



Guildhall School is a vibrant, international community of musicians, actors and production artists in the heart of the City of London. We deliver world-leading professional training in performing and production arts in partnership with leading artists, companies and ensembles.

1st

in the 2023 Guardian University Guide music league table

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in the Arts, Drama & Music Complete University Guide League Table 2024

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among music conservatoires for research in the Research Excellence Framework 2021

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 Guildhall School of Music and Drama

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At Guildhall School, we lead students through the transformative journey of training in music, drama and production arts. By choosing to join us, you will embark on a demanding, intense and committed process. In return, you will be empowered to develop your unique creative potential – and to put your talent to work at the forefront of cultural change.

Guildhall enjoys some of the best facilities for training in performance and production arts anywhere in the world, and our graduates consistently succeed at the highest levels of their profession. Training with us will equip you to make your mark as an accomplished performing artist, composer, theatre maker, production professional or teacher.

As a Guildhall student, you will be challenged to work to the highest professional standards in a world-class context. You will draw on the expertise of internationally-renowned artists and practitioners, working with you as directors, designers, conductors, coaches and tutors.

Of the 1000 students across our programmes, 35% come from outside Britain, bringing a truly global outlook to what we do. We welcome diversity, and encourage applications from anyone with talent, regardless of background.

Our diversity extends to the art forms that we cover. We are one of the few major European conservatoires to offer training in music, drama and production arts. Working across disciplines frees us to break down boundaries across art forms and experiment with new ideas. We value innovation, and will encourage you to explore the big questions that affect you as an artist, now and for the future.

Active engagement with diverse communities keeps us constantly alive to the unique power of performing arts to foster self-expression and social change. We train students to work in communities to offer inspiring arts experiences for all. We also run a vibrant programme of youth and adult learning, enabling children and young people, business leaders and professionals to develop their creative potential.

Above all, at Guildhall School we believe in the power of performing arts to change people's lives. We invite you to join us in transforming your own life and in serving the wider world as we embark – together – on the challenge and change of the 21st century.

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LOCATION

AD50

The City of London is the oldest, most historic part of London, established in around AD50

Our city: London

Guildhall School has an enviable location in the heart of a vibrant creative quarter in the City of London, meaning our training in music, drama and production arts in this culturally rich and dynamic environment is a unique experience.

With West End theatres, the Southbank Centre and Covent Garden's Royal Opera House all close by, Guildhall has an array of world-renowned cultural institutions on its doorstep. As a student, you will be entitled to concessions on virtually all entertainment tickets, plus discounts for shops, restaurants and public transport. For students from abroad, we provide guided tours and excursions to help you find your way around. Other major European cities are easily accessible by train or plane.

Our location is a major destination for culture and creativity, taking in the School, the adjacent Barbican Centre and LSO St Luke's. This means there's a wide range of impressive performance and exhibition spaces within walking distance, and exciting collaborative opportunities. Nestled on the edge of the popular areas of Shoreditch and Clerkenwell, we are close to some of London's most famous landmarks including St Paul's Cathedral, the Gherkin and the Shard.

Our facilities: Silk Street, Milton Court and Sundial Court

Our facilities include the Grade II-listed Silk Street building,



part of the distinctive and architecturally-renowned Barbican complex, and Milton Court, our newer site across the road. Milton Court's world-class performance and training spaces include a state-of-the-art concert hall, a lyric theatre, a studio theatre and several major rehearsal rooms. Silk Street offers a more intimate music hall, a dedicated lecture recital room, a completely flexible theatre, theatrical workshops and labs, electronic music studios, recording and sound studios, and over 40 teaching and practice rooms. We also have an Annexe with a further 44 teaching and practice rooms, and our Sundial Court Hall of Residence (see page 10).

Guildhall's five public performance venues have exceptional acoustic properties and extensive seating capacity. Our spaces for study and relaxation include a library, two student common rooms, two cafés and a peaceful lakeside terrace.

For more information on student life at Guildhall School, see page 10.



PARTNERS

We are proud that collaboration is fundamental to life at Guildhall. We work across disciplines and departments, and with many external organisations. We are particularly pleased to have strong relationships with five organisations that contribute significantly to our programmes of study. Through these unique partnerships, you will meet some of the world's most renowned artists, experience some of London's finest venues, and receive the very best preparation for your chosen career.

Barbican Centre

The Barbican is an international arts and learning centre that pushes the boundaries of all major art forms including dance, film, music, theatre and visual arts. Situated next to Guildhall School, it houses a concert hall, two theatres, two galleries, three cinemas, a glasshouse conservatory and a library. The unique creative alliance between the Barbican and Guildhall School provides our students with exceptional learning opportunities, including masterclasses, projects with the Barbican's

international Associate Orchestras, and the chance to perform on one of its renowned stages. The Centre's popular Young Barbican scheme offers all Guildhall students discounted access to unmissable art and entertainment as well as exclusive events and creative opportunities.

London Symphony Orchestra

Widely regarded as one of the world's best orchestras, the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) has a roster of soloists and conductors who are second to none. An integral partner of Guildhall School for many years and the Resident Orchestra at the Barbican, the LSO helps to deliver the Orchestral Artistry specialism within the Guildhall Artist Masters programme (see page 32), and provides many performance opportunities for Guildhall students. The LSO's outgoing Music Director, Sir Simon Rattle, is Artist in Association at Guildhall School, while Sir Antonio Pappano, who begins the role of Chief Conductor in September 2024, is an Honorary Fellow.



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LSO

SO BBC
Symphony
Orchestra


ROYAL
OPERA
HOUSE

AAM

BBC Symphony Orchestra

The BBC Symphony Orchestra is one of the UK's finest, performing extensively at the Barbican and forming the backbone of the BBC Proms. Guildhall musicians play a significant role in the orchestra's Total Immersion series, which celebrates the work of contemporary composers; performances are often broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and receive high critical praise.

Royal Opera House

The Royal Opera House is home to the Royal Opera, one of the world's leading companies, renowned for its outstanding performances of traditional works and its exciting commissions of new productions. The Royal Opera House and Guildhall collaborate on two areas of study in contemporary opera making: the MA in Opera Making & Writing (see page 38) and a studentship that appoints one doctoral student as Composer in Residence for a period of three years (see page 59).

Academy of Ancient Music

Through our partnership with the Academy of Ancient Music (AAM), one of the world's leading period instrument ensembles, we respond to the needs of the next generation of performers. AAM, who are an Associate Ensemble at the Barbican and perform part of their season at Milton Court, offer side-by-side performances, masterclasses, access to rehearsals, and a wealth of online resources



– invaluable learning opportunities for students who require fluency in multiple performing styles.

International exchange partners

If you are interested in studying abroad as part of your programme, you can take advantage of our wide network of internationally renowned conservatoires and Musikhochschulen. Guildhall School is working with previous Erasmus partners and institutions beyond Europe to provide exchange opportunities and develop our international student mobility offer.

STUDENT LIFE

Guildhall School delivers the highest standards of training in music, drama and production arts within a diverse, friendly and supportive community. As you start out at the School, there are bound to be times when you need help or advice. Our support services provide expert guidance on everything from health and well-being to learning support, as well as advice on finances, accommodation and international student life. We are also here if things get tough: our dedicated staff provide practical and emotional support if you experience health issues, financial hardship, or any other obstacle to your learning.

The support we offer extends to our buildings and learning facilities. Guildhall students have access to one of the UK's leading performing arts libraries and excellent studio and IT resources. Full-time students can apply for the School's Hall of Residence, Sundial Court, just around the corner from our Silk Street building and Milton Court.

Student Affairs

student.affairs@gsmd.ac.uk

Student Affairs is committed to your wellbeing as a Guildhall student. Our friendly, supportive team will assist you in making the most of your student experience and fulfilling your potential throughout your time at the School. We offer a comprehensive range of support services to meet your academic and welfare needs, including health and welfare advice, physiotherapy, counselling, disability support, study skills and



practice support, financial advice, accommodation advice and international student support.

Accommodation

accommodation@gsmd.ac.uk

Once you have been offered a place at Guildhall, you will be given information about accommodation options. Offer holders are provided with an External Accommodation Guide to help you identify the most suitable type of accommodation and guidance on how to go about your search. The Student Life Officer is available to offer individual advice and support.

Eligible students are also given information about Sundial Court, the School's Hall of Residence, located on Chiswell Street just around the corner from our two main buildings. Sundial Court has 39 flats, each with between three and six bedrooms, with 176 rooms in total. For Music students, there is the added advantage of being able to practise in your bedroom during agreed hours. Sundial Court has Wi-Fi access throughout. Security is provided 24 hours a day, seven-days-a-week, and night guards are trained to support students in emergency situations. A team of Residential Assistants

For information on fees, funding and scholarships, see page 102

For more information on life at Guildhall School, visit gsmd.ac.uk/life



live in the building to provide residents with peer support and encourage a sense of community; throughout the year, they organise social events including market trips, museum visits, film nights and exercise clubs. If you are accepted onto a full-time course at Guildhall School (lasting at least one academic year), you are entitled to apply for a place at Sundial Court. Although we can't offer a room to every student, we do try to provide accommodation for first-year undergraduates.

There are two Underground stations close by and supermarkets, bars, restaurants and sports facilities are all within walking distance. Our Basement area houses the Students' Union bar, a launderette, practice rooms and a communal TV room.

Students' Union

union@gsmd.ac.uk

The Guildhall Students' Union actively represents the student body, led by a full-time President (elected annually), with five part-time officers leading on Finance, Diversity, Events & Societies, Marketing & Communications and Academic Affairs. The Union acts as a communication channel between students and staff. From its office on the campus, the Union offers advice on a wide range of topics, and can provide useful information on Guildhall School, its surrounding area and student life.

Alongside its representative function, the Union is responsible for extra-curricular activities

throughout the year and is at the centre of Guildhall's social scene. It organises clubs and societies and a variety of social events, many of which take place around the well-established Basement Bar located in Sundial Court, our Hall of Residence. Find out more at guildhallsu.com

Library

library@gsmd.ac.uk

Our Library has one of the most extensive specialised collections of music and drama electronic and print resources in Europe, providing an inspiring, supportive and welcoming study environment. Library staff all have specialist knowledge and lending facilities include books on music, theatre, drama criticism, stagecraft, costume, and music therapy. You can borrow from a comprehensive collection of plays, poetry, scores, sets of chamber music parts, CDs and DVDs, and can access a wide range of online resources and web-streaming services.

IT resources

As you would expect, Guildhall has well-equipped IT facilities, including PCs with access to Microsoft Office and Sibelius, A3 colour printer-photocopiers, and Wi-Fi provision around the Silk Street, Milton Court, Annexe and Sundial Court buildings. You can remotely access your School email and apps via Microsoft Office 365, and download the latest version of Office to your own devices to work flexibly and securely wherever you are on campus.



Digital technology

The School's Audio Visual Department provides audio and video production facilities, as well as an industry-standard recording studio.

In the last two years we have invested heavily in ground-breaking low latency capabilities. This world-leading technology means we have the ability to produce a full orchestral broadcast even while the musicians are in different rooms. Many of our performances and events are live-streamed or recorded for broadcast, amassing thousands of views from all over the world.

Guildhall Stream is our service for capturing School concerts, performances and events on video. We have added capability so students can make recordings in

upgraded teaching rooms and upload them directly to their own Guildhall Stream homepage.

undisciplined

Push the boundaries of your practice through *undisciplined*, our cross-artform collaboration programme of events and opportunities that encourages students to build creative friendships, get inspired, learn new skills and develop new collaborative projects together. Offering talks from industry experts and practitioners, workshops designed to give you the practical, artistic and entrepreneurial skills to make your own collaborative work, a skills-matching service, resources and even funding, it's all about encouraging experimentation across art forms and unlocking your imagination.



Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

We welcome people from around the world, of all backgrounds. We work closely with students, specialists and organisations with lived experience and expertise to ensure the School is an actively anti-discriminatory, anti-racist and inclusive organisation.

We offer tailored support for anyone who needs it, and encourage and support applications from disabled and neurodiverse students. We are committed to ensuring there are no barriers to deter talented students from coming to the School, and provide a range of advice, financial and application packages to help with applications and transition to the School.

Sustainability

We recognise the impact that our operations and activities can have on the environment and we are committed to reducing these effects by setting and achieving clearly-defined objectives. Our efforts have been recognised in the People and Planet University League: we were placed 64th out of 153 institutions.

The School's strategy and associated action plan is overseen, developed, coordinated and communicated by the Sustainability Steering Group which is made up of members of staff and representatives from the School's student body.



CAREERS

Guildhall School is committed to helping you find the right career path for you. Our training combines academic rigour and artistic skill with a strong professional focus and unparalleled engagement with the performing arts and creative industries.

As you move through your programme, your links with the relevant industry will grow through talks and workshops from leading industry figures, work placements and masterclasses. You will receive careers advice within dedicated modules across many programmes, as well as one-to-one guidance from teaching staff and mentors, many of whom work in the performing arts and creative industries and are well-placed to provide insight, advice and contacts.

Career preparation depends on your chosen discipline:

Actors take a Career Preparation module which includes advice on auditions and casting sessions, agents, unions, tax and accounting, CVs and setting up a professional company. We have an in-house Careers Consultant, and each final-year student is mentored by professional actors. Students who have the right to work in the UK are eligible to become student members of British Actors' Equity, the actors' trade union, and are eligible for full membership on completion of training.

Production artists take a Professional Development module which includes help with IT skills, CVs and job applications, interview technique, taxation and unions. Students on the BA Production

Arts programme also undertake a four-to-six-week professional secondment at venues such as the Royal Opera House, National Theatre and Shakespeare's Globe, while students on the BA in Digital Design & Production work on professional commissions throughout their studies.

Undergraduate musicians take modules including advice on teaching, business and marketing, and professional portfolios. Electives include workshop skills in hospitals and schools.

Postgraduate musicians are required to plan external events and have opportunities for placements and artistic programming. The Integration and Professional Development module provides seminars on freelance work and opportunities to consider longer term artistic development. Musicians can attend masterclasses and take part in mock auditions, side-by-side schemes and mentoring from professional orchestral players within their specialism.

Students across the School are actively encouraged to pursue a wide range of interests, and are exposed to the School's array of specialisms including entrepreneurship, research, collaboration and pedagogy.

ALUMNI



All Guildhall graduates become part of our active and vibrant alumni community, joining thousands of members who make an impact on society using the training they received during their studies. Our alumni work all over the world, so you can find a welcoming Guildhall community wherever you go.

The Development and Alumni Relations Office is here to keep graduates connected with the School. We host regular reunions and networking sessions around the world, as well as providing professional development opportunities and access to job vacancies and alumni benefits. Alumni receive our annual alumni magazine, *PLAT*, as well as a termly e-newsletter and access to dedicated social media channels.

For selected alumni profiles, see:

- page 22 for Acting alumni
- page 68 for Music alumni
- page 90 for Production Arts alumni



Further alumni biographies and more detail on our alumni programme can be found at gsmd.ac.uk/alumni

95%

of Guildhall students who graduated in 2019/20 were in work or further study 15 months later (Higher Education Statistics Agency, Graduate Outcomes survey 2019/20)

DRAMA



Key staff

Professor Orla O'Loughlin
BA MA PGCE
Vice-Principal & Director of Drama

Dr David Linton BA PhD
*Head of Acting & Programme Leader
(BA Acting)*

Gilly Roche
Head of Interdisciplinary Practice

Diane Alison-Mitchell BA MA
Head of Movement

Eliot Shrimpton
BA (Hons) MA(Cantab) PhD
Head of Acting Practice

Annette Verspeak BA MA
Head of Voice

Other core staff

Victoria Beattie
Industry Consultant

Simon Money
Voice Tutor

Leah Muller BA MA
Movement Tutor

Professor Patsy Rodenburg OBE FGS
Professor of Text & Poetry

Polly Teale
Acting Tutor (Reflective Practice)

Dan Coleman
Acting Tutor

For a full list of teaching staff
and visiting directors, visit
gsmd.ac.uk/drama

Guildhall School is a world-leading community of actors, performance makers, production artists and musicians. The Drama Department has inclusive and progressive practice at its core. Our BA Acting programme is three years, full-time, and provides a rigorous, ensemble-based and industry-relevant teaching and learning experience.

Live productions take place in our three distinctive theatres, offering an exciting mix of industry-standard performance spaces to explore: Silk Street Theatre, a large versatile space; Milton Court Theatre, a proscenium arch theatre; and the intimate Milton Court Studio Theatre. In addition, we create productions made for digital platforms, screen and live-streaming.

Interdisciplinary collaboration is central to our approach at Guildhall School. We believe that collaboration is fundamental to 21st century artist training, and students in the Drama Department have regular opportunities to create work and share learning with their peers in Music and Production Arts. Through a range of regular initiatives, including *undisciplined*, the School's cross-arts programme, students are encouraged and supported to create new collaborative performance projects with seed funding and free access to rehearsal and performance space.

This is an exciting time to join us, with plans over the coming years for further new programmes and cross-School initiatives, all of which will share the Department's commitment to inclusivity, representation and progressive practice.

Level	Programme	Duration
Undergraduate	BA Honours in Acting	3 years



BA Honours in Acting

Duration

Three years full-time

Innovative in structure and approach, our Acting programme supports students to connect with their authentic selves. We are committed to the development of each student's unique and individual practice.

Our Acting programme is constantly evolving to meet the demands of the 21st century, while maintaining a deep commitment to craft training.

