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

Sector & Career Overviews

- [http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice/job-profiles/any](http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/advice/job-profiles/any) - Over 200 job profiles from the creative and cultural sectors (includes Music and Theatre)
- [https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com/making-theatre/production-team/production-manager-igor?0=ip_login_no_cache%3D224e6bf376ce5792dbf179f0daf5aa44](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/](https://getintothetheatre.org/) - Get into Theatre
- [https://www.ukmusic.org/assets/general/UK_Music_Careers_Information_Pack.pdf](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](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](http://www.spotlight.com) - Spotlight (UK’s leading casting resource for actors, performers and dancers) including the Contacts Listings [https://www.spotlight.com/contacts](https://www.spotlight.com/contacts)
- [www.artshub.co.uk](http://www.artshub.co.uk) - Arts Hub (includes full-time, part-time, freelance, volunteering opportunities in performance and music – monthly subscription fee applies)
- [www.mediamolt.co.uk](http://www.mediamolt.co.uk) - Media Volt (auditions and castings in TV, Film & Theatre for actors, musicians and dancers)
- [www.mandy.com](http://www.mandy.com) – Mandy (opportunities in film and TV for dancers, actors, production staff)
- [www.thestage.co.uk](http://www.thestage.co.uk) - The Stage (job opportunities in a variety of backstage, offstage and performance roles)
- [http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/events-opps](http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/events-opps) and [http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/jobs](http://ccskills.org.uk/careers/jobs) - Creative and Cultural Skills Sector Council (opportunities and events as well as advertised jobs)
- [www.rhinegoldjobs.co.uk](http://www.rhinegoldjobs.co.uk) – Rhinegold Jobs (opportunities for music and performing arts)
- [www.starnow.co.uk](http://www.starnow.co.uk) - StarNow (casting website for actors, musicians and dancers)
- [www.artsjobsonline.com/home/home.asp](http://www.artsjobsonline.com/home/home.asp) - Arts Jobs Online (non-performance roles within the creative and performing arts sectors)

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• 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.rytds.co.uk - Regional Theatre Young Director Scheme (opportunities for emerging directors)
• www.scenarioroleplay.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://www.theplace.org.uk/taxonomy/term/105 - The Place
• 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/ - 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_i_jLyy9tCFQcQ0wodFlkP_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/](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/](https://badth.org.uk/) - British Association of Drama Therapists

**Dance**

• [www.communitydance.org.uk/](http://www.communitydance.org.uk/) - Community Dance (professional association for anyone involved in creating opportunities for people to participate in dance)


• [www.ukadance.co.uk](http://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/](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/](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)


**Music**

• [www.abo.org.uk/](http://www.abo.org.uk/) - Association of British Orchestras

• [www.musiciansunion.org.uk/](http://www.musiciansunion.org.uk/) - Musicians Union

• [http://basca.org.uk/](http://basca.org.uk/) - British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Authors


• [http://themmf.net/](http://themmf.net/) - Music Managers’ Forum

• [www.iasig.org/](http://www.iasig.org/) - Interactive Audio Special Interest Group

• [www.plasa.org/](http://www.plasa.org/) - PLASA (membership body for those who supply technologies and services to the event, entertainment and installation industries).

• [www.bpi.co.uk](http://www.bpi.co.uk) - British Phonographic Industry, represents the UKs recorded music