

Careers Sector: Performing Arts, Dance, Drama, Music, Acting, Theatre



Sector & Career Overviews

- <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice/job-profiles/any> - Over 200 job profiles from the creative and cultural sectors (includes Music and Theatre)
- <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice> - Creative and Cultural sectors (includes Music and Theatre).
- <http://www.onedanceuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Careers-Guide-Digital-version.pdf> – One Dance UK – A Guide to Careers in Dance
- <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/resources/exploring-theatres/who-works-in-a-theatre> - Theatres Trust - summary of the main career roles within theatre.
- https://cdn2.rsc.org.uk/sitefinity/jobs-pdfs/conference_of_drama_schools_-_backstage_careers.pdf?sfvrsn=2 – Royal Shakespeare Company – Careers Backstage (pg 1-42)
- https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com/making-theatre/production-team/production-manager-igor?0=ip_login_no_cache%3D224e6bf376ce5792dbf179f0daf5aa44 – Digital Theatre (career videos for production roles)
- <https://getintothetheatre.org/> - Get into Theatre
- https://www.ukmusic.org/assets/general/UK_Music_Careers_Information_Pack.pdf - UK Music

Jobs, Work Experience, Internships & Volunteering

Many opportunities within this sector may not be formally advertised, so building contacts and networks and making speculative approaches will be essential.

- <http://guru.bafta.org/opportunities> - Opportunities from BAFTA (including training programmes and jobs), film festivals, competitions and opportunities from partner organisations e.g. BFI, 4Talent etc.
- www.spotlight.com - Spotlight (UK's leading casting resource for actors, performers and dancers) including the Contacts Listings <https://www.spotlight.com/contacts>
- www.artshub.co.uk - Arts Hub (includes full-time, part-time, freelance, volunteering opportunities in performance and music – monthly subscription fee applies)
- www.mediavolt.co.uk - Media Volt (auditions and castings in TV, Film & Theatre for actors, musicians and dancers)
- www.mandy.com – Mandy (opportunities in film and TV for dancers, actors, production staff)
- www.thestage.co.uk - The Stage (job opportunities in a variety of backstage, offstage and performance roles)
- <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news-and-jobs/jobs-and-careers> - Jobs at the Arts Council England (jobs and internships including music and theatre, as well as non-performance roles within the arts sector) (Arts Council of Wales www.artswales.org.uk and Creative Scotland www.creativescotland.com also advertise opportunities)
- <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/events-ops> and <http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/jobs> - Creative and Cultural Skills Sector Council (opportunities and events as well as advertised jobs)
- www.rhinegoldjobs.co.uk – Rhinegold Jobs (opportunities for music and performing arts)
- www.starnow.co.uk - StarNow (casting website for actors, musicians and dancers)
- www.artsjobsonline.com/home/home.asp - Arts Jobs Online (non-performance roles within the creative and performing arts sectors)

- www.artsprofessional.co.uk/jobs - Arts Professional (non-performance roles within the creative and performing arts sectors)
- www.tobeseen.co.uk - To be Seen (actors, comedians, musicians, dancers opportunities)
- www.perform.org.uk - Perform (company for actors, musicians, dancers teaching in drama schools)
- www.allcruisejobs.com/entertainment-jobs - Cruise jobs (entertainment jobs on cruise ships)
- <http://theatrebristol.net/> - Theatre Bristol (opportunities in range of performance and support roles)
- <https://jobs.channel4.com/Default.aspx> - Channel 4
- <http://creativeaccess.org.uk/> - Creative Access – paid internship opportunities for students of Black, Asian and non-white minority ethnic backgrounds (opportunities available in theatre, TV, radio, museums and galleries)
- <http://theatrebristol.net/opportunities> - Theatre Bristol
- <http://theatreanddance.britishcouncil.org/artists-and-companies> - lists UK theatre companies
- www.theknowledgeonline.com - The Knowledge (a listing website for individuals and companies working across TV, theatre and film)
- <http://kwmc.org.uk/about/opportunities/> - Knowle West Media Centre (Bristol), arts organisation working with community projects.
- <https://www.oldvictheatre.com/join-in-for-creatives/the-old-vic-12> - The Old Vic 12 (theatre makers)
- <https://www.comedy.co.uk/forums/opportunities/> - British Comedy Guide
- <https://www.tacchi-morris.com/get-involved> - Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre (volunteer opportunities)