We believe strongly in the power of the ensemble, with individual actors working together in a coordinated and complementary way, each contributing to a powerful shared outcome. We work in a collaborative atmosphere and encourage actors to connect with each other, society and the wider world.

Our aim is to develop actors who are tenacious and versatile, able to move with confidence between stage, screen, digital and audio platforms and classical, contemporary and experimental

repertoire. There is a generous staff-student ratio and a high number of teaching hours.

During the programme, you will work with a diverse range of teachers and guest practitioners, all with working knowledge of the industry, exploring a broad range of practices and repertoire.

All practitioners are chosen for their particular experience and practice, but we work as a committed team with a common purpose. Together, we work alongside you as an individual (and in groups and productions) to help define, develop and articulate the practices which are most useful to you.

Applications

Students from a wide range of ages and backgrounds are selected by audition and interview. There is no upper age limit, and previous acting experience is not required. We receive an exceptionally high number of applications for our Acting programme, and you are advised to apply as early as possible.

Years 1 and 2

The first two years concentrate on acquiring fundamental skills and experience. Your time will be divided between class and project work. In the first two terms most of your time



“Guildhall has been one of the most beautifully transformative experiences, not only for me as an actor in training, but also as an artist and as an individual. The dramatic training is filled with variety, empowering you as an artist to pursue your career with a confidence that you possess, and the technique and craft to do so. As a half Black woman, I have learned to take up the spaces of which I dreamt, and tell stories that all too often go unheard.”

Francesca Gilbert

BA Acting



will be spent in classes, with more time on projects as the programme progresses. Both class and project work focus on developing and integrating the following main areas of study:

- Acting Practice
- Voice
- Movement
- Screen
- Self-led Practice
- Reflective/Reflexive Practice
- Industry

• **Acting Practice** explores some fundamental questions of, and approaches to, acting. Ensemble and autonomy, spontaneity and repetition, self and character, play and presence all emerge as key areas of investigation. Classes draw on exercises and theories from a diverse range of practitioners, both past and present. Students are encouraged to experiment with a variety of ways to practice, and as a result, to build your own meanings and processes of working.

• **Voice** work focusses on breath, sound and language, aiming to release the natural agility of the voice. Exploration and embodiment of a diverse range of texts enables the actor to find their own artistic voice, while also meeting the vocal demands of a variety of dramatic contexts. Further studies include accents and dialects, singing, and audio, which will prepare you for the demands of working in a range of contexts and across a variety of media.

• **Movement** incorporates a range of techniques and principles that yield

connection, awareness and exploration through the actor's body. A palette of expressive practices establish a transformative and embodied actor, and improvisational skills accrue freedom and spontaneity, particularly within the ensemble. Further studies focus on dance, stage combat, and intimacy, and the application of these practices within dramatic contexts.

• **Screen** explores the principles of screen and acting on camera. Classes develop students' understanding of terminology, acting techniques and the specific demands of working on screen including: maintaining continuity, working with marks, eye lines, different lenses and shots, narrative through lines, and managing energy and concentration. You will also develop the skills required for self-taping, to build confidence in meeting the technical expectations and industry standards when auditioning in this way.

• **Self-led Practice** trains students in the skills required to build autonomous, sustainable careers as creators of their own performance work. You'll learn about generating artistic ideas; devising, playwriting and dramaturgy; producing and fundraising; creative access and ethical storytelling; then you'll synthesise these techniques through self-led performance projects. This element of the training aims to ensure graduates can engage meaningfully in both traditional and non-traditional artistic processes, build



sustainable and varied careers, and take agency over your own creative work.

• **Reflective/Reflexive Practice** develops self-awareness, resilience and critical understanding through a mindful process in which students reflect on diverse histories, theories and discourses, helping to put yourself and your practice into critical context e.g. feminism, colonialism, patriarchy, race. Particular attention is paid to practices which enable a culture of compassion, curiosity and respect for difference in order to facilitate a productive and supportive working environment. Students also consider their relationship with learning and you'll build frameworks for understanding yourself, the creative space, the industry and the wider world as informed and reflective practitioners.

• **Industry** work begins in your second year and follows through until the end of the third year. The focus is on developing your instincts to enable you to manage your professional life as a working actor upon graduation. The work includes interview technique, mock auditions with visiting professionals (for film and theatre), writing and dramaturgy workshops and sessions dedicated to showcase preparation.

Year 3

By the third year you will have developed your own working processes. Most of your time will be spent rehearsing and performing to the public and

to industry professionals in productions and showcases. You will work on a variety of productions of differing scale, style and genre. You will also have the opportunity to write and perform your own work, and a variety of bespoke showcase opportunities.

Preparing for the industry

In your final year, you will receive support and guidance on starting out in the industry, with regular talks and workshops by directors, agents, casting directors, tax advisers and representatives from actors' trade union, Equity. You will be mentored by actors currently working in the profession, and the programme provides a specialist Industry Consultant to assist you in the transition from training to professional life. Students who have the right to work in the UK are eligible for student membership of British Actors' Equity, and for full Equity membership on completing the training.

After training

Guildhall Acting graduates can be seen in a wide variety of roles across film, TV and theatre. Many alumni go on to use their training in fields such as education, social care, law and design. See pages 22-25 for profiles of some of our well-known alumni and recent graduates.

For further student and alumni profiles, and recent productions, visit gsmd.ac.uk/drama



Acting alumni



↑ **Michelle Dockery (2004)**
Actor, known for her leading performance as Lady Mary Crawley in *Downton Abbey*, for which she was nominated for a Golden Globe Award and three consecutive Primetime Emmy Awards.

↓ **Paapa Essiedu (2012)**
Actor, known for his role in *I May Destroy You*, which earned him Primetime Emmy and BAFTA nominations. He won the 2016 Ian Charleson Award for his roles in the Royal Shakespeare Company productions of *Hamlet* and *King Lear*.



↓ **Kristina Tonteri-Young (2019)**
Actor, known for playing Sister Beatrice in *Warrior Nun*, as well as roles in *A Gift from Bob* and *Outside the Wire*.



↑ **Lily James (2010)**
Actor, known for her leading roles in *Cinderella*, *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*, *Yesterday*, *The Darkest Hour* and *Pam & Tommy*.



← **Dominic West (1995)**
Actor, director, and musician, known for playing Jimmy McNulty in *The Wire* and Noah Solloway in *The Affair*, a role which earned him a Golden Globe nomination.



↑ **Toheeb Jimoh (2018)**
Actor, best known for playing Sam Obisanya in *Ted Lasso* and Anthony Walker in *Anthony*.

↓ **Shubham Saraf (2017)**
Actor, known for *A Suitable Boy*, *Criminal: UK* and *Bodyguard*.



↓ **Anya Chalotra (2017)**
Actor, known for her role as Yennefer of Vengerberg in the Netflix original series *The Witcher*.



Acting alumni



Nikesh Patel (2010)

Actor, best known for his role as Aafrin Dalal in *Indian Summers* and Tom Kapoor in *Starstruck*.



Natasha Gordon MBE (1999)

Award-winning playwright and actor. In 2018, Natasha became the first Black British female playwright to have a play (*Nine Night*) staged in the West End.



Daniel Craig (1991)

Actor, known for playing James Bond since 2006, as well as roles in *The Golden Compass*, *Defiance*, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* and *Knives Out*, the last of which earned him a Golden Globe Award nomination.



Hayley Atwell (2005)

Actor, known for her portrayal of Peggy Carter in various films and television series set in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, including the lead role in the action-adventure series *Agent Carter*.



Lennie James (1988)

Actor, screenwriter and playwright, known for roles in *Line of Duty* and *The Walking Dead*. Lennie also created and starred in the drama series *Save Me*. Its second season, *Save Me Too*, won the BAFTA for Best Drama Series in 2021.



Michaela Coel (2012)

Actor, director, producer and writer, known for creating and starring in *Chewing Gum*, for which she won a BAFTA, and *I May Destroy You*, for which she won the Emmy Award for Outstanding Writing for a Limited Series, Movie, or Dramatic Special, as well as a BAFTA for Best Actress.



Jodie Whittaker (2005)

Actor, known for playing *Doctor Who* since 2017, as well as leading roles in *Broadchurch* and *Venus*.



Mirren Mack (2019)

Actor, known for *Sex Education*, and her leading role as Kaya in *The Nest*. Mirren appeared in *The Witcher: Blood Origin* in 2022.



MUSIC



Key staff

Armin Zanner
MA MPhil(Cantab) MMus
Vice Principal & Director of Music

Professor Ronan O'Hora FGS FRNCM
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Studies & Head of Keyboard*

Louise Hopkins FGS AGSM
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Head of Wind, Brass & Percussion

Head of Vocal Studies
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Dominic Wheeler BA(Cantab)
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BMus(Hons)(Oxon) PGDipMT
Head of Music Therapy

Mike Roberts MA
*Head of Electronic & Produced Music,
& Music Technology*

**For a full list of teaching staff
and visiting artists, visit
gsmd.ac.uk/music**

At Guildhall School we believe in the transformational power of music, and our mission is to develop artists of the highest calibre. Our students are freethinking problem-solvers with a highly evolved sense of relevance in today's society.

There are two central principles which will be fundamental to your training:

- **Achieving your potential as an outstanding music-maker:** developing as a fully-fledged creative artist, whose craft and skill is expressed through a mature, authoritative artistic voice.
- **Working as an artist in society:** becoming an artist who is curious and whose work is vibrant and relevant to 21st century life. With an ever-growing awareness of your social and political impact, you will harness your knowledge to define and build your own career and bring transformational change to others.

As an artist who can bring these two elements together, you will have the greatest freedom to determine your own future, to forge your own career path, curate your own concerts, events and festivals, and act as an agent for change in the wider world.

At the heart of your training will be intensive, one-to-one and small ensemble sessions with Guildhall's core staff of over 400 practitioner teachers. You will also work with some of the world's finest international visiting artists and ensembles. Our partnerships with five key organisations – the Barbican Centre, the London Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Opera House and the Academy of Ancient Music (see page 8) – ensure that you will benefit from links with the profession before you graduate.

Level	Programme	Duration
Undergraduate	BMus	Four years
Postgraduate	MMus/MPerf in Performance (Guildhall Artist Masters)	Part 1 (MMus): one year (two years part-time) Part 2 (MPerf): one year
	MMus/MPerf in Performance (Guildhall Artist Masters): Orchestral Artistry	Part 1 (MMus): one year Part 2 (MPerf): one year
	MMus/MComp in Composition (Guildhall Artist Masters)	Part 1 (MMus): one year (two years part-time) Part 2 (MComp): one year
	MA in Opera Making & Writing	One year
	Artist Diploma	Two years
	MA in Music Therapy	Two years

Guildhall public performances

Each year, Guildhall presents over 100 public performances of student concerts, opera and recitals. These feature Guildhall musicians from all courses and year groups. Some concerts are streamed online, and many are reviewed by critics from the national press. For an overview of these exciting performance opportunities, visit gsmd.ac.uk/events

Ensembles

There is a vast array of Guildhall ensembles that you can join, from the Guildhall Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Chorus, New Music Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra to wind ensembles, brass bands and chamber groups. You will also find dedicated ensembles for jazz and historical performance, and you can form your own groups. Read more about recent ensemble activities in our Principal Study pages (42–67).

Competitions

You will have the chance to enter many internal and external competitions, the most prestigious of which is the Gold Medal, the School's most significant music prize (previous winners include Jacqueline du Pré, Tasmin Little and Bryn Terfel). For news of recent prizewinners, see our Principal Study pages (42–67).

Masterclasses

In keeping with our global credentials, each year Guildhall plays host to an array of masterclasses from international visiting artists. Free to attend, these events are also often open to public audiences. Our partnerships with the Barbican and the LSO also lead to regular masterclasses and artist conversations. For news of recent masterclasses, see our Principal Study pages (42–67).

Facilities and venues

Our Milton Court Concert Hall is the largest conservatoire concert hall in London, with state-of-the-art acoustics and technical facilities. Solo recitals, chamber music and medium-sized orchestral performances all take place here.

Opera productions are staged in the Silk Street Theatre, a large, flexible theatre space with orchestra pit, and occasionally in Milton Court Theatre. Other venues include a smaller Music Hall, a Lecture Recital Room and our Studio Theatre.



As a Guildhall musician, you will have access to over 80 solo practice studios, several medium-sized ensemble rooms, electronic music studios and recording facilities. The recording studio and performance spaces are used for workshops, portfolio recordings and CD/DVD production to fully professional standards.

Cross-arts collaborations

Collaboration is a major part of our approach. If you join us as an undergraduate, you will work with students in the Drama and Production Arts departments during the first year workshop project. And each year, our facilities are handed over to students for an entire day of collaborative showcases as part of the annual Guildhall Festival. Every undergraduate Music student at Guildhall School is trained to work collaboratively in community settings, and the School's cross-arts programme *undisciplined* offers opportunities for students to collaborate, apply for funding and much more.

Wider performance opportunities

Our location in the heart of the City, and our partnerships with the Barbican and the LSO, mean we offer exciting performance opportunities in some of the capital's finest venues. The Guildhall Symphony Orchestra and Chorus perform regularly in the 2,000-seat Barbican Hall, while chamber musicians give recitals there as part of the acclaimed LSO Platforms: Guildhall Artists series. The Barbican's Church of St Giles Cripplegate and LSO St Luke's are also used for performances.

Students also perform across London in venues such as Kings Place, Wigmore Hall and the Southbank Centre. Further afield, they often appear at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Additionally, students get involved in Guildhall School's extensive programme of outside engagements. These are paid events, where students perform at company and corporate functions, wedding services, receptions and family occasions, and deliver full recitals and concerto performances for music clubs and societies.

For listings of Guildhall performances and events, visit gsmd.ac.uk/events

Duration

Four years full-time

Strings
Wind
Brass
Percussion
Keyboard
Vocal Studies
Composition
Electronic & Produced Music
Jazz

Please note, this programme is undergoing periodic review during the 2022–23 academic year and is therefore subject to change.

Elective modules

- Advanced Ensemble
- Advanced Principal Study
- Analysis (Year 2)
- Artistry in Stylistic Composition (choice of Counterpoint, Fugue, Orchestration, Stylistic Composition)
- Body Matters
- Brass and Wind Arranging
- Collaborative Skills (Year 2)
- Composition (Year 2)
- Composition for Media
- Conducting
- Creative Writing for Musicians (Year 4)
- Electronic Music Composition & Production
- Historical Performance
- Interpretation through Improvisation
- Introduction to Music Therapy
- Jazz Arranging for Large Ensembles
- Jazz Performance
- Jazz Workshop (Year 2)
- Keyboard Musicianship (Year 2)
- Music History (Year 2)
- Music, Philosophy and the Arts
- Opera and Theatre (Year 4 singers)
- PianoWorks (for pianists)
- Research Project (Year 4)
- Second Study
- Workshop Skills

The BMus programme is centred around world-leading one-to-one tuition for performers, composers and electronic musicians. Its principal aim is to develop your ability as a practical musician.

At least two-thirds of the programme is focused on your Principal Study (see pages 42–67). A minimum of 30 individual lessons a year with our renowned professorial staff are combined with over 100 hours a year of departmental classes, workshops, coaching, and projects with high profile artists, as well as opportunities to perform in some of the country's finest venues.

From the start, you will be treated like a professional, and given the support and encouragement you need to prepare for the industry. You will establish contacts and gain exposure through our partnership organisations such as the Barbican, London Symphony

Orchestra and the BBC Symphony Orchestra (see page 8). A Joint Principal Study pathway is also available.

Years 1 and 2

In addition to Principal Study, the curriculum includes classes and tutorials for integrated and progressive learning in musicianship and critical/analytical skills. From Year 2, depending on completing the Musicianship courses in Year 1, you can select up to two electives (see box below).

Year 1 also includes the Professional Studies 1 module which explores performance psychology, wellbeing, and improvisation and communication skills. In Year 2 you will also take a course in conducting.

