

WELCOME TO YOUR
ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC
AUDITION



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MUSIC IS FOR EVERYONE



A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for taking the next steps to realise your full musical potential with us.



As a student at the Royal College of Music (RCM), you will enjoy opportunities to perform, collaborate and be inspired.

The RCM has been ranked the Global No. 1 institution for Performing Arts for the third year running and earned the inaugural top spot for Music in the QS World University Rankings by Subject.

Our musicians join us from over 60 different countries – we are truly a global community.

If you choose to study with us, you will learn from the best in a friendly, supportive environment.

Our professors are dedicated, experienced leaders in their fields, and many are principal players with London's major orchestras and ensembles. We are proud that the quality of our teaching and learning has been formally recognised with the highest ranking of 'Gold' in the latest Teaching Excellence Framework.

A young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black long-sleeved top and black pants, is sitting on a pair of large, dark metal timpani drums. She is smiling and looking to her right, holding two mallets in her hands. The background is a dark red curtain. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the woman and the drums.

BE YOURSELF,
DO YOUR BEST,
THEY ARE NOT
LOOKING FOR
PERFECTION
BUT POTENTIAL

**Julie Scheuren,
Bachelor of Music (Hons)**

WHAT TO EXPECT

It is completely normal to be nervous! Try to enjoy your moment. We are interested in finding out more about you and what inspires you musically. Your audition gives you a chance to demonstrate your performance skills and find out more about us too.

WHAT WILL MY AUDITION INVOLVE?

You will have an opportunity to warm up for around 15 minutes immediately prior to your audition. You will then be invited to the audition room to meet our panel of friendly professors.

First, the panel will introduce themselves and ask you to perform your chosen repertoire. This will be followed by a brief interview and a short sight-reading exercise for instrumentalists.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I MAKE A MISTAKE?

Do not worry – just keep going! While technical ability is an important aspect of performance, our professors are looking for musical flair and expression as well.

HOW LONG WILL MY AUDITION LAST?

Your experience will depend on your specialism and your chosen audition location. For some specialisms, those auditioning in London may be asked to perform for a second panel on the same day.

Most RCM auditions last between 15 to 20 minutes, but some specialisms require a longer audition process. Please do not worry if your audition is shorter or longer than others.

WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED?

It can vary, but the panellists are likely to ask you questions about why you want to study at the RCM, what your musical interests are and what you think you need most to improve your musicianship.



‘EVEN IF IT FEELS HARD, TRY TO RELAX AND HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS POSSIBLE. WE WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO, NOT WHAT YOU CAN’T.’

**Amos Miller,
Head of Brass**





AFTER YOUR AUDITION

If you are auditioning in London, we encourage you to take time to explore our beautiful campus and the surrounding area.



WHEN WILL I HEAR THE OUTCOME?

If you are auditioning during our November–December audition period, you will be informed of your result before Christmas.

You will be notified through your UCAS Conservatoires Track account, where, if you are offered a place, you will also be advised of your offer conditions and any qualifications you need to send us.

Please make sure you check your account regularly and that your contact details are correct. In addition, the RCM will send a confirmatory email with further information.

If you auditioned overseas or auditioned late in London, you should normally hear from us within two weeks of your audition date. Find out more about what happens afterwards at www.rcm.ac.uk/apply/afteraudition

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

You will automatically be considered for a Scholarship, which is offered on the merits of your performance at audition or interview. If you have been successful in winning a Scholarship, we will notify you by email after your audition result has been confirmed.

You can find out more about funding at www.rcm.ac.uk/scholarships

DOES THE RCM OFFER STUDENT ACCOMMODATION?

We have a dedicated Hall of Residence, Prince Consort Village (PCV). You can find out more at www.rcm.ac.uk/life/accommodation

More than 50% of current students receive some financial support, thanks to the generosity of individuals, legators, companies and charitable trusts.



EXPERIENCE THE RCM

We hope you enjoy the audition process and are interested to learn more about student life.



If you would like to watch our talented students perform, you can find out what's on and book tickets at www.rcm.ac.uk/events. Can't make it in person? Many of our events are streamed live via the RCM's YouTube channel.

We also encourage you to visit our unique Museum and discover over 500 years of music-making. Find out more at www.rcm.ac.uk/museum

The easiest way to find out what is happening at the RCM is to follow us on our social media channels and check our website regularly for updates www.rcm.ac.uk

If you have any other questions about the application process or would like to leave feedback about your audition experience, please email us on admissions@rcm.ac.uk





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