Acting/Drama/Comedy Specific

- www.universalextras.co.uk - Uni-versal Extras (casting extras for TV and film)
- www.rtyds.co.uk - Regional Theatre Young Director Scheme (opportunities for emerging directors)
- www.scenariroleplay.co.uk - Scenario Role Play (role-play for training and business situations)
- <http://www.equity.org.uk/jobs-career/> - Equity (requires student membership)
- www.spotlight.com - Spotlight (UK's leading casting resource for actors and performers)
- <https://actors.mandy.com/uk/jobs> – Mandy (opportunities for actors)
- <https://shootingpeople.org/home> - Shooting People (opportunities in independent film)
- <https://cahootify.com/> - Cahootify
- <https://royalcourttheatre.com/playwriting/> - Royal Court – playwright opportunities
- <http://monologueslamuk.com/about-monologueslam/> - Monologue Slam UK
- <https://thecomedyclub.co.uk/> - Comedy Club
- <https://thecomedystore.co.uk/london/> - The Comedy Store (see FAQ for information about open mic)

Dance Specific

- www.communitydance.org.uk/jobs.html - Community Dance
- <https://dancers.mandy.com/uk/jobs> - Mandy (opportunities for dancers)
- <http://www.article19.co.uk/audition/> - Article 19 (UK and European dance opportunities)
- <http://londondance.com/noticeboard> - Jobs noticeboard
- <http://www.danceeurope.net/content/auditionsjobs> - Dance Europe
- <http://dancingopportunities.com> - Dancing Opportunities (auditions, residencies, festivals, internships)
- <http://dramaanddance.britishcouncil.org/artists-and-companies> - lists UK-wide dance companies
- <http://www.theplace.org.uk/taxonomy/term/105> - The Place
- <https://www.stageone.uk.com/> - Stage One (support for new theatre producers)

Music Specific

- <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/jobs> - Youth Music Network, music education etc.
- <https://music.mandy.com/uk/jobs> - Mandy (opportunities for music professionals)

- www.musicweek.com/jobs - Music Week, includes directory of companies
- <http://www.careersinmusic.co.uk/music-industry-addresses-and-contacts/record-companies/> - Careers In Music (includes lists of UK non-major record companies)
- www.musicmark.org.uk/jobs - Music Mark (music education jobs)
- <http://www.media-match.com/uk/music/jobsboard.php> - Music Jobs UK
- www.musicalchairs.info/jobs - Musical Chairs (performance, teaching and administration jobs in classical music). Includes list of UK Orchestras (with own vacancy pages).
- www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/student-experience/careers/careers-music/performance-opportunities - Trinity Laban's (useful links of performance opportunities for musicians at the start of their career)
- <http://becomeamusicteacher.com> - Become a Music Teacher/Tutor (Europe's biggest music teaching business franchise for teaching music 1:1)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p010j8y5> - BBC Introducing Scheme
- www.indiebible.com/ - international music resource for independent artists providing ideas for music promotion, distribution and radio promotion (this is a paid for service)
- <http://www.colstonhall.org/> - Bristol Colston Hall (music venue)
- www.helpmusicians.org.uk/ - Help Musicians (advice and help for emerging artists)
- <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding> - PRS for Music Foundation (funding opportunities)
- http://www.media-match.com/uk/music/jobsboard.php?affid=9999&gclid=CL_ii_Lyy9ICFQcQ0wodFikP_Q – Music Match job opportunities
- <http://www.theunsignedguide.com/> - The Unsigned Guide (music industry contacts directory)
- http://recordproduction.com/uk_studios.htm - Record Production (list of UK music studios)
- <https://www.thefamouscompany.com/> - The Famous Company (artist development company)
- <http://www.wired4music.co.uk/opportunities/> - Wired4Music (young people in music in London)
- <https://www.doorsopen.co/> - Doors Open (electronic music jobs)
- <https://soundwell.org/> - Soundwell Music Trust (music therapy charity)