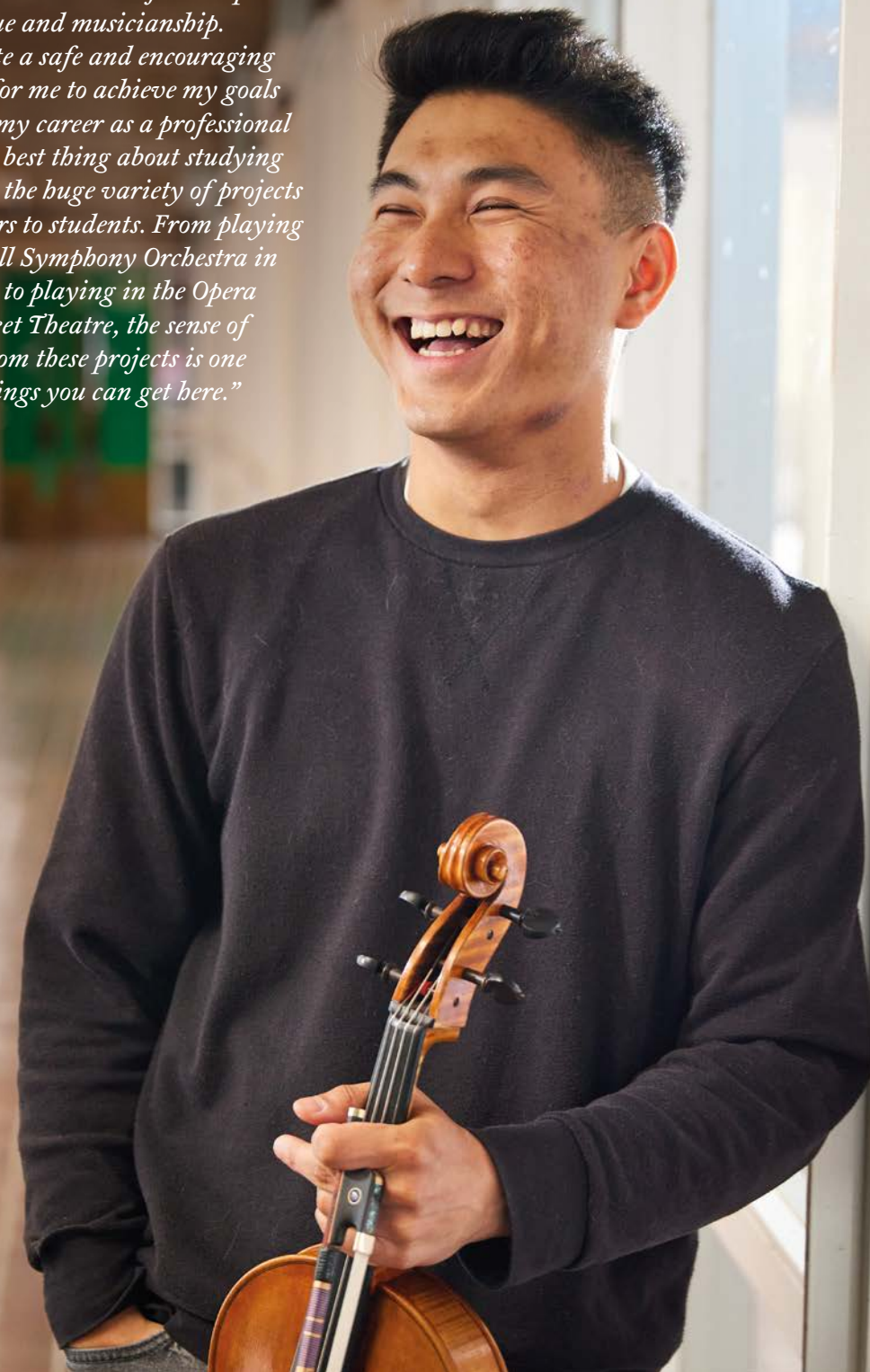
Years 3 and 4

In Years 3 and 4, Principal Study continues to be the main focus, alongside the culmination of the two core learning areas of critical and analytical skills, and Professional Studies 2. You also choose from a variety of electives (see box on the left), including specialised work in Principal Study if you achieve the required level, and specialised academic or practical/professional courses.

“The teaching staff are professional and supportive towards every student, which is very important in terms of development of my technique and musicianship. They also create a safe and encouraging environment for me to achieve my goals and to pursue my career as a professional musician. The best thing about studying at Guildhall is the huge variety of projects the School offers to students. From playing in the Guildhall Symphony Orchestra in Barbican Hall to playing in the Opera pit in Silk Street Theatre, the sense of satisfaction from these projects is one of the best feelings you can get here.”

Kelvin Chan

BMus Viola



MMus/MPerf in Performance (Guildhall Artist Masters)

Duration

Part 1 (MMus)

One year full-time/
two years part-time

Part 2 (MPerf)

One year full-time
*Progression to Part 2 is
conditional on results
from Part 1*

Strings

Wind

Brass

Percussion

Keyboard

Vocal Studies

Opera Studies*

Repetiteur Training

Piano Accompaniment

Jazz

Historical Performance

Orchestral Artistry

** Opera Studies is full-time only, and
Part 1 takes two academic years*

Preparing you for entry to the profession at the highest level, this programme is about developing as an individual, insightful musician and practitioner. You will challenge yourself and take risks in your field of expertise. The Guildhall Artist Masters in Performance will give you the technical facility and musical flexibility to explore and refine your individual artistic voice.

The School will provide you with a learning environment that enables you to recognise and nurture your strengths. Our teaching staff includes world-class performers and innovative practitioners, and there are plenty of opportunities for professional exposure through this course. You will learn from internationally renowned conductors and artists and perform in some of the country's finest venues, before your final recitals which are assessed by leading experts.

Professional specialisms

Within the Performance pathway, students study one of our professional specialisms according to instrument and area of interest. Many of these specialisms work closely with our partner organisations (see page 8):

Advanced Instrumental Studies

*Strings, Wind, Brass,
Percussion, Keyboard*
Intensive study for soloists
and ensemble players.

Historical Performance

Inhabit the music of the
past; perform for the audiences
of today.

Jazz

Intensive specialism for
instrumentalists and singers.

Opera Studies

Award-winning specialism
offering advanced operatic
training.

Orchestral Artistry, in association with the LSO

Strings, Wind, Brass, Percussion
This groundbreaking
specialism offers students
seeking a career in orchestral
the opportunity to play
alongside LSO players and
international artists.

Piano Accompaniment

Intensive study in
collaborative pianism.

Repetiteur Training

Specific repetiteur study
for pianists within the
Opera Department.

Vocal Studies

Advanced study for singers, who
can specialise in areas of
particular interest.

Part 1 (MMus)

Part 1 concentrates on your
intense learning in Principal
Study (see pages 42–67). The
curriculum includes a core

Elective modules

- Advanced Principal Study
- Artistry in Stylistic Composition (choice of Counterpoint, Fugue, Orchestration, Stylistic Composition)
- Body Matters
- Chamber Music
- Composition for Media
- Conducting
- Contextual Studies: The Forbidden Saxophone
- Creative Writing for Musicians
- Electronic Music Composition & Production
- Historical Performance
- Interpretation through Improvisation
- Introduction to Music Therapy
- Jazz Composition and Arranging (for Jazz students)
- Jazz Improvisation (for Jazz students)
- Music, Philosophy and the Arts
- Opera and Theatre (for singers)
- PianoWorks (for pianists)
- Research Project
- Social Arts Practice
- Song Accompaniment (for pianists)
- Vocal Repertoire (for singers)
- Voiceworks (for singers)



module (Reflective Practice) where you discuss and closely monitor your aims, development, and professional resources. Part 1 also includes a number of elective choices, some led by Principal Study departments, while others are more academic or practical/professional (see box, left).

Part 2 (MPerf)

If you progress to Part 2, you will be given more autonomy to arrange part of your assessed projects, while continuing Principal Study-based activities from the first year. These focus on further development of technical and artistic abilities. Breadth of repertoire, individual creative output and professional experience are key features of Part 2. In addition to Principal Study work, you will write a critique of your personal development as the culmination of reflective work in Part 1.

Extended Guildhall Artist programme

Applicants may be offered a place on the Extended Guildhall Artist Programme if their Principal Study is not yet at Masters entry level. This extended programme comprises an initial year almost entirely focused on the development of Principal Study. At the end of the year, students can progress to Part 1 if they achieve the minimum necessary requirements. Students who don't progress to the full programme are awarded a Graduate Certificate.

Please note, this programme is undergoing periodic review during the 2022–23 academic year and is therefore subject to change.

MMus/MPerf in Performance (Guildhall Artist Masters): Orchestral Artistry

Duration

Part 1 (MMus)

One year full-time

Part 2 (MPerf)

One year full-time

Progression to Part 2 is conditional on results from Part 1

In association with the
London Symphony Orchestra



Strings

Wind

Brass

Percussion



Orchestral Artistry is an exciting professional specialism within the Guildhall Artist Masters programme for exceptional instrumentalists seeking a career in orchestral playing. Delivered in close association with the world-leading London Symphony Orchestra (LSO), the programme is highly distinctive and groundbreaking in scope, in a context akin to a professional environment.

The programme focuses on orchestral training and repertoire, education and outreach, and early career support. Individual lessons are led by Guildhall School's professors, some of whom are LSO members. Students receive regular coaching in orchestral sectionals, audition experience, and instrumental classes.

There are also masterclasses from LSO players, international soloists and members of Barbican International Associates such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Jazz at Lincoln Center and the Australian Chamber Orchestra.

Students have sit-in opportunities, either listening or playing alongside LSO players in orchestral rehearsals conducted by its roster of international conductors including Music Director Sir Simon Rattle, and access to the full range of the LSO's education and community programmes. This will enable you to learn how community-based programmes are delivered, and to meet professional workshop leaders, performers and administration teams.

Performance opportunities embrace a variety of orchestral contexts, including symphonic concerts at the Barbican, and the opera productions by the School's acclaimed Opera Department.

Part 1 (MMus)

Orchestral Artistry focuses on excellence in performance, core musicianship skills, and leadership and communication. A diverse programme of core and elective modules from the Guildhall Artist Masters programme (see pages 32–33) will enable you to develop your skills in practical subjects and research. You will also devise and deliver an LSO Discovery workshop for primary schoolchildren.

Part 2 (MPerf)

If you progress to Part 2, you will be given more autonomy to arrange your projects. The second year is strongly focused on further development of technical and artistic abilities. Breadth of repertoire, individual creative output and professional experience are key features.

For a list of elective modules, see box on page 33.

“The biggest attraction to the Orchestral Artistry programme for me was the collaboration with the London Symphony Orchestra. I have learned so much about the orchestral profession from one of the best orchestras in the world, and the course has prepared me for life as an orchestral musician. The atmosphere at Guildhall has always been so friendly and supportive, which creates an environment in which I can progress and develop into the best musician I can be.”

Fiona Sweeney

MPerf Flute graduate



MMus/MComp in Composition

(Guildhall Artist Masters)

Duration

Part 1 (MMus)

One year full-time/
two years part-time

Part 2 (MComp)

One year full-time
*Progression to Part 2 is
conditional on results
from Part 1*

**MMus/MComp can also
be studied as a purely
Electronic specialism**

Guildhall School offers some of the most stimulating and creative training for composers in the UK. Studying Composition at Guildhall Artist Masters level prepares you for professional life as a composer. It allows you to explore and refine your individual artistic voice within the collaborative atmosphere of a busy, modern conservatoire, while also giving you the space for self-reflection.

The programme centres around weekly one-to-one Principal Study lessons (see pages 42-67). You will be allocated to one of the Department's distinguished Faculty of composers, who will guide your creative participation on core projects across the year. The outcomes of core projects are all workshopped, rehearsed, publicly performed and recorded. There is a focus on the collaborative nature of compositional practice, and the Department benefits from a number of long-standing external partnerships including with London Contemporary Dance School (LCDS) and the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO). Weekly composition seminars and open sessions support technical, aesthetic and professional development, and a choice of elective modules support specific aspects of your development (see box on page 33).

Part 1 (MMus)

Your weekly one-to-one Principal Study lessons and participation in five creative projects are the core of Part 1 of the programme. Recent projects have included generating new work for Plus-Minus Ensemble, EXAUDI and Voiceworks at Wigmore Hall, as well as work

with choreographers and dancers from LCDS performed at The Place. A range of elective choices complement compositional study and development (see box on page 33).

Students who are enrolled on the **Extended Guildhall Artist programme** (see page 33) will need to pass an introductory year before progressing to Part 1.

Part 2 (MComp)

If you progress to Part 2, you will be supported to develop three projects across the year including the Creative Platform, an opportunity to curate and produce your own event. There is also the option to write for chamber orchestra, with players drawn from the LSO working alongside instrumentalists from Guildhall's Orchestral Artistry programme (see page 34). During Part 2, creative projects are developed and designed by students themselves, with a greater degree of curatorial freedom; in Part 1, projects are set, designed and provided by the Department.

"Studying at Guildhall has been an amazing experience. Being in close proximity to the Barbican and being able to attend a variety of concerts, exhibitions and shows on the doorstep of my place of study is an incredible opportunity. I was attracted to the postgraduate composition programme because of the practical opportunities in composition; you can write music for a variety of different instrumental forces and produce bespoke works for fellow student ensembles and players."

Gillian Walker

MMus Composition



MA in Opera Making & Writing

Duration

One year full-time

In association with the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden



This Masters programme supports composers and writers to develop their artistic practice in contemporary opera, providing them with the technical and professional skills required for its creation, development and performance. Part of an exciting partnership between Guildhall School and the Royal Opera House (see page 9), the programme centres around the creation of a 25-minute chamber opera which is fully staged in Milton Court Studio Theatre.

The course admits three composers and three writers each year. During an initial induction module, students pair up into composer-writer teams. Each team develops a short opera scene, before going on to create full chamber operas. Other smaller projects allow you to follow your own creative pathway: in poetry, prose, dramatic or film script (writers), and in vocal or instrumental/electronic works with a theatrical/dramatic focus (composers).

The programme focuses on the collaborative nature of opera making, and each composer-writer team is supported by collaborative mentoring. Students also take part in one-to-one principal study lessons, production seminars and creative development workshops. An elective module allows for further specialisation.

Led by Professor Julian Philips (Head of Composition) and Professor Stephen Plaice (Writer in Residence), teaching is enriched through regular seminars with visiting professionals from the opera world including composers, writers, singers, conductors and directors.

The programme collaborates closely with Guildhall's award-winning Opera Department, led by Dominic Wheeler, with Guildhall opera singers forming the cast for the chamber operas created by composer-writer teams.

Practical experience of opera during the year is hugely augmented by the programme's association with the Royal Opera House, which provides opportunities to see productions in rehearsal and performance, and to meet and network with key Royal Opera House staff and visiting practitioners.

Student success

In the nine years since its inception, graduates of the course have received commissions from the Royal Opera House, the National Opera Studio, Glyndebourne, Mahogany Opera Group, Birmingham Contemporary Music Group, Académie de Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, Danish National Opera, Casa das Música (Porto), Pittsburgh and Boston Festival Opera, Carnegie Hall, the Eden Project and many more.

Artist Diploma

Duration

Two years full-time

Strings
Wind
Brass
Percussion
Keyboard
Vocal Studies
Opera Studies
(including repetiteurs)
Historical Performance

This programme is for advanced students with exceptional aptitude in their specialism and strong professional and artistic ambitions. It provides specialist, professional training if you are looking to embark on a national and international career.

The Artist Diploma represents post-Masters progression, and is designed to meet the specialised needs and aspirations of outstanding performance students, and to support them with the competence and sensitivity required.

Applicants should have obtained a Masters of Music degree or international equivalent, and the programme is open to specialisms in Instrumental, Vocal, Opera Studies (both voice and repetiteur) and Historical Performance. As an Artist Diploma student, your contact time will be as bespoke as possible in order to meet your,

highly individual needs, and to support you in achieving your professional and artistic goals.

At the end of the two-year programme, performance is assessed in a fully-staged opera production or full-length recital in Milton Court.

Repetiteurs will undergo a 60-70 minute assessment split between a public recital and a private mock audition.

You will be involved in performances throughout both years, from platforms to formal and informal recitals and productions. You will also be expected and encouraged to be active outside the School if your visa allows, taking proactive steps to promote a freelance career.

Further information on departmental opportunities at this level is available on the Principal Study pages (42-67).



MA in Music Therapy

Duration

Two years full-time

The Masters in Music Therapy aims to develop students' musicianship and personal potential, and equip them with the knowledge and skills to work as a registered music therapist. You will join one of the world's leading conservatoires, and build your therapeutic and theoretical knowledge through an intensive programme of lectures and seminars. Weekly keyboard musicianship, improvisation and voice classes will help you acquire highly-developed skills in therapeutic musical communication.

Studying with qualified music therapists, you will gain experience working with adults and children on placements in a variety of settings including healthcare units, SEN and mainstream schools, and with people who experience mental health issues, dementia, learning disabilities and communication disorders.

The programme is influenced by psychodynamic approaches to therapy, and all Music Therapy students undertake their own personal therapy during training. A high degree of self-reflection and self-awareness is required, and gaining experience of personal psychotherapy prior to training is highly recommended.

Tuition is complemented by one-to-one conservatoire-level training in your First Instrument and Second Study lessons with the School's teachers. The programme provides access to leading specialists in improvisation and an active research community, with the possibility of taking part in research events.

Year 1

You will gain clinical experience in at least two different placement settings, supervised by Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered music therapists. Seminars, theoretical studies, instrumental lessons and classes in musicianship, vocal and improvisational skills will support and integrate your clinical work.

Year 2

An extended placement offers further in-depth clinical experience, supported by seminars and classes on professional practice and current approaches. An Applied Theoretical and Research Studies module will introduce research methods and support you in carrying out your chosen research project.

Future careers

Graduates have an excellent record of employment in health, education, social and community service and the voluntary sector, and are eligible to register as arts therapists with the HCPC and as professional members of the British Association for Music Therapy.



"I chose to apply to the Music Therapy programme at Guildhall because of its reputation as one of the best in the country. Receiving music lessons from teachers at a conservatoire alongside my music therapy training was a great opportunity to further my musical skills. Highlights of my time at Guildhall have included my experiences on placement, spending time in special needs and mental health settings and being well supported through both weekly supervision and clinical seminars."

Jack Hudson

MA Music Therapy



Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Guitar

Programmes

BMus
MMus/MPerf
Artist Diploma
MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

The Department of Stringed Instruments emphasises individual tuition underpinned by intensive chamber coaching and orchestral training, and will prepare you for a rewarding future in all areas of the profession. Led by Louise Hopkins, the Department is supported by a staff of pre-eminent world-class performers and professors who share a passion to guide and support the talented, creative and intensely motivated musicians that enter Guildhall School. Guildhall Strings alumni are members of leading chamber ensembles and orchestras internationally, and are among the most sought-after string performers and teachers.

