-scale opera and drama productions, to concerts, recitals, festivals, competitions, exhibitions and showcases.

#### **Masterclasses, Visiting Artists, New Commissions and Digital Equipment**

From £5,000

To remain at the forefront of teaching and production delivery, the School invests in world-leading technology, new commissions and masterclasses with creative experts from around the globe. Your support can extend the training possibilities and enrich the experiences of students.

#### **Take Your Seat**

£250 - £2,500

Whether you want to celebrate a special occasion, your passion for the arts, a connection with the School, or to remember a loved one, you can name a seat in one of our performance venues and become part of the fabric of the institution.

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## Become a Patron or Guildhall Circle member

Be the first to hear about our events, performances and other activity at Guildhall School by joining as a Patron or Circle member and your support will help fund a breadth of activity at the School.

### **Guildhall Patrons**

£500 - £3,500

As a Patron you will enjoy exclusive invitations to special performances, recitals, and showcases throughout the year, such as our Gold Medal Competition, Season Opening Concert, or Production Arts Exhibition. Patrons are prominently displayed on our donor roll and website.

### **Guildhall Circle**

From £50

Guildhall School presents over 300 performances every year, ranging from intimate solo recitals to full-scale symphony orchestra concerts, plays, and opera productions. Rarely-performed and new works sit alongside established favourites, all produced to the highest professional standards. Circle members are the first to receive information on all major performances at the School and receive priority booking in advance of the general public.



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## Leave a legacy



Legacy gifts have the power to be transformational for both the School and its students. Anyone can leave a gift in their will and every gift, however large or small, makes a difference in helping to nurture extraordinary talent for generations to come. Whether you would like to leave a gift for a specific purpose, or would like the School to advise where the need is greatest, we would be delighted to talk to you about how your legacy can impact Guildhall School and how you would like us to acknowledge and celebrate your generous support in your lifetime and beyond.

*“I have had a gorgeous experience sponsoring three lovely singers over the past five years. I have left money in my Will as well because Guildhall’s in my heart.”*

Marianne Falk, alumna and donor

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## Other ways you can support

### **Attend our Fundraising Events**

We host a variety of fundraising events at the School, from vibrant gala evenings to unique opportunities to celebrate the work of our well-known alumni. If you want to hear more about our events programme, let us know your email address and we will keep in touch.

### **One-off Donation**

If you would like to make an online donation to Guildhall School by credit card, debit card or direct debit, please visit [gsmd.ac.uk/givenow](https://gsmd.ac.uk/givenow)

### **Tax-efficient giving**

The Guildhall School Trust is a registered charity (no. 1082472) that facilitates philanthropic support for Guildhall School and ensures tax-efficient giving for your charitable donations. If you are a UK taxpayer you can add Gift Aid to your donation to the Trust, making your gift go 25% further.

*“Without your patronage it is unlikely that I would have made it to this stage. For that, I remain forever grateful. The privilege of attending university is having the opportunity to think, explore and grow.”*

The B&T Scholar, Production Arts 2021

## Contact us

To discuss how you can get involved with Guildhall School and impact the training of talented artists as they embark on their careers on the world stage, please get in touch by email:

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You can also visit **[gsmd.ac.uk/support](https://gsmd.ac.uk/support)** to find out more about the different levels of support and the benefits you can enjoy as a Patron or Circle member.

**We look forward to hearing from you!**



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