Theatre Specific

- <http://uktheatre.org/theatre-industry/job-vacancies/> - UK Theatre
- <http://theatrebristol.net/jobs> - Theatre Bristol
- <http://theatrebath.co.uk> - Theatre Bath (opportunities, job and volunteering)
- <https://stage.mandy.com/uk/jobs> - Mandy (opportunities for theatre professionals)
- <http://www.angels.uk.com/careers> - Angels Costumes (graduate internships and placements)
- <http://www.roh.org.uk/about/royal-opera-house/work-here/first-stage-work-experience-at-the-royal-opera-house> - Royal Opera House work experience
- <http://www.icarustheatre.co.uk/internships.html> - Icarus Theatre work experience

Industry Associations

General

- www.equity.org.uk/home - Equity (UK trade union for professional performers)
- www.bectu.org.uk/home - Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph & Theatre Union
- <http://www.artsfestivals.co.uk/> - Arts Festival Association (promotes arts festivals in the UK)

Acting/Drama

- www.actorsguild.co.uk - The Actors' Guild
- www.fia-actors.com/ - International Federation of Actors

- <http://www.itc-arts.org/> - Independent Theatre Council (represents, supports and develops professional performing arts in the theatre's independent sector – including representation of drama, musical and physical theatre)
- <https://badth.org.uk/> - British Association of Drama Therapists

Dance

- www.communitydance.org.uk/ - Community Dance (professional association for anyone involved in creating opportunities for people to participate in dance)
- <http://www.onedanceuk.org/> - The UK Body for Dance (formerly Youth Dance England & Dance UK)
- www.admt.org.uk/ - Association of Dance Movement Psychotherapy
- www.ukadance.co.uk - UK Dance supports teachers around UK with Professional Dance Examinations, Medal Tests, Pupil Awards, an annual conference.
- <http://www.itc-arts.org/> - Independent Theatre Council (represents, supports and develops professional performing arts in the theatre's independent sector – including representation of dance)
- <http://www.independentdance.co.uk/> - Independent Dance (artist-led organisation offering support to dance artists with their ongoing professional development, incl. the offer of workshops and classes)
- <http://www.pdsw.org.uk/about-us/> - Pavilion Dance South West (dance development organisation)
- <http://www.theplace.org.uk/> - The Place (London)

Music

- www.abo.org.uk/ - Association of British Orchestras
- www.musiciansunion.org.uk/ - Musicians Union
- <http://basca.org.uk/> - British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors
- www.mpg.org.uk/ - Music Producers Guild
- <http://themmf.net/> - Music Managers' Forum
- www.iasig.org/ - Interactive Audio Special Interest Group
- www.plasa.org/ - PLASA (membership body for those who supply technologies and services to the event, entertainment and installation industries).
- www.bpi.co.uk - British Phonographic Industry, represents the UK's recorded music industry.
- www.prsformusic.com/Pages/default.aspx - PRS For Music (society that licenses organisations to play, perform or make available copyright music on behalf of members) and www.ppluk.com/ - PPL (licenses recorded music played in public or broadcast)
- <https://www.bamt.org/> - British Association of Music Therapists

Theatre

- www.ald.org.uk – Association of Lighting Designers
- www.abtt.org.uk - The Association of British Theatre Technicians
- www.theatredesign.org.uk - The Society of British Theatre Designers
- www.uktheatre.org/ - UK Theatre (membership organisation for theatre and performing arts organisations and individuals)
- www.solt.co.uk/ - Society of London Theatre
- www.stagemanagementassociation.co.uk/ - Stage Management Association (Career Guide - <https://www.stagemanagementassociation.co.uk/shop/free-stage-management-career-guide>)
- www.theatrecraft.org/ - TheatreCraft (career event for 'behind the scenes' in theatre)
- <http://www.itc-arts.org/> - Independent Theatre Council (represents, supports and develops professional performing arts in the theatre's independent sector)
- <http://www.ttg.org.uk/> - The Theatrical Guild
- <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/> - Theatres Trust