The **Harp Department**, led by Imogen Barford, combines individual teaching of the highest calibre with stimulating, wide-ranging study covering all aspects of harp playing. Our aim is to produce self-starting, versatile and creative musicians, at home in every part of the profession.

The **Guitar Department** is led by the eminent international soloists Robert Brightmore, Toby Carr and Sean Shibe. We offer comprehensive training at the highest level in both solo and chamber music performance, across the repertoire of the last four centuries. Chamber music and concerto playing are essential parts of the syllabus.

Undergraduate

BMus
See page 30 for programme structure.

Performance is a core component of the Strings Principal Study pathway, with regular opportunities to play in both public and internal solo and chamber music platforms and concerts. Students receive at least 45 hours of individual lessons a year. Intensive chamber music coaching and performance is central to the Department's ethos and is compulsory for all string players.

Postgraduate

MMus/MPerf in Performance
See page 32. Choose from the specialisms listed below.

Orchestral Artistry in association with the London Symphony Orchestra
See page 34 for details of this specialism.

Advanced Instrumental Studies
 This specialism is for players wishing to focus intensively on instrumental and musical progression, and offers a high number of contact hours in individual lessons with your Principal Study professor. There are a broad range of both internal and public solo and ensemble performance opportunities. Chamber music performance is a primary focus within the School. A broad variety of orchestral projects (opera, chamber, symphony, new music, historical performance) provide exploration of a wide variety of techniques and styles.



Chamber Music
See page 56.

Artist Diploma
See page 39.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD
See page 95.

Study highlights

- Intensive chamber music coaching (inter- and cross-departmental)
- Public solo and chamber music concerts
- Solo and chamber music competitions
- Participation in New Music Ensemble (by audition)
- Second Study (by audition)
- Repertoire orchestra
- Side-by-side reading sessions with members of professional orchestras
- Studio orchestra
- Chamber and symphony orchestra projects, with orchestra sectional rehearsals led by London Symphony Orchestra players

Recent Department highlights

- Side-by-side sessions and performances with London Symphony Orchestra members
- Side-by-side performance projects with the Australian Chamber Orchestra (Barbican International Associate ensemble)
- Masterclasses with Los Angeles Philharmonic principal players (Barbican International Associate ensemble)
- String masterclasses and workshops with Patricia Kopachinskaja, Patrick Jüdt, Christian Tetzlaff, Gary Hoffman, Andrés Keller, Janine Jansen, Rodrigo Moro, Lorraine Campet, Joel Quarrington, Leonidas

Kavakos, Bruno Giuranna and Antoine Tamestit

- Harp masterclasses with Marie-Pierre Langlamet, Nancy Allen, Sivan Magen, Isabelle Perrin, Anneleen Lenaerts, Chantal Mathieu and Sylvain Blassel
- Guitar masterclasses with David Russell, Sean Shibe, Manus Noble, Sasha Savaloni, Ignacio Rodes, Berta Rojas and Maximo Pujol
- Guitar workshops with David Jaggs, Douglas Rogers and Arne Richards
- LSO Platforms Guildhall Artists: performances by senior student chamber ensembles in pre-London Symphony Orchestra concerts on the Barbican Concert Hall stage
- Joint projects with the Composition Department (see page 36), where string and harp players alongside other performance students work with composers and perform newly created works

Recent student success

Recent competition first prizes and young artists awards include:

- Bordeaux and Banff International String Quartet competitions
- Trondheim International Chamber Music Competition
- Cavatina Intercollegiate Chamber Music Competition
- Borletti-Buitoni Trust Artists award
- Young Concert Artist Trust and Concert Artists Guild (New York)
- Royal Philharmonic Society Young Artists award
- London Sinfonietta Academy (harp)
- Royal Overseas League
- BBC New Generation Artists
- Young Concert Artists Trust

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71. For selected Strings, Harp and Guitar alumni, visit gsm.d.ac.uk/strings

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Timpani and Percussion, Saxophone, Recorder

Programmes

BMus
MMus/MPerf
Artist Diploma
MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

The Wind, Brass and Percussion Department provides exciting opportunities for learning and performing. Led by Richard Benjafield (Head of Department), Fraser MacAulay (Deputy Head, Woodwind) and Beth Randell (Deputy Head, Brass), our world-class team of instrumental professors are leaders in orchestral, solo and chamber performance.

Our alumni hold top orchestral jobs, are international competition winners, and are successfully employed across the music business. Our courses offer many options to help shape your future career, professional skills and artistic voice. Through a supportive and dynamic environment, we focus on highly specialised skills, versatility, and individual development guided by your professors, visiting artists, and the pastoral support of your personal tutor.

Undergraduate

BMus
See page 30 for programme structure.

Your journey as a student in the Wind, Brass and Percussion Department will be an individual one, offering a rich and diverse programme of opportunities to

enable you to become the very best musician you can be. During the course, you can have lessons from a range of Principal Study professors in addition to those with your main professor. All students also join Wind, Brass and Percussion Orchestral Repertoire classes, enjoy Chamber Music opportunities, and take part in professional development classes. You'll also be allocated roles in the School's orchestras and ensembles.

The Department runs weekly classes for all instruments, and there are plenty of opportunities to perform at Guildhall, the Barbican, and further afield. Visiting UK and international artists give frequent masterclasses on solo, chamber and orchestral repertoire. There are several annual instrumental competitions.

Progressing through the programme, you develop an individualised study pathway, according to your skills and ambitions. There are opportunities to play contemporary, jazz or early music, in ensembles and specialist classes; you can gain teaching skills, and take part in outreach work. Collaboration is a key element, both in performance projects and work with our external partners.

Postgraduate

MMus/MPerf in Performance
See page 32. Choose from the specialisms listed below.

Orchestral Artistry in association with the London Symphony Orchestra
Playing and learning alongside LSO



players, and in Guildhall projects and classes, you will follow an intensive programme of orchestral-focused training. *See page 34 for details of this exciting specialism.*

Advanced Instrumental Studies

This specialism is for talented students who want a rounded Masters programme including orchestral study, but with more extensive time for solo playing, contemporary music or historical performance.

Chamber Music

See page 56 for details of this unique programme which offers every student a regular ensemble and guaranteed coaching from professors.

Artist Diploma

See page 39.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

See page 95.

Study highlights

- Up to 45 individual Principal Study lessons each year
- Weekly orchestral repertoire classes

- Scheduled weekly chamber music coaching and rehearsals
- Platform performance classes
- Symphony, Opera and Chamber orchestras
- Guildhall Ubu Ensemble – contemporary music
- Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Guildhall Brass Soloists, Guildhall Wind Soloists
- Saxophone Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Big Band, Recorder Consort, Baroque Orchestra
- Projects with the Jazz, Historical Performance and Composition departments

Recent Department highlights

- Recent visiting artists include Steve Reich, Harrison Birtwistle, the LA Philharmonic, Canadian Brass, Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet, Jacob Collier, Gianandrea Noseda, Radek Baborek, Michael Collins, Martin Fröst, Keyong Ham, Julianna Koch, Victor Mendoza, Dorothee Oberlinger, Mohammed Gueye, Huw Wiggin and Sergio Carolina.
- Joint performance projects with Jazz, Composition and Historical Performance
- Repertoire classes on *Sweeney Todd* and *Into the Woods*
- Concerts in Barbican Hall, Milton Court, and on BBC Radio 3

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71. For selected Wind, Brass and Percussion alumni, visit gsmd.ac.uk/wbp

Piano, Fortepiano, Harpsichord

Programmes

BMus
MMus/MPerf
Artist Diploma
MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

Offering a wide array of solo, ensemble and accompaniment training, the Keyboard Department is headed by internationally acclaimed pianist Ronan O’Hora. Visiting artists have included Leif Ove Andnes, Emanuel Ax, Imogen Cooper, Richard Goode, Paul Lewis, Murray Perahia and András Schiff.

Undergraduate

BMus
See page 30 for programme structure.

One-to-one lessons with our piano faculty are at the heart of the Keyboard Department’s work. You will receive 45 hours in each of the first two years of study, increasing to 60 in the next two years. In addition to studying with your own professor, you will have the opportunity to work with most of the keyboard staff in a variety of performance classes, as well as with a large number of distinguished visitors.

All practical assessments take place through performances, as mid-year and end-of-year recitals or as concerts of ensemble work with instrumentalists and singers. You will play a concerto with piano in your third year, and have the opportunity to work on chamber music, vocal accompaniment, contemporary repertoire and fortepiano with leading performers in these fields.

Postgraduate

MMus/MPerf in Performance
See page 32. Choose from the specialisms listed below.

Advanced Instrumental Studies

This specialism is for pianists intending to focus intensely on performance and who demonstrate career potential as soloists or chamber players. You will receive 60 hours of one-to-one Principal Study tuition over the year, and opportunities to play in masterclasses with a range of distinguished visiting pianists. There is a broad range of performance opportunities in-person and online, both within and outside the School, including competitions such as the Gold Medal and the annual Guildhall Wigmore Recital Prize for a debut Wigmore Hall recital, and participation in international partnerships with other conservatoires and performance centres.

Piano Accompaniment

This specialism is for students who want to develop a career in collaborative pianism. It combines individual technical work, class work on specific skills such as orchestral reductions, languages and repertoire skills, and duo and ensemble work in a variety of situations.



Graham Johnson (Senior Professor in Vocal Accompaniment) leads annual recitals with the Song Guild, a small group of singers and pianists working in song repertoire. And, in keeping with the School’s commitment to experimentation and innovation, Iain Burnside (Collaborative Piano Teacher) launched several ground-breaking performance projects combining music and drama. Gordon Back (Collaborative Piano Teacher) regularly directs instrumental concerts. Pianists are encouraged to take part in chamber music coaching and performances alongside their weekly piano lessons and classes.

There is a wide range of performance opportunities on the programme, particularly at the weekly concerts. You may also be offered professional accompaniment work to help you through your first year in the profession.

Chamber Music
See page 56.

Repetiteur Training
See page 52.

Historical Performance
See page 54.

Artist Diploma
See page 39.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD
See page 95.

Recent Department highlights

- Masterclasses with Lang Lang, Richard Goode, Imogen Cooper, Jeremy Denk, Emanuel Ax, Paul Lewis, Leon Fleischer, Aleksandar Madžar, Malcolm Martineau, Julius Drake, Ralf Gothoni and

- Martin Katz
- Projects for accompanists with Graham Johnson
- Faculty Artist Series recitals by Ronan O’Hora, Martin Roscoe, Noriko Ogawa, Charles Owen, Caroline Palmer and Graham Johnson
- Student pianists performing as soloists with chamber and symphony orchestras on the Barbican stage

Recent student success

Recent competition prizes and young artists awards include:

- Leeds International Piano Competition
- Chopin International Piano Competition
- Città di Cantù International Competition
- Honens International Piano Competition
- Scottish International Piano Competition
- Dublin International Piano Competition
- British Contemporary Piano Competition
- Royal Over-Seas League Annual Music Competition
- Das Lied International Song Competition
- Kathleen Ferrier Awards
- Young Concert Artists Trust (YCAT)

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71. For selected Keyboard alumni, visit gsmd.ac.uk/keyboard

Programmes

BMus MMus/MPerf Artist Diploma MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

Guildhall School is internationally renowned for training singers. At the heart of Vocal Studies is the development of each student's individuality as a performer. Through an intensive programme of one-to-one lessons, performance projects and classes, you will gain the knowledge and practical experience necessary to forge your own artistic path.

Vocal and Opera Studies alumni (see pages 68-71) achieve success on opera and concert stages around the world, and work with major opera companies, concert promoters and festivals. Alumni also hold positions in opera management, artist management, and arts marketing. Many are leaders in music education, or in music for health. Others have established music technology, non-profit and performance companies.

Undergraduate

BMus

See page 30 for programme structure.

Guildhall's undergraduate Vocal Studies programme establishes the disciplines necessary for you as a singer and integrates these in practical performance settings.

In Years 1 and 2, the vocal-technical foundations are set in one-to-one singing lessons alongside an array of classes in Acting, Movement, Repertoire, Musicianship and Languages. Performance activities

include in-house platforms and showings earlier in the programme, and public performance opportunities by Year 2.

Years 3 and 4 take your skills to the next level in various staged opera projects and specialist repertoire classes. Regular individual coaching complements the one-to-one singing lessons, supporting your integration of technique, music, language and performance. By Year 4, your professional development includes Teaching Skills as well as regular encounters with visiting industry figures in Professional and Performance Skills.

Postgraduate

The Vocal Studies course attracts postgraduate singers with diverse previous experiences, and the multiple study options cater for this diversity. For all postgraduates, intensive work in performance projects is supported by advanced classes in Acting, Movement, Opera, Song and Performance. Regular encounters with visiting artists and industry figures further enhance your professional development.

MMus/MPerf in Performance

See page 32: Vocal Studies specialism.

Extended Guildhall Artist Masters

For singers with limited previous experience, the Extended Masters includes a preliminary year to consolidate vocal technique and performance skills. In this year, alongside your one-to-one singing lessons and individual coaching, a study and performance programme will be devised to suit your particular training needs.



Guildhall Artist Masters (Part 1 and Part 2)

For singers already at an advanced level of development, the Guildhall Artist Masters programme in Vocal Studies is designed to build your professional expertise. One-to-one singing lessons deepen your technical mastery, supported by individual coaching to refine your expertise in vocal performance.

In Part 1, an extensive selection of elective projects offers specialist guidance and opportunities for public performance in opera, song, historical, 20th-century and contemporary repertoire. In Part 2, in addition to taking advantage of performances at the School, you create projects and establish professional connections that lead to public performing engagements.

Artist Diploma

See page 39.

The Artist Diploma in Vocal Studies is for singers beyond Masters level with the profile of an early-career professional in opera or concert performance. The flexible structure allows you to focus on areas of vocal arts most relevant to your emerging career. One-to-one singing lessons, specialist coaching and opportunities in opera or concert performance sit alongside encounters with visiting artists and industry figures which open professional doors for success at an international level of performance.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

See page 95.

Recent Department highlights

- Projects with Artist in Residence Julia Bullock
- Masterclasses with Joyce DiDonato,

Renée Fleming, Lise Davidsen, and alumnus Roderick Williams

- Recitals at the Barbican, Carnegie Hall and Wigmore Hall
- BBC Symphony Orchestra Total Immersion broadcasts
- London Symphony Orchestra and BBC Symphony Orchestra concert opportunities, with Sir Simon Rattle (Artist in Association), Marin Alsop and Michael Tilson Thomas
- In Conversations with Jonas Kaufmann, Hera Hyesane Park and Davóne Tines
- Ann Murray

Recent student success

Recent Opera and Vocal Studies competition prizes and young artists awards include:

- Cardiff Singer of the World
- Kathleen Ferrier Awards
- Kathleen Ferrier Society Bursary for Young Singers
- 's-Hertogenbosch International Vocal Competition
- Queen Sonja International Music Competition
- Nadia and Lili Boulanger International Voice-Piano Competition
- Young artists programmes at the Royal Opera House, English National Opera, Metropolitan Opera, Dutch National Opera, Bavarian State Opera, Berlin State Opera, Lyon National Opera, Glyndebourne Festival, Scottish Opera, Hamburg State Opera
- European Concert Hall Organisation (ECHO) Rising Stars
- BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists
- Operalia

Music alumni are highlighted on pages 68-71. Further Vocal Studies competition and award winners can be found at gsmd.ac.uk/vocal

“The Vocal Department at Guildhall offers many opportunities for singers in various genres, from early music and classical to musicals and contemporary music. In addition, studying at Guildhall while living in London, a hub for arts and music, enriches my experience as a musician. Since starting at Guildhall I can honestly say that I feel a tremendous improvement in every aspect of my musicianship thanks to the excellent teachers, dedicated staff, professional musicians and students, who provide the most professional environment one could wish for.”

Eliran Kadussi

MPerf Vocal Studies



Programmes

MMus/MPerf Artist Diploma

Opera Studies provides intensive postgraduate training for up to 24 singers and four student répétiteurs at any one time. It offers advanced vocal training and operates at a professional level, presenting a range of productions from opera scenes and chamber opera to three full-scale operas over the two years of study.

Postgraduate

MMus/MPerf in Performance

See page 32. Choose from the specialisms listed below.

Opera Studies

The Opera Studies specialism is for singers with a developed vocal technique, vocal maturity and potential for development.

Experienced visiting professionals will provide you with vocal and dramatic training including singing lessons, individual coaching in roles and repertoire, acting and stage



techniques (such as Movement, Dance, Make-up and Drama), dedicated language coaching and career guidance.

Performance is central to the programme. The Department stages three full public productions each year and three programmes of operatic excerpts in workshop settings, developed in partnership with the Production Arts Department. In the summer term, these collaborations include new work by composers and librettists on the MA in Opera Making & Writing programme (see page 38).

Repetiteur Training

This specialism is for highly accomplished pianists and sight-readers with knowledge of the operatic repertoire and experience of accompanying singers. This one- or two-year programme includes providing accompaniment for opera production rehearsals and coaching for singers on the Opera programme, as well as coaching and training in répétiteur techniques, piano lessons and language coaching, harpsichord tuition and continuo playing. Accompaniment for coaching sessions and introductory training in opera conducting are also available.

Artist Diploma

See page 39.

Recent Department productions

- Heggie, *Dead Man Walking*
- Weir, *Miss Fortune*
- Paterson, *The Angel Esmeralda* (world premiere)
- Mozart, *Così fan tutte*
- Britten, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Handel, *Aminta e Fillide*
- Blow, *Venus and Adonis*
- Poulenc, *Dialogues des Carmélites*



- Menotti, *The Consul*
- Handel, *Radamisto*
- Philips, *The Tale of Januaria* (world premiere)
- Stravinsky, *Mavra*
- Tchaikovsky, *Iolanta*
- Britten, *The Rape of Lucretia*

Graduates have secured performing roles with:

- Royal Opera House
- Opera Holland Park
- State Theatre Nuremberg International Opera Studio
- Garsington Opera
- Grange Park Opera
- Glyndebourne Festival Opera
- Welsh National Opera

Recent student success

Recent Opera and Vocal Studies competition prizes and young artist programme success include:

- Royal Over-Seas League Annual Music Competition
- Kathleen Ferrier Awards
- London Handel Festival, Handel Singing Competition
- Josep Mirabent I Magrans Singing and Chamber Music Contest
- Oxford Lieder Young Artist Platform
- Berlin State Opera International Opera Studio
- English National Opera Harewood Artists programme
- Bavarian State Opera Opernstudio
- Royal Opera House Jette Parker Young Artists programme

Music alumni are highlighted on pages 68-71. Opera Studies alumni can be found at gsmd.ac.uk/opera

Keyboard and plucked continuo instruments

Historical Performance specialism is also available through the Vocal Studies Principal Study (see page 48). Study of historical string, wind, and brass instruments is available through elective modules.

Programmes

**MMus/MPerf
Artist Diploma
MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD**

Historical Performance at Guildhall encourages students to inhabit music from the past and explore ways of communicating with a modern audience.

Three study pathways are designed to support anticipated professional career-paths:

Historical Performance Principal Study: Keyboard and plucked continuo instruments

Postgraduate performers on keyboards and plucked continuo instruments (including those who also have an interest in vocal accompaniment, coaching, and directing) find their home within the Historical Performance department. Generous scholarships and fee-reductions are available in return for their weekly work with Vocal Studies and their support of cross-School ensembles.

Vocal students working with the Historical Performance department

Singers interested in historical performance should join the Vocal Studies principal study, taking advantage of the breadth of technical and performance training necessary for a singer, whilst being able to choose performance projects,

masterclasses and electives that are led by the Historical Performance department.

Undergraduate & Postgraduate second study electives: historical winds, strings and keyboard instruments

Performers of historical instruments are increasingly expected to be fluent in multiple idioms and on both modern and historical instruments. Players of orchestral instruments opt to develop their skills on historical instruments through the Historical Performance elective modules of the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes; their Principal Study remains within the Strings, Keyboard or Wind, Brass and Percussion departments. The School has a collection of historical instruments to lend to students.

Teaching

Under the supervision of Head of Historical Performance, Christopher Suckling, the Department provides opportunities for students to critically engage with and challenge current performance practices before entering an evolving profession.

Through a combination of ensemble and project-based learning, supported by individual tuition from some of the country's leading performers, studies centred around rhetorical delivery and historical stagecraft provide an introduction to a different ethos of performing music, giving you the experience necessary to continue your development as you embark on a varied career.

Collaborative work, ranging from weekly classes to intimate chamber



music and fully-staged opera scenes, fosters close and lasting relationships between principal study continuo players and singers and instrumentalists from across the School. Projects are mutually supportive, for example, vocalists developing stylistically through performing with experienced continuo players, whilst keyboard players and instrumentalists gain insight into physical gesture through working on stage with singers.

MMus/MPerf in Performance

See page 32: *Historical Performance specialism.*

Artist Diploma

See page 39.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

See page 95.

Associations

Our relationship with the Academy of Ancient Music (see page 9) offers side-by-side performance and masterclasses with principal players. The partnership also allows access to major artists working with the AAM, to AAM open rehearsals and to networking opportunities.

The Guildhall Consort is directed by Eamonn Dougan, Associate Conductor of The Sixteen, and offers excellent opportunities for refining vocal ensemble techniques. For continuo players, working with Eamonn and his colleagues offers an intensive experience in coaching and directing. The Consort has also formed the chorus for performances in the Barbican Hall with visiting ensembles such as the Venice Baroque Orchestra and the English Concert.

Recent student success

Recent competition prizes include:

- London International Festival of Early Music Competition
- International Johann Sebastian Bach Competition Leipzig
- York International Young Artists Early Music Competition
- Royal Over-Seas League Annual Music Competition

Students and recent graduates have joined ensembles including:

- Academy of Ancient Music
- Arcangelo
- Opera North
- Early Opera Company
- La Nuova Musica
- Gabrieli Consort
- Dunedin Consort
- Pygmalion
- Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment
- Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique

Student ensembles are regularly selected for BREMF Live!, part of the Brighton Early Music Festival, while students, Fellows, and recent alumni have featured in every year of the Handel House Talent scheme since its inception.

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71. Selected Historical Performance alumni are listed at gsmd.ac.uk/historical_performance

Chamber music has a special place in the School as a core or elective element of the curriculum according to the programme of study; regular engagement in chamber music-making is strongly encouraged. Our belief is that students learn fundamental individual and professional skills through ensemble work, and that these skills constitute a unique understanding of music and of students' own artistic motivations and creativity.

At BMus level, chamber music forms a core strand of our principal study instrumental programmes, and there is additional opportunity for students to immerse themselves in our advanced ensemble elective. At postgraduate level, our chamber music elective provides substantial training to develop students' collaborative performance skills.

We offer almost unparalleled coaching and a wide range of performance opportunities for students who wish to hone their ensemble and interpretative skills in small chamber group combinations. Our provision helps to enhance students' chamber music expertise with the aim of developing students' skills to a professional level. Cross-departmental chamber work is considered as important as more traditional combinations.

Regular coaching is provided by international teaching staff and visiting chamber musicians. Though each school of study may have slightly different requirements, the core emphasis is on fostering individual engagement and responsibility within chamber groups, challenging and developing interpersonal skills, and musical dialogue.

Guildhall selects one or two exceptionally gifted young ensembles to be Chamber Music Fellows, providing them with performance opportunities and intensive coaching with international professorial staff while they develop their careers.

Activities and Ensembles

- Regular coaching and lessons from core chamber music staff including Levon Chilingirian, Simon Rowland-Jones, Caroline Palmer, Philippa Davies, Ursula Smith, Carole Presland, Matthew Jones, Graham Sheen, Krysia Osostowicz, Richard Lester, Simon Blendis, Adrian Brendel and Gary Pomeroy
- Regular coaching opportunities from visiting artists and groups
- Masterclasses with international visiting artists and chairs of chamber music
- Active chamber music exchange programmes
- Chamber music prizes offering external performance opportunities
- Numerous international performing opportunities for successful groups

The Hans Keller Chamber Fellows

Since September 2021, the Cosman Keller Art & Music Trust has supported the Chamber Fellowships offered at the School, in memory of the musician and writer Hans Keller, who taught at Guildhall in the 1980s.

At the core of the Chamber Fellowships at Guildhall is the opportunity for a young professional group with a base at the School to be inspired by Guildhall's world renowned chamber music professors and in turn to inspire current students



through performances and seminars, providing invaluable development in their careers.

The Hans Keller Chamber Fellows for the 2022–23 academic year are the Mithras Trio and the Quatour Confluence.

Recent Department highlights

- Masterclasses with Takács Quartet (International Visiting Artists), Endellion String Quartet (Visiting Quartet in Association) and Alasdair Tait
- Meet the Ensemble series with Gould Piano Trio and Brodsky Quartet
- Performance projects/side-by-side workshops with Nicholas Daniel, Andrew Marriner and Janine Jansen
- Public recitals involving staff/student collaborations throughout the year and within the Guildhall Chamber Music Summer Festival
- Pre-London Symphony Orchestra recitals in the Barbican Hall
- BBC Radio 3 Total Immersion projects in Milton Court Concert Hall and in the Barbican Hall
- Exchange performances at Mozarteum University Salzburg, McGill University Musical Chairs Chamber Music Festival, Concert Hall at the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, and the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music, Budapest
- Training groups in delivery of workshop skills
- Three annual Guildhall chamber music competitions
- Three-day Chamber Music Festival with student/professor collaborations featuring renowned performers from the Chamber Music faculty

Recent visiting ensembles and artists

- Endellion Quartet – Visiting Quartet in Association
- Takács Quartet – International Visiting Artists
- András Keller
- Ralf Gothoni
- Gould Piano Trio

Recent student and alumni successes

Ensembles from the Department have been recognised in the following competitions:

- Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition
- Royal Over-Seas League Annual Music Competition
- St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Music Competition
- Melbourne International Chamber Music Competition
- Trondheim International Chamber Music Competition
- Cavatina Intercollegiate Chamber Music Competition
- Hattori Foundation Senior Awards
- Martin Musical Scholarship Award
- June Emerson Wind Music Launchpad Prize
- Park Lane Group (PLG) Music Trust Young Artists
- Tunnell Trust Awards
- ChamberStudio Mentorship
- Young Classical Artists Trust (YCAT)

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71.

Programmes

BMus
MMus/MComp
MA in Opera Making & Writing
MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

Guildhall offers some of the most stimulating and creative training for composers available in the UK. Our guiding principle is that composers should develop in collaboration with technically-proficient, sympathetic instrumentalists under the expert guidance of experienced practitioners. Our commitment to developing your unique voice as a composer means that we will workshop every composition that you write.

By studying at this conservatoire you will benefit from a range of unique opportunities. These include access to performers, an outstanding faculty of professional composers distinguished in a wide-ranging field of compositional activity, specialism and artistic approach, and a host of external partners. You will be based in a lively arts complex, and our focus on innovation and collaboration will help you take full

advantage of Guildhall's multi-disciplinary environment, working within a constant cross-departmental flow of ideas, skills and creativity.

Undergraduate

BMus
See page 30 for programme structure.

Guildhall School's undergraduate Composition pathway is intended to support your creative development as a composer, whatever your interests or sources of inspiration. There is no 'house style'; we are not looking for one kind of composer. Consequently, our community of student composers is very diverse, but with a shared sense of commitment, purpose and mutual respect.

The BMus Composition programme is built on two complementary strands of academic activity: Original Composition and Techniques.

Original Composition activity follows a four-year trajectory that builds from small-scale chamber projects in Year 1 (monody, duo, voice and instrument, percussion ensemble), through to the more ambitious demands of working with wind quintet, string quartet and 14-piece ensemble. The programme culminates in Year 4 with works for full orchestra, vocal ensemble and live sounds and electronics. All compositions are workshopped either by your fellow students in the School or by professional, world-renowned visiting ensembles and soloists.

The **Techniques** strand is intended to equip you with a high level of skill and expertise in the craft and technique of musical composition. In the first two years, topics range from Harmony and Counterpoint to Pastiche Composition; 20th



Century Materials explores core concepts in 20th and 21st century harmonic and rhythmic practice and provides practical experience of working with percussion. In addition, composers write for and perform in 'Creative Ensemble' and collaborate to develop new works for, and with, each other, offering a chance to engage with ideas and possibilities of experimental, and often transmedial, practice. Topics in Years 3 and 4 range more widely and include Aesthetics, Workshop Skills and Orchestration. In all four years of Techniques work, you will also take classes in Electronic Music and Analysis.

Postgraduate

MMus/MComp in Composition
See page 36.

MA in Opera Making & Writing
See page 38.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD
See page 95.

Recent Department highlights

- The department has a long-standing partnership with EXAUDI and PlusMinus, and composers work with both ensembles as first-year Masters students
- Presentations and Q&As from visiting composers including Sir Harrison Birtwistle, John Adams, Anna Meredith, Louis Andriessen, Michel van der Aa, Catherine Lamb, Steve Reich, Helmut Lachenmann, Neil Luck, Tristan Murial and Judith Weir
- Each year, Composition students work with writers from the Opera Making & Writing course on Voiceworks, a collaborative writer/composer/singer project

culminating in vocal works performed at Wigmore Hall

- The Composition Department has a major partnership in place with the Royal Opera House for the development of contemporary opera. Every two years, the prestigious venue stages a new opera by a Guildhall School/Royal Opera House Composer in Residence, while students on the MA in Opera Making & Writing programme (see page 38) enjoy formative creative opportunities at the Royal Opera House
- Each year, MMus students collaborate with choreographers at London Contemporary Dance School to develop new works which receive two public performances at The Place, the UK's premiere centre for contemporary dance

Recent alumni

Recent alumni include:

- Mica Levi
- Oliver Leith
- Philip Venables
- Jack Sheen
- Bushra El-Turk
- Daniel Kidane
- Raymond Yiu
- Edmund Finniss
- Mark Simpson
- Sylvia Lim
- Na'ama Zisser
- Francisco Coll
- Lara Agar
- Matthew Kaner
- Christina Athinodorou

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71. For selected Composition alumni, visit gsmd.ac.uk/composition

ELECTRONIC & PRODUCED MUSIC

Electronic Music, Film Music, Sonic Arts, Game Audio, Live Electronics, Popular Music Production, New Media

Programmes

BMus
MMus/MComp

Electronic and Produced Music represents the largest growth area in the music industry today, and suitably skilled musicians and producers enjoy a wealth of viable career opportunities. Guildhall's dedicated world-class teaching and real-world vocational approach prepare you for a rewarding career in this fast-paced, rapidly evolving industry.

Our Principal Study disciplines reflect specific career paths that demand a specialist technical and artistic focus. Undergraduates choose one Principal Study discipline on entry to set the bias of your studies, but may incorporate elements of others in line with your career goals. Postgraduates tailor a unique Electronic Music pathway combining a variety of our disciplines:

- **Electronic Music:** a broad curriculum involving activity across all disciplines
- **Film Music:** music for films, commercials and animations working with emerging directors and animators



- **Sonic Arts:** electroacoustic composition, sound art, installations, experimental music
- **Game Audio:** music, sound and programming for games
- **Live Electronics:** live performance with electronics (from DJing to experimental performance)
- **Popular Music Production:** songwriting and production across all genres
- **New Media:** creative musical expression with new technology

Cross-departmental collaboration is actively encouraged, and all students have the opportunity to work on major public projects in fulfilment of their curriculum. Visiting professionals deliver regular masterclasses to enrich the curriculum and provide industry insights, and partnerships with major film, animation and game schools enhance opportunities further.

Our vocational approach means that we prioritise major projects that respond to real-world opportunities, often working hand in hand with the School's commercial arm, Guildhall Live Events, and the Production Arts Department (see page 73). In producing music 'to brief', there are termly opportunities to record with the groundbreaking Guildhall Session Orchestra – a fully professional ensemble founded to record student music for commercial opportunity.

Undergraduate

BMus

See page 30 for programme structure.



"I was attracted to the Electronic & Produced Music department at Guildhall because it offered a wide range of subjects I was interested in, including game audio and film music. What I love about the department is the diversity of music that is being created, no one is the same, yet everyone is really passionate about their craft and supportive of other people's artistic development."

Jenny Shen

BMus Electronic & Produced Music
(Game Audio)



As an undergraduate student, weekly one-to-one lessons in your specific discipline with one of the Department's expert professors will allow for a totally individualised approach to developing your artistic excellence and skills. This core learning is supported by a range of classes in common techniques and whole-Department creative workshops. Each year, you will submit two folios of individual work, a series of technical exercises, and a portfolio of contributions to cross-departmental projects.

Postgraduate

MMus/MComp

See page 36 for programme structure.

The postgraduate programme provides a fast-paced and diverse preparation for professional life, allowing you to explore and refine your individual artistic specialism in or across several of the Department's Principal Study disciplines.

Part 1 (MMus)

At MMus level, you will spend the year producing three portfolios of musical activity: original artistic output, collaborative projects and project leadership. This is supported through one-to-one lessons, classes and collaborative sessions. You will also have the opportunity to diversify your studies through elective modules (see page 33).

Part 2 (MComp)

Exceptional students on Part 1 are given the opportunity to continue their studies at the MComp level. During this year, students independently undertake a portfolio of three self-directed artistic projects.

Department facilities

The Department's core studios are designed for the front and back end of the production process (recording and mixing/mastering), featuring acoustically isolated control rooms, recording booths

and tie lines to multiple spaces for recording of larger ensembles.

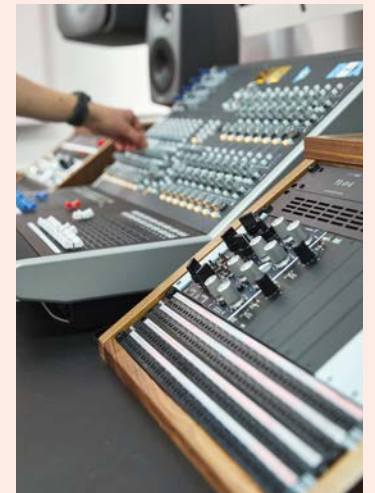
We run Quested, Genelec and PMC monitors, a collection of high quality microphones and preamps, and Macintosh computers with Pro Tools, Logic Pro X, Max/MSP, Sibelius, IRCAM ForumSoftware, Cubase, Ableton, and a growing collection of additional software to aid compatibility.

Our exciting range of live equipment includes state-of-the-art DJing rigs, ROLI Seaboard ensembles and portable DAW facilities, to ensure that our music reaches far beyond the studio.

Recent Department highlights

- Masterclasses delivered by Harry Gregson-Williams, Steve Reich, Tory Miller, Imogen Heap, Stephen Endelman, Kevin Kerrigan, Leafcutter John, Rupert Collinson (AIR), Trevor Wishart, Robert Henke, Debbie Wiseman, Richard Tognetti, Kathinka Pasveer, Mica Levi, Matt Black (Coldcut), David Wrench and more
- Official music for the Illuminated River project – London's largest public art commission
- Soundtrack for the Museum of London immersive experience, *Beasts of London*
- Projects with Waddesdon Manor, including soundtracks and sonic installations for Waddesdon Christmas Carnival and music for the Waddesdon Manor Imaginarium

- Music to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Tower Bridge
- Silent film projects with Barbican Film
- Performances at Glastonbury Festival
- Performances at the Barbican Centre
- Partnerships with RAM Records, Musicity, Met Film School, London Film Academy, Courtauld Gallery, National Gallery, National Theatre, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Gresham Centre, Musicity, National Trust and more



Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71. For selected Electronic & Produced Music alumni, visit gsmd.ac.uk/electronic_music

Voice and all instruments

Programmes

BMus
MMus/MPerf
MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

The Jazz Department at Guildhall School is among the most renowned and established of its kind. Now in its fourth decade, the department is made up of an inspirational team of professors who are uniquely placed to oversee the development of creative jazz musicians. With origins and tradition making up the foundation of our teaching method, students are enabled on a journey into jazz as a diverse, ever-evolving and social art form.

Dedicated to empowering musicians to fulfil their creative ambitions, we support students to contribute to the global jazz community and prepare them for high-profile careers in the music industry.

The course is broad in style and discipline, and you will learn in a collaborative and nurturing environment. We celebrate the diversity of skills and experience needed to build a fulfilling musical life as a professional musician.

Classes in Harmony, Lineage, Improvisation, and Rhythm and Style support weekly tutored ensemble work in combos to give you a creative outlet and build your collaborative skills. The comprehensive programme of musicianship is designed for improvisers and includes classes in aural, transcription and keyboard skills to develop your core musicianship.

Our flagship cross-school ensemble, Guildhall Studio Orchestra, is unique. Combining voices, rhythm section, big band, strings, orchestral woodwind and percussion, it gives students the skills required to work in a commercial recording environment.

Our annual jazz festival is produced in association with EFG London Jazz Festival, and the award-winning Guildhall Jazz Orchestra and Guildhall Big Band offer varied opportunities for both School and student-led performance.

The study of Jazz Vocals is a longstanding beacon of our work. In addition to classes in songwriting, we run three vocal ensembles for Jazz students: Guildhall Jazz Singers, Guildhall Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Guildhall Jazz Choir.

Guildhall is perfectly located for easy access to central and east London's thriving and eclectic jazz scene; there are jam sessions and a huge number of gig opportunities on our doorstep.

Undergraduate

BMus
See page 30 for programme structure.

As a student on the BMus Jazz pathway, you join a long and illustrious list of some of the world's finest improvising musicians. At Guildhall School, we place your specialism front and centre as we support your core discipline and wider musicianship. Tailored to your individual needs, Principal Study lessons provide core instrumental and improvisational training.

“Guildhall’s reputation was a strong factor in me wanting to apply here. The facilities are great and staff were really welcoming during my audition process. One thing that stands out on Guildhall’s jazz course is that the jazz combos and other ensembles are integrated across all years. This really helps to build a strong network of musicians and is great for making contacts.”

Lucy Clarke
 BMus Jazz





Postgraduate

MMus/MPerf in Performance

See also page 32: Jazz Studies specialism.

The MMus/MPerf programme offers innovative and highly personalised training for musicians at an advanced level. The programme is designed to elevate your core discipline and enhance all aspects of musicianship in support of your career as a contemporary musician. Applications are welcome from both performers and composer/arrangers, and Principal Study lessons may be split between disciplines. The programme encourages a holistic approach to musicianship, offering training in the processes and styles relevant to 21st-century improvising musicians.

In addition to core classes, discipline-specific provision ensures regular, intensive contact with a dedicated and world-class teaching team.

MPhil/DMus, MPhil/PhD

See page 95.

Recent Department highlights

- Visits from artists including Rufus Reid, Jean Toussaint, Wayne Escoffery, Callum Au, Trevor Watkis, Byron Wallen, Josephine Davies, Liane Carroll, Giacomo Smith, Tim Garland, Joe Stilgoe, Iain Ballamy, Julian Joseph, Yazz Ahmed, Jovino Santos Neto, Jim McNeely, Norma Winstone, Elliot Mason, and Mark-Anthony Turnage.
- Through our partnership with the Barbican (see page 8), we ran masterclasses with members of Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra during their residency.
- Masterclasses with Danny Grissett, Elaine Delmar, Peter Erskine, Ari Hoenig, Jerry Bergonzi, Larry Grenadier, Yahael Camara Onono, Xhosa Cole, Katherine Windfeld, Jeff Tain Watts, Kenny Werner, Eric Harland, Ben Wendel, Women in Jazz, Steve Arguelles, Omar Puente, Mark Mondesir, Katie Thiroux, and the Tim Berne/Matt Mitchell Duo.

Music alumni highlights can be found on pages 68-71.

Selected Jazz alumni are listed at gsmd.ac.uk/jazz



Music alumni



Alison Balsom OBE (2001, Trumpet)

Alison has a four-album exclusive contract with EMI Classics, and has won a Gramophone award for a disc of works by J.S. Bach, a Classic BRIT award for Best Young British Performer 2006, and the Classic BRIT for Best Female Artist 2009.



Natalya Romaniw (2009, Vocal and Opera)

Welsh soprano and one of Europe's most promising young stars. Winner of the 2016 Critic's Choice Award for Music.



Dave Arch (1984, Piano)

Dave is a pianist, conductor, arranger and composer. He is known for his role as Musical Director and arranger for BBC Television's BAFTA-winning *Strictly Come Dancing*.



Anthony Marwood MBE (1986, Violin)

As a solo violinist, Anthony collaborates with orchestras worldwide. He was a member of the Florestan Trio until 2012, and is co-Artistic Director of the Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival. He was named Instrumentalist of the Year by the Royal Philharmonic Society in 2006, and awarded an MBE in 2018.



Dinis Sousa (2019, Piano)

Dinis is the Principal Conductor of the Royal Northern Sinfonia, as well as the Associate Conductor of the Monteverdi Choir and Orchestras. Dinis is also the Founder and Artistic Director of Orquestra XXI, an award-winning orchestra which brings together some of the best young Portuguese musicians from around Europe.



Shabaka Hutchings (2007, Clarinet)

Shabaka has established himself as a central figure within the London jazz scene. Shabaka plays in a variety of groups – most notably, Sons of Kemet, The Comet Is Coming, and Shabaka and the Ancestors.



Francesca Chiejina (2016, Vocal)

After graduating, Francesca won a place on the Royal Opera House's prestigious Jette Parker Young Artists programme. Highlights in Francesca's 2021–22 season included singing Puccini's *La Bobème* for English Touring Opera, Berg's *Seven Early Songs* with the Sinfonia of London and John Wilson at the BBC Proms.



Jennifer Pike (2009, Violin)

Jennifer has built a successful international career playing as soloist with top orchestras around the world. She has recently performed at the BBC Proms, Carnegie Hall, and Wigmore Hall and is a Chandos recording artist. She was awarded an MBE in 2020 for her services to classical music, and is an ambassador for the Prince's Trust and the Foundation for Children & the Arts, and a patron of City Music Foundation.

Music alumni



Zara McFarlane (2009, Jazz Vocal)

Zara is a jazz and soul singer and songwriter. In October 2014, Zara won Best Jazz Act at the MOBO Awards, and has had three albums released by Brownswood Recordings.



Sir Bryn Terfel CBE (1989, Vocal and Opera)

Welsh bass-baritone Sir Bryn Terfel has regularly performed at the world's most prestigious concert stages and opera houses. Sir Bryn made his professional operatic debut as Guglielmo in *Così fan tutte* with Welsh National Opera in 1990. He is a Grammy, Classic BRIT and Gramophone Award winner and received a Knighthood for his service to music in 2017.



Andrea Eklund (2017, Historical Performance)

Andrea wrote, arranged and sang the title song to the 2017 film *Moomins and the Winter Wonderland*. Andrea's music, performed by the City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, was shortlisted for an Oscar nomination. She now maintains an eclectic career, singing early music alongside Nordic folk, and composing music for film and choirs; in 2020 she was awarded the Kurt-Erik Långbacka Foundation's conducting award.



Sa Chen (2001, Piano)

Sa is an award-winning pianist who came to prominence in 1996 when she was selected for the final of the Leeds International Piano Competition aged only 16. Since graduating, Sa has performed with prestigious orchestras around the world.



Roberto Gonzalez (2013, Violin)

Roberto is a conductor and violinist, and is Chief Conductor and Artistic Advisor of Dalasinfoniettan in Sweden, Chief Conductor of Musikkollegium Winterthur in Switzerland, a designate Principle Guest Conductor of the Belgian National Orchestra, and an Artistic Director of Iberacademy in Colombia. Roberto is also a Violin Professor at Guildhall School.



Lucy Osborne (2019, Music Therapy)

Lucy volunteers with ABCD (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability), a charity in Palestine supporting children with disabilities, many of whom have experienced trauma in their young lives. When working from the UK, Lucy sends resources, session plans and recordings of songs for the mental health teams in Palestine.



Ema Nikolovska (2019, Opera)

Ema is a recipient of a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Award for 2022, and is a BBC New Generation Artist. From 2020–2022, Ema was a member of the Internationale Opernstudio of the Staatsoper Unter den Linden in Berlin, and in April 2023 she returned to the Staatsoper to make her debut as Octavian in *Der Rosenkavalier*.



James Newby (2018, Vocal)

A BBC New Generation Artist 2018–2020, British baritone James enjoys a busy schedule as a recitalist with appearances at Wigmore Hall, Leeds Lieder, Oxford Lieder and Perth International Arts Festival.

PRODUCTION ARTS



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Associate Producer

**For a full list of
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production_arts](http://gsmd.ac.uk/production_arts)**

The Production Arts Department at Guildhall has a longstanding reputation for providing some of the most innovative vocational theatre and live event training internationally. With technical production and performance facilities among the best in the world, you'll work on public live events with professional directors, designers, media artists and conductors, participating in the creation of acclaimed dramas, operas, screen and digital projects, and large-scale open-air video events.

The School has a number of professional-standard performance venues with state-of-the-art equipment. These ensure our programmes are always in line with current practice and new technology. Students use the School's onsite theatres, rehearsal rooms, workshops and digital and media facilities to collaborate on major productions and a range of smaller projects and events. You'll have the opportunity to work on productions for live-streaming or recording for online, providing you with the most up-to-date industry skills.

Our programmes have been designed to immerse you completely in the complex art of theatre and live performance. They bring together writers, designers, actors, musicians, composers, choreographers and technicians to achieve fully professional production values. Your training will provide you with a firm practical knowledge of theatre crafts and managerial skills and prepare you for professional life in the theatre and live performance industry.

In Production Arts, we break down traditional boundaries and challenge convention, giving you the chance to work with students from other art forms. If you join us as an undergraduate, you will work with students on the Acting and Music programmes during the first-year cross-School project. You will have the opportunity to collaborate with other students and develop your own designs, installations and creative outputs in dedicated projects slots and an end-of-year Festival. You can also work with Guildhall Live Events on a range of leading-edge digital production projects, as well as have the opportunity to collaborate with students across the School as part of *undisciplined*, our cross-arts programme.

Level	Programme	Duration
Undergraduate	BA Honours in Production Arts	Three years
	BA Honours in Digital Design & Production	Three years
Postgraduate	MA Collaborative Performance Making	One year



Programme facilities and teaching support

Whichever Production Arts programme you choose, you will receive expert training in our well-equipped, flexible performance spaces:

Milton Court Theatre: a proscenium arch theatre seating 223, with a fully-automated flying system which is unique in theatre schools around the world.

Silk Street Theatre: a flexible theatre seating up to 308 in various formats, including proscenium, promenade, thrust and in-the-round. With a counterweight flying and large orchestra pit, this is the venue for our major operas and musicals.

Milton Court Studio Theatre: a flexible studio theatre seating up to 128. This space has a tension wire grid, allowing easy and safe positioning and focusing of lighting equipment and rigging of scenic elements.

Milton Court Concert Hall: this impressive performance hall has world-class acoustics and can seat up to 608. The concert platform is composed of a series of automated lifts, allowing for a wide variety of formats from solo performances to rehearsals for a full symphony orchestra.

All of our venues are particularly well-equipped for lighting, sound and video projection, and provide dramatic and adaptable environments. They are stimulating and exciting while being practical, safe and ideal for learning.

Other Guildhall facilities you will use include the scenic workshop, paintshop, props workshop, design realisation studio, costume

workshop and dye room, and sound and video editing studios. You will also have access to the lighting and theatre technology lab, stage electrics workshop, and production and stage management offices. Additionally, Milton Court includes new rehearsal rooms, a TV studio with green-screen and Virtual Reality (VR) capacity, and teaching rooms, and a well-equipped computer room with CAD and media production software.

Core teaching staff

There are 24 teaching staff and a further 15 technicians in the Production Arts Department. All the teaching staff have extensive and varied experience in professional theatre or live events. The Department maintains current industry contacts through the engagement of a range of professional directors, designers and production artists, including freelance digital/media artists, costume supervisors, scenic artists, prop makers, production managers and lighting programmers. It also has strong links with professional colleagues and former students working with all major UK theatre and opera companies, productions and suppliers.

Professional creatives who have worked at the School include:

Directors: Anna Morrissey, Karen Tomlin, Derek Bond, Paul Foster, Mumba Dodwell, Ashley Zhangazha, Georgia Graham, Martin Lloyd-Evans, Ashley Dean, Rodula Gaitanou, Victoria Newlyn, Olivia Fuchs

Designers: Libby Watson, Carla Goodwin, Louie Whitemore, Liam Bunster, Anna Reid, Caitlin Abbott, Amy Jane Cook, Laura Stanfield, Zahra Mansouri

Conductors/Musical Directors: Dominic Wheeler, Steven Edis, Chris Hopkins

Lighting designers: Kevin Treachy, James Platt, Anthony Doran, Rajiv Pattani, Jake Wiltshire, Peter Robinson

Movement Directors: Hayley Chilvers, Lucy Cullingford, Diane Alison-Mitchell, Vicki Igbokwe

Fight Directors: Jonathan Waller, Kate Waters

Intimacy Directors: Yarit Dor, Louise Kempton, Raniah Al-Sayed

BA Honours in Production Arts

Duration

Three years full-time

Pathways

Stage Management
(see page 78)

Costume
(see page 80)

Theatre Technology
(see page 81)

Design Realisation
(see page 82)

The Production Arts undergraduate programme equips you with the skills you need to succeed in the professional arts industry, with graduates going on to work in theatre, events, television and film. We strongly believe that your training should be tailored to your individual career aims.

For this reason, at application stage, you will select one of four pathways, each with a different emphasis: **Stage Management, Costume, Theatre Technology** (Sound, Lighting, Video and Automation), or **Design Realisation** (Scenic Art, Scenic Construction and Prop Making).

Within each pathway you can study elements of the other three. For example, if you want to learn about props and scenery construction but retain an interest in lighting, or gain experience in sound while focusing mainly on stage management, you can choose accordingly. The programme is flexible enough to allow for a wide range of interests, or a more specialised approach.

Year 1

The first year of the programme brings all students to the same threshold of knowledge. In addition to classes and project work in your chosen pathway, you will study a broad range of core subjects including History of Theatre, Contextual Studies, Contemporary Theatre, Health and Safety, and Stagecraft and Production Process. Classes are project-based and you will be encouraged to enhance and inform your work by engaging with the profession externally.

For example, when studying trends in contemporary theatre you will see a wide range of shows, including leading international productions at the Barbican Centre. When studying Contextual Studies you will visit galleries and museums to look at examples and gather ideas.

In this first year, you will also take a core module called Associated Studies, which allows you to take three short taster courses in areas of interest from one of the other three pathways.

Year 2

From the second year onwards, you will be immersed in Guildhall School's extraordinary productions, films and events, working alongside professional directors, designers and lighting designers on a full-time basis. Work on productions is complemented by talks delivered by industry professionals.

Year 3

The final year provides you with true exposure to professional theatre, film projects and live events and the opportunity to make essential future contacts. All students are encouraged to undertake leading roles in their chosen fields, and some go on to lead a whole team in a Production Management role.



You will also complete a personal graduation project as well as work experience with a professional company or practitioner.

Preparing for work

Career preparation includes lectures, masterclasses and advice on how to apply for work, CV preparation, working as a freelancer, invoicing and self-employment, and interview preparation. Throughout the programme you will have the opportunity to collaborate with actors, singers and musicians from other programmes to generate your own projects.

Key development areas which are essential for employment include:

- Learning to be part of the team of technicians, production artists, designers, stage managers, costumiers, actors, singers and musicians, working alongside professional

directors, designers and conductors to participate in the creation and public performance of acclaimed dramas and operas

- Using information technology to plan and manage productions, developing transferable skills in the latest software and using specialist packages
- Gaining detailed knowledge of current industry developments and trends
- Developing core transferable skills

A particularly high staff-student ratio is one of the strengths of the programme. As you progress, staff will shift from formal teaching roles to empowering and supporting your production work. This gives you the freedom to demonstrate and develop your professional standards and skills.

Regardless of their year, all students work together on all productions. Peer learning is an essential element of the programme.



BA Production Arts: Stage Management pathway



Central to any production or event, Stage Managers are organised and creative individuals who require the skills and competencies to organise and manage a project. These indispensable professionals are at the heart of the collaborative process, working with all production arts departments, creative teams and performers to realise the event from initial concept to final production.

As a Stage Management student, you will learn about rehearsal and performance management, props sourcing and show calling, team management, budgeting and working with creative teams and performers in different performance settings. As well as professional directors, designers, lighting, sound and video designers, you will also have the opportunity to work with Intimacy, Fight and Movement directors, musicians, musical directors and conductors.

The pathway's focus is on developing you as a professional, enabling you to take leading roles on fully-realised projects and productions with professional creative teams.

Recent work placements

- *Hamilton* (West End)
- Punchdrunk Immersive Theatre Company
- Televideo – outside Broadcasting
- Hampstead Theatre

- Donmar Warehouse
- Smyle Events
- Royal Opera House
- Opera Holland Park

Recent graduate employment

- TV Production Runner: *Peaky Blinders* and *Killing Eve*
- Donmar Warehouse
- *Cabaret* and *TINA, The Tina Turner Musical* (West End)
- *Beauty and the Beast* (European Tour)
- English National Ballet

Future careers

- Stage and production management in drama, opera and dance
- Show Caller
- Event management
- Production runner/2nd AD in film and television
- Script supervisors
- Arts administration

For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/stage_management

“After I visited Guildhall for the first time on an open day, I realised something that made Guildhall stand out was the sense of community you get from all the students, lecturers, tutors, and technicians. Highlights of my time at Guildhall are the drama and opera productions I’ve been part of in my last year on the BA Production Arts programme. They bring together actors, musicians, singers, technicians and so much more. We also get so many opportunities to work with professional designers and directors who come in to work on the wide variety of shows we put on here.”

Alex Gasson-Gray

BA Production Arts (Stage Management)



BA Production Arts: Costume pathway



Students at Guildhall School gain an overall understanding of costume for performance, from design to realisation and for stage and screen. Through this unique pathway, you will explore a broad range of the craftwork involved in the costume process.

As a costume student, you will explore how to design, make and use costumes by learning about:

- Research and design process
- Working with performers through all stages of the realisation process
- Production budgeting and administration
- Dyeing and breaking down
- Hiring, buying and sourcing costumes
- Draping and cutting
- Sourcing fabric, haberdashery and accessories
- Pattern cutting
- Sewing and alterations
- Embellishment
- Running performances – dressing and running wardrobe

Recent work placements

- The Bridge Theatre
- *The Crown* (Sloane Square Films)
- Shakespeare's Globe
- English National Ballet, Dyeing and Breaking Department
- *Prince of Egypt* (West End)
- *Juliet* (West End)

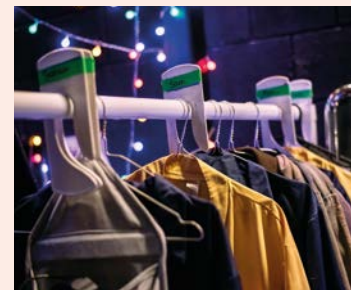
Recent graduate employment

- *Wonka* (Heyday Films)
- *Cabaret* and *Jersey Boys* (West End)
- Shakespeare's Globe
- *Get Up, Stand Up! The Bob Marley Musical* (West End)
- Gifford's Circus

Future careers

- Designer
- Supervisor
- Buyer
- Maker/cutter
- Standby in film and TV
- Dyeing and breaking down artist
- Coordinator
- Production running wardrobe
- Dresser

For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/costume



BA Production Arts: Theatre Technology pathway

Sound, Lighting, Video, Automation

In Theatre Technology you will learn about design and production in lighting, sound, video and stage technology (automation and technical management), with opportunities to specialise in your final year. In this area, production artists – designers, engineers and technicians – need to be good team players with advanced specialist skills. As you develop your own craft, you will progress from learning about technology and software to programming and show operation, to finally managing and designing productions.

Recent work placements

Recent work placements undertaken by Theatre Technology students include:

- Automation for *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* in the West End
- Production management at the National Theatre, Cirque du Soleil and Autograph Sound
- AV/video at Glyndebourne Festival Theatre
- Lighting department at the Kiln Theatre and for *The Prince of Egypt* in the West End
- Rigging department for *The House of Dancing Water*, Macau

Future careers

Potential careers for Theatre Technology students include:

- Production manager
- Technical manager
- Video designer/operator
- Automation programmer
- Sound designer and operator
- Live mixer
- Lighting designer and programmer

For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/theatre_technology



BA Production Arts: Design Realisation pathway

Scenic Art, Scenic Construction, Prop Making



Design realisation is about making and painting the scenery and props that have been designed by the set designer. Students following this pathway need good creative and practical skills, with strong problem-solving abilities. Each year you will develop your skills across prop making, scenery construction and scenic art, arriving at a clear idea of how far you would like to specialise in your final year.

Recent work placements

Recent work placements undertaken by Design Realisation students include:

- National Theatre scenic workshops
- Capital Scenery
- Shakespeare's Globe construction workshop

- Illusion Design and Construction
- Sydney Opera House scenic workshops
- Royal Opera House scenic workshops
- Leavesden Studios
- Royal Shakespeare Company props department

Future careers

Potential careers for Design Realisation students include working in theatre, events, film, theming, festivals and TV in the following roles:

- Prop maker
- Scenic artist
- Scenic construction roles in theatre, events, film and TV

For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/design_realisation



"The moment I stepped through the doors for my interview day I already felt like I belonged at Guildhall. While studying Design Realisation you are encouraged to work your way up to leadership roles in either props, scenic art or construction."

Issy Jordan

BA Production Arts (Design Realisation)

BA Honours in Digital Design & Production

Duration

Three years full-time

The BA Digital Design & Production programme was previously named BA Video Design for Live Performance.

This dynamic and innovative programme is for students interested in the fast-moving world of digital design and production for events and live performance. Shaped by the practical, hands-on ethos of Guildhall School's Production Arts Department, it extends that ethos into work with new technologies that underpin current productions and will shape the future of performance, media and entertainment.

The programme will provide you with specialist training in the rapidly expanding field of digital design and production across event and entertainment artforms, such as theatre, live performance and VJing; installations and outdoor events; and animation and motion-graphics. Teaching is practical and project-based, using state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, in line with the latest industry developments. You will work with professional designers, programmers and animators on a range of projects such as video design and operation for

Guildhall theatre, opera and concert productions, and conceiving and realising gallery installations. There are also exciting opportunities to work on a broad range of commercial projects with Guildhall Live Events, which creates immersive and interactive digital experiences across live and VR/XR settings with external partners, providing excellent industry experience.

The programme shares some of the professional theatre/live performance skills and theory modules with BA in Production Arts (see page 76). These are complemented by a more specialised series of modules related to interactive digital design, video design and content creation, technical management, system design and live operation/programming. Throughout the programme you will be able to attend cross-year seminars and lectures given by visiting guest artists.

Festivals and arts commissions

Recent work created and presented by the Department includes:



- *Beasts of London*, an immersive multimedia exhibition telling the story of how animals have helped to shape the history of the capital, presented in partnership with the Museum of London and visited by around 60,000 people
- Installations at Waddesdon Manor in Buckinghamshire, including large-scale projections on the façade of the Manor's stables, a sculptural light tunnel and an ambitious audio trail. The installation ran for nine weeks and was visited by over 181,000 people
- *Light Odyssey*, "an epic journey of light, space and sound", for which students created 3D animations to transform the opulent interior of Blackpool's Empress Ballroom, and assisted QED Productions with technical delivery of the show
- Immersive performance events at Tower Bridge

Year 1

The core focus in Year 1 is on familiarisation with software and hardware, while nurturing

your design skills and building confidence in a professional setting. There is a range of opportunities to make the most of our extensive resources as you learn your trade, becoming directly involved in a supportive role as a member of the crew.

Year 2

In Year 2 you will continue to take a series of classes to help develop your creative skills and hardware competency, but there is a switch in emphasis to give you an increasing role in practical projects. You will gain more responsibility as you progress, moving from a supportive crew member to a more distinct role within the team. You will have responsibility for processes such as system checks and maintenance and content production (working with third-year designers or visiting professionals). You will also have more of a say in the selection of equipment and how projects are planned.



Year 3

In the final year you will refine your digital design skillset through classes. You will have opportunities to make content and design materials that may then be used on real-world projects. You will lead a team of second- and first-year students who help you to realise your artistic and technical objectives, while still receiving guidance and support from your tutors and visiting professionals.

Alongside your production work, you will complete a portfolio, which will be invaluable when seeking employment at the end of your studies, and complete a self-directed graduation project that will allow you to focus on a chosen area of specialism.

Future careers

As a Guildhall School graduate in Digital Design & Production, you may expect to pursue a career as a video designer, animator, video engineer/technician, VJ, video operator/programmer or 3D designer.

Our graduates have an excellent track record of achieving employment at industry-leading organisations. Former students work in roles at companies such as PixelArtworks, QED, iMag, Immersive-me, Bild Studio, 59 Productions, D3 Technologies and XL Video (now part of PRG), as well as in successful West End shows. The ongoing development of this specialised programme is expected to further enhance our relationship with these employers.



“The course introduces you to a variety of professional software that allows you to explore your video design ideas. As well as strengthening your creative ability, you are taught the technical side of video for a range of areas within the industry. Working with Guildhall Live Events gives us lots of opportunities to be a part of exciting and large-scale projects that look great in our professional portfolios. The biggest highlight for me has to be when I was given the role of Lead Video Designer for Guildhall Live Events’ projection on the ceiling of The Forum in Norwich for Lovelight Festival 2022. Throughout the project, I had almost complete creative control over the 12-minute projection, and was given the opportunity to manage a team.”

Reuben James Cohen

BA Video Design for Live Performance

MA Collaborative Performance Making

Duration

One year full-time

This one-year Masters programme brings together early-career theatre practitioners (including set, lighting and sound designers, video designers, directors, dramaturgs, performers, production and stage managers) to develop new theatre and performance work.

Students work together in creative teams on an exciting and varied array of theatre projects. The programme is not intended to deliver core technical skills, but rather to develop your theatre making abilities, exploring your potential as a creative artist and enabling you to work with other students on a series of collaborative projects.

The programme

The Masters programme is a long academic year (180 credits) with Principal Study for designers, production managers and other creative artists and practitioners. At the

start of the year, you will be immersed in a four-week creative project that inducts new students into the Guildhall School environment. You will also be allocated a Principal Study mentor from a pool of professional practitioners with whom the Department has strong working relationships.

At the heart of this programme is Collaborative Practice, which aims to develop your ability to apply and integrate your specialist skills within a project. Throughout the year there are four projects, some of which are generated from within the creative teams, while others involve collaborating with companies or practitioners outside of Guildhall. Over the year, the teams on your programme will form and re-form, developing a creative vocabulary on a broad variety of projects and forging connections with other artists.

When possible, the programme also includes a three-to-four-week residential project, intended to take you into an unfamiliar area of work. The idea is to offer an opportunity for creative collaboration, unconstrained by preconceptions or prejudices.

Please note, this programme is undergoing periodic review during the 2022–23 academic year and is therefore subject to change.



“I was looking for a course that would give me the space and facilities to figure out who I am as a designer, while at the same time being able to work with creatives of different mediums to put together productions and develop skills essential to the industry. The best thing about studying on this programme is how it’s like a trial at working in the industry but with the safety net and resources of Guildhall. We’re very much left to our own devices to be ambitious and take risks but have the support of staff from the School who are experts in their field.”

Hazuki Mogan

MA Collaborative Performance Making

Production Arts alumni



↑ **Gemma Tonge (2002)**
Gemma is Head of Company Management at the National Theatre.



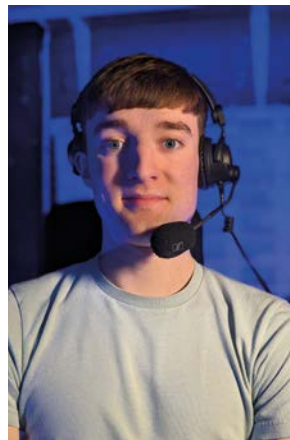
↑ **Katie Jenkinson (2014, Costume)**
Katie works at Marvel Studios, Los Angeles and has worked on feature films including *Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol.2* and *Captain America*.



Jessica Case (2019, Design Realisation)
Jessica is currently working as a Scenic Artist at the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre.



Sam Peace Dawson (2021, Stage Management)
Sam has recently worked as an Assistant Stage Manager on the Glyndebourne Opera Autumn tour and is now working in the West End in the Automation team on *TINA*, *The Tina Turner Musical*.



↑ **Lydia Comer-Narroway (2019, Costume)**
Lydia is working as a Costume Assistant at the Royal Shakespeare Company.



↑ **Jordan Lindsey (2019, Theatre Technology)**
Jordan is working as an Automation Operator on *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* in the West End.



Prema Mehta (2004)
Prema is a lighting designer for theatre, and has designed the lighting for over 150 productions. Recent work includes productions at the Royal Court, Sheffield Theatres, Shakespeare's Globe and the Young Vic. She is also the founder of Stage Sight, a collaborative network which aims to create an off-stage workforce more reflective of our society today, inclusive of ethnicity, class and disability.



Rury Nelson (2018, Video Design for Live Performance)
Rury is working as a Video Designer at Bild Studios.

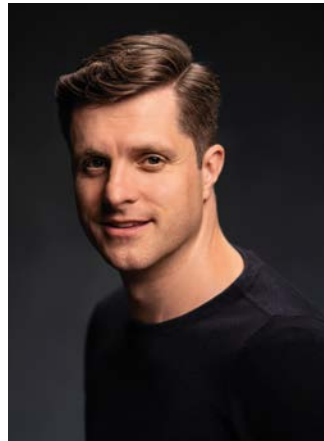


Production Arts alumni



Neil Austin (1992)

Neil is a Lighting Designer who has worked internationally on plays, musicals, opera and dance productions, including regularly working at the National Theatre, the Royal Court, the Donmar Warehouse and in the West End. He is the recipient of three Tony Awards and two Olivier Awards.



Sian Clare (2018, Costume)

Sian has recently worked as a Costume Buyer on *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* in the West End.



Simon Baker (1992)

Simon has worked in almost every corner of the theatre sound industry, spending his early career at both the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre. Simon has received several Olivier and Tony nominations, and the 2012 Olivier Award for Best Sound Design for *Matilda The Musical* in the West End.



Amelia Kosminsky (2019, Video Design for Live Performance)

Mia is currently working as a visual artist.



Tom Bosworth (2017, Theatre Technology)

Tom is working as a Sound Operator on *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* in the West End.



Neil Constable (1985)

Neil is Chief Executive of Shakespeare's Globe.



Olivia Whittaker (2016, Stage Management)

Olivia has recently started working at Smyle Events as a Digital Project Manager. She has also worked as a Runner for BBC television, working on *Eastenders*, *Midsomer Murders* and *Holby City*.



Julia Whittle (1989)

Julia was Showcaller for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the 2012 London Olympic Games. Julia is also a successful Showcaller on large scale concerts including Adele, Take That, and the Spice Girls tour in 2019. She is currently working on Coldplay's Music of the Spheres tour.



RESEARCH AND TEACHING



Research Degrees

MPhil/DMus – MPhil/PhD

Duration

Three years full-time
(+ up to one year 'writing up')

Six years part-time
(+ up to one year 'writing up')

Validated by City,
University of London



Guildhall School's research programme is distinctive in that it is dedicated to the performing arts. Students pursue self-directed projects that connect creative practice with scholarly enquiry in an outstanding conservatoire with world-class facilities.

The doctoral programme reflects the multidisciplinary nature of the School, with research students in a range of disciplines coming together to find inspiration in the sharing of work and approaches to research. Our research students investigate a wide range of topics - often through an interdisciplinary lens - in music, theatre and related artistic and pedagogic practices, including composition, instrumental performance, historical performance, opera studies and theatre making, as

well as performing arts pedagogies, institutions and cultures. We share a strong focus on exploring the role and impact of the performing arts practitioner in society.

Research environment

In recent years, the School's research has attracted increasing external recognition: in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF2021), the national assessment of research in UK universities, the School was rated top music conservatoire for research. The School was found to have the highest percentage of world-leading research amongst its music conservatoire peers and the second-highest of all conservatoires across Drama, Music and Production Arts. Research students are the foundation of this flourishing



research culture, which encompasses over 70 students and around 75 research-active staff and associates. Opportunities to engage in this community include our regular Research Works seminar series (with a student panel each term) and our Institute for Social Impact Research, which explores how musical practice can contribute to positive social change. Student research is also supported by:

- Specialist libraries at Guildhall School, the Barbican and City, University of London
- Comprehensive student support services
- Outstanding facilities
- Strong relationships with external bodies such as the Theatre and Performance Research Association and The Capital Culture Exchange

Supervision and training

Students on the doctoral programme are allocated a supervisory team, made up of at

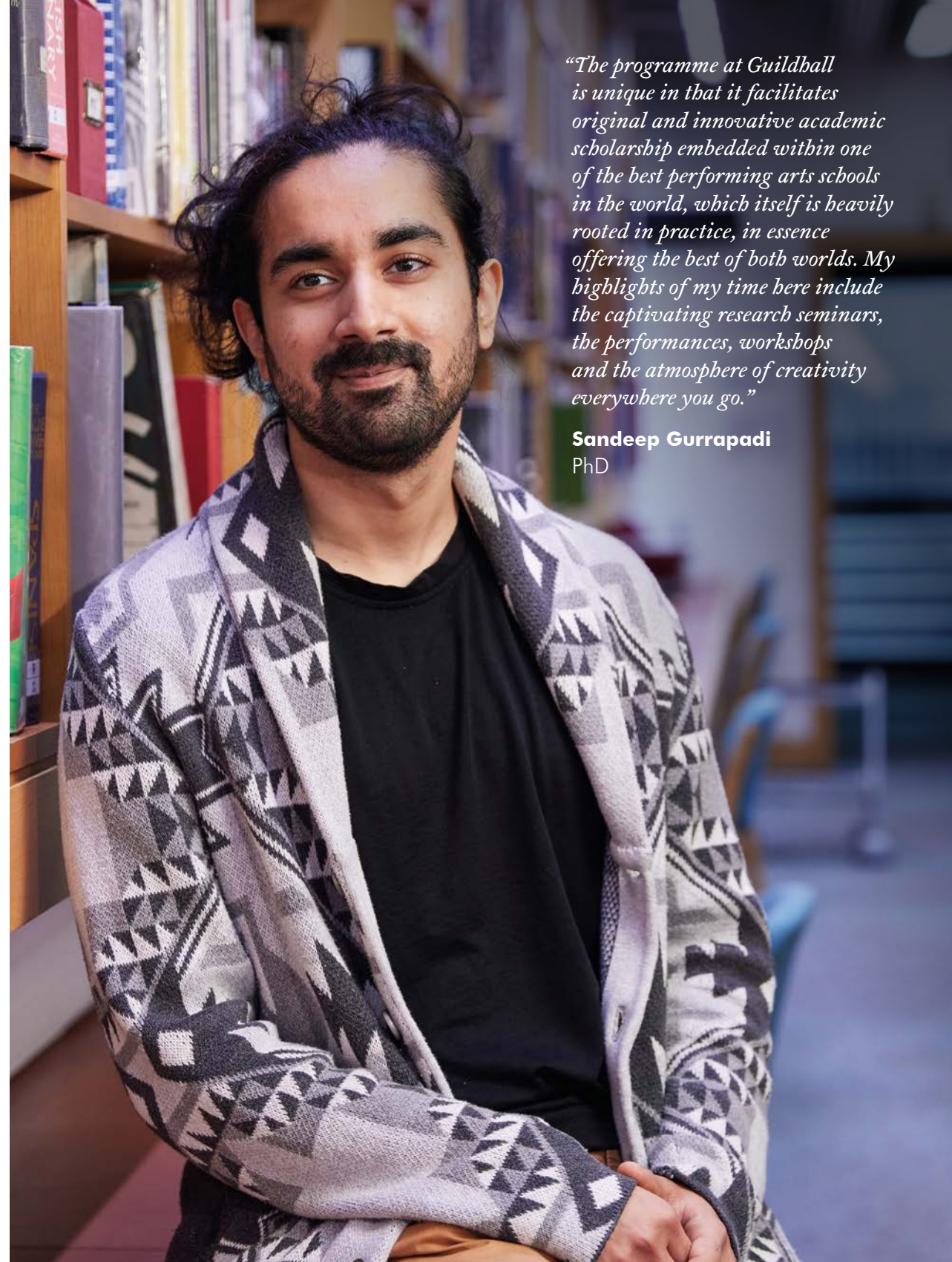


least two supervisors who have the appropriate combination of academic and artistic expertise. You will regularly meet with your supervisors to report your progress, get feedback on your ideas and draft material, discuss key debates in your field of research and prepare for examination.

Research training is provided through a programme of weekly seminars. Offering up to 120 hours a year, this provides some of the most comprehensive training in the sector. As well as introducing key study skills and methodologies, the training programme provides opportunities to share your research with your peers, attend guest sessions with leading researchers, and develop professional skills such as conference presentation and academic publishing.

Funding support

Students can apply for partial fee waivers, awarded on the basis of need or merit, or to support research in priority areas. We also offer prestigious studentships (full fee waiver and stipend) in partnership with high profile arts and research institutions, including the Guildhall-Barbican Studentship and the Royal Opera House Doctoral Composer in Residence Studentship.



“The programme at Guildhall is unique in that it facilitates original and innovative academic scholarship embedded within one of the best performing arts schools in the world, which itself is heavily rooted in practice, in essence offering the best of both worlds. My highlights of my time here include the captivating research seminars, the performances, workshops and the atmosphere of creativity everywhere you go.”

Sandeep Gurrapadi
PhD

PGCert in Performance Teaching

Duration

One year part-time/two years part-time

A distance learning programme delivered online.

The PGCert in Performance Teaching is designed to support professional musicians, actors, production artists and dancers who teach as part of their practice, either as their main employment or as part of a portfolio career. Taught entirely online, it offers a unique opportunity to develop creative and reflective practice in teaching in performing arts contexts.

Using your existing expertise and experience as a starting point, we enable you to bring practice and theory together through cutting-edge education techniques. You will be part of a community of artist-educators, learning from each other and building practical skills. You will embrace diverse perspectives and different learning styles.

- Facilitation and feedback
- Creativity and pedagogical improvisation
- Partnership and collaborative working
- Reflective practice
- Inclusion and working with groups
- Curriculum and assessment issues

Who is it for?

The programme attracts applicants who are interested in creative, innovative and evidence-based teaching. You can be at any stage of your career as long as you are willing to take a fresh look at your practice. We welcome people from a wide range of contexts, including schools, Higher Education, junior conservatoires, community and lifelong learning.

Highlights

- A strong focus on critically reflective practice
- Interdisciplinary perspectives with a rich exchange of ideas
- Robust feedback on practical work
- An experienced team of educators, performers and researchers
- An educational philosophy that celebrates professionalism, international perspectives, creativity and innovation

How you'll learn

Learning takes place online with approximately 13 days of online workshops combined with shorter webinars, and support from a one-to-one tutor. Content covers areas such as:

- Theories of learning and motivation

Where can this lead?

Participants have been promoted in their existing working contexts or have branched out into new teaching areas. Others have gone on to further study, including PhDs (see page 95) and Guildhall Ignite (see page 104).

“The course is extremely well organised with workshop dates set out at the beginning of the academic year. There is also a huge wealth of information on the online platform, from essential readings and recordings of the sessions to helpful explanation videos. I was nervous about coming back to higher education as a mature student, so I value the clarity and professionalism of the course.”

Keziah Thomas

PGCert Performance Teaching



Applications, auditions, interviews and Open Days

At Guildhall School we value our diverse culture and welcome talented applicants from any background and any part of the world.

Applications and enquiries about attending Guildhall are made directly to the School and not via any outside intermediary or agency. This means you benefit from the simplicity of only dealing with our friendly Admissions team. Our bespoke online application process will help make your application journey as straightforward as possible.

Online applications

You can find our online application form and detailed application information at gsmd.ac.uk/apply

This includes:

- Application deadlines
- Application fees and how to pay them
- Eligibility criteria
- Application guidance notes
- Audition and interview arrangements
- Audition repertoire and what to expect at your audition/interview
- Entry criteria

If you have a question about your application, please email the Admissions team at registry@gsmd.ac.uk

Entry requirements

The minimum academic requirements are normally:

- **BA/BMus:** pass grade (A-E) in 2 A-Levels (GCE Advanced A2) (or equivalent). There are additional academic criteria for BA Production Arts and BA Digital Design & Production
- **MMus/MPerf/MComp:** an undergraduate degree with Honours (or equivalent)
- **MA:** an undergraduate degree with Honours in music (or equivalent). For the MA in Opera Making & Writing and MA Collaborative Performance Making, Upper Second-Class Honours (2:1) are normally required (in an arts subject for the Writing pathway, and in composition for the Composition pathway)
- **Artist Diploma:** a two-year full-time Masters of Music degree (or equivalent)
- **MPhil/DMus and MPhil/PhD:** a Master's degree in a relevant subject or in any subject for Drama, alongside evidence of relevant professional theatre activity (or equivalent)
- **PGCert in Performance Teaching:** an undergraduate degree in music, acting, dance or production arts (or equivalent)

There are also separate English language requirements for all programmes.

All applicants are offered an



audition, interview or portfolio assessment designed to assess attainment and potential.

For full information on entry criteria, visit gsmd.ac.uk/entry

International applications

We are proud of our large international student community. Around 35% of our students come from outside the UK, representing more than 50 countries, and we hold a number of international auditions in addition to those at our London campus. For information on visas, accommodation, English language requirements and support, and details of our 'buddy' programme, visit gsmd.ac.uk/international

Supported Application Scheme

We are committed to ensuring there are no barriers to talented students from coming to Guildhall, and we welcome applications from students who are underrepresented in higher education. The Supported Application Scheme is a programme of support offering eligible undergraduate applicants a free application, invitations to workshops and events, advice and guidance, travel bursaries for on-site auditions and interviews, and help with scholarship applications and transition to the School if an offer of study is made. Eligibility criteria, the application process and relevant deadlines can be found at gsmd.ac.uk/supportedapp

Disability support

Guildhall School is committed to facilitating equality of opportunity and providing inclusive and enabling learning environments. We encourage applications from students with disabilities, physical and mental health conditions, sensory impairments and neurodiversity (such as Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, ADHD and Autism). If you would like to discover more about how the School supports students to access and enjoy studying, or to discuss whether our courses and environments are appropriate for you, please contact our dedicated Learning Support and Disability Coordinator. For further details of what we can offer and who to contact, visit gsmd.ac.uk/disabilitysupport

Open Events

We hold a number of open days and events each year, many of which are programme-specific, with some open days also taking place online. Our open days are a fantastic way to find out more about particular courses and meet current students and staff, and there is often an opportunity to join a workshop or see our students in action. Bookings for open days are available at gsmd.ac.uk/opendays

You can also use the online video tour at gsmd.ac.uk/online-tour to explore the school. Performances at Guildhall, many of which are free, are a great way to see the results of our training. View our calendar of events at gsmd.ac.uk/events



Fees, funding and scholarships

Studying at Guildhall is affordable, and the School is committed to ensuring that the cost of tuition should not deter anyone from applying.

The amount you will pay depends on which programme you apply for, and whether you are a student from the UK or overseas.

There are lots of measures in place to help you meet the cost of training:

- If you are a Home undergraduate student eligible for a UK government tuition fee loan, there are **no upfront tuition fees**. You will only have to repay the loan once you have left Guildhall and your income goes above a specific threshold.
- For all other students, tuition fees for a given academic year are advertised well in advance to help you plan your finances. You can pay your fees in three instalments a year, plus deposit
- The School offers a wide range of scholarships to all students through its Scholarships Fund

Details of tuition fees and measures to help you meet costs can be found at gsmd.ac.uk/funding

Home students

A UK government tuition fee loan is available to undergraduate students from the UK (subject to residency requirements). For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/feeassessment

If you are a Home undergraduate student (from England,

Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland) other support may be available in the form of a maintenance loan and/or grant (actual amounts will depend on your household income).

A UK government loan is available to Home students registered on specific Masters degree programmes, and full-time or part-time MPhil/DMus or MPhil/PhD programmes. This is subject to meeting residency and other requirements. For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/funding

Funding guidance & scholarship support

Guildhall School has a dedicated Student Funding Officer who can help you identify sources of funding to support your studies, such as government and non-government loans and grants.

The School also offers a wide range of scholarships to students each year through our own Scholarships Fund. These awards are supported by a variety of external donors including City Livery Companies, grant-making trusts and foundations, businesses and individuals.

Tuition fee and maintenance awards are offered to applicants on the basis of talent, potential and personal financial need. These elements are assessed at



audition and interview, and on the basis of a comprehensive application form available to applicants who accept a place at the School.

Additional funding support

UK undergraduate students who are from a low-income household and who qualify as care leavers, are estranged (who have no contact or support from their parents) or independent, who have a disability or who are from an area of the UK with very low levels of progression to higher education, can apply for a Guildhall Access Bursary of between £3,000 and £5,000 a year (with a maximum of 30 bursaries awarded).

If you experience an unforeseen change of circumstances while enrolled at Guildhall, you may qualify for an award from the School's Hardship Fund to help you overcome immediate financial difficulties.

Fee status assessment

All successful applicants will be asked to complete a Fee

Assessment Form before commencing their studies, to establish whether tuition fees should be at the Home or Overseas rate.

If you already have a degree or diploma at or above the level of the programme you wish to study and would usually pay Home fees, you will still be charged the Home fee rate, but it is unlikely that you will be eligible for either a tuition fee or maintenance loan from Student Finance England.

International students

The UK's decision to leave the EU means that students from the EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals who want to study abroad in the UK will likely need to have pre-settled or settled status to be eligible for home tuition fees and financial support from Student Finance England. For more information, visit gsmd.ac.uk/EUFAQS

For students requiring a visa to study in the UK, UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) requires, as part of the visa application process, that students demonstrate they have the means to pay for their tuition for their first year of study and the means to support themselves. For further details visit gov.uk/student-visa

Non-UK applicants may find the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA) website of interest; visit ukcisa.org.uk

For a full list of tuition fees and further guidance on funding, visit gsmd.ac.uk/funding

£2m

of support for students from our Scholarship Fund each year

All students who accept a place at Guildhall School can apply for scholarship support

Other learning opportunities

Guildhall School offers a host of opportunities for people of all ages to explore music, drama and production arts. Whether you are taking your first steps or aiming to build a professional career, our accessible youth and adult courses will help you pursue your passion as part of a vibrant learning community.

Supporting creative practitioners & career development

gsmd.ac.uk/engagement

Guildhall provides a range of opportunities and support for artists and creative practitioners. The Guildhall Futures Fund is a scheme open to recent Guildhall graduates, and enables artists to consider, adapt and redefine their practice in line with a rapidly shifting arts industry. Elevate provides online workshops for our alumni artists, helping them to expand their skills and top up their knowledge.

Our Creative Business Support strand offers training, support

and resources to anyone working within the creative industry who has the ambition to upscale their career, or start a business.

Guildhall Ignite

ignite.gsmd.ac.uk

Guildhall Ignite is the only faculty for executive coaching offered by an international conservatoire. Through discussion, challenge and support, experienced trainers enable professionals to meet their development goals and achieve their full potential. Clients range from performers, teachers and entrepreneurs to policymakers, businesses and charity sector organisations.



Short courses

gsmd.ac.uk/shortcourses

Guildhall School offers a wealth of online and in-person short courses and summer schools for a variety of ages, disciplines and skill levels. In Music, courses include Jazz & Rock, Conducting, Composition, Music Theory and Music Production. In Drama, courses include Acting Summer Schools, Shakespeare and Audition Technique. In Production Arts, courses include Prop Making, Stage Management, Sound Design and Costume. Participation Bursaries are available for a number of courses, offering full and partial funding to eligible applicants from low-income households.

Guildhall Young Artists

gsmd.ac.uk/guildhallyoungartists

Guildhall Young Artists is our network of centres across the UK providing inspiring performing and production arts training for children and young people aged 4-18 years old. Centres are based in London, Taunton and

Norwich, with an online centre for those who prefer to study remotely, and are led by top practitioners and industry professionals. Bursaries are available for means-tested students. Guildhall School is the UK's leading provider of specialist music training at the under 18-level.

National Open Youth Orchestra

gsmd.ac.uk/noyo

The National Open Youth Orchestra (NOYO) offers an environment where talented young disabled and non-disabled musicians rehearse and perform together, promoting a more diverse orchestra for the 21st century. If you are aged 11-25, have a passion for music, can demonstrate significant musical potential and have the determination to persevere, NOYO could be the orchestra for you.

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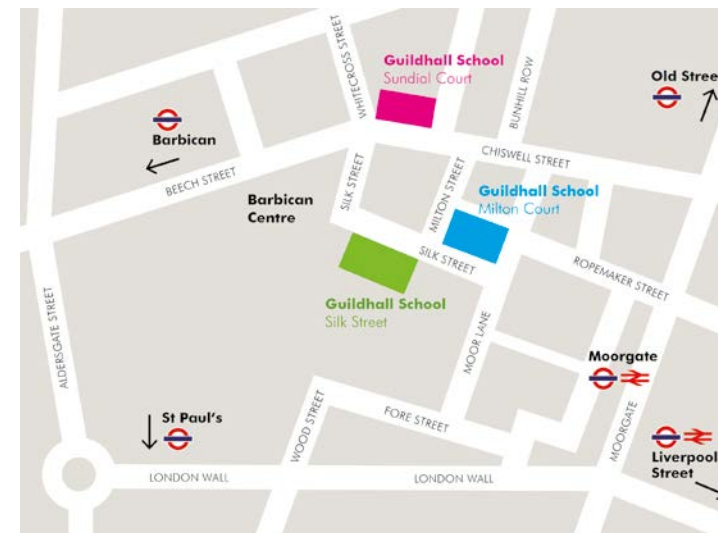
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By bus
Bus numbers 4, 43, 55, 76, 100 and 153 stop nearby.

By road
The School falls within the Congestion Charge zone. Visit cclondon.com or telephone 0845 900 1234 for further information.

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Guildhall School of Music & Drama is a vibrant, international community of musicians, actors and production artists in the heart of the City of London.

Our courses:

Undergraduate

- **BA Acting**
- **BMus**
- **BA Production Arts**
 - Costume
 - Design Realisation
 - Stage Management
 - Theatre Technology
- **BA Digital Design & Production**

Postgraduate

- **MMus/MPerf in Performance**
- **MMus/MComp in Composition**
- **MA Music Therapy**
- **MA Opera Making & Writing**
- **Advanced Certificate**
- **Artist Diploma**
- **MA Collaborative Performance Making**
- **PGCert Performance Teaching**
- **MPhil/DMus/PhD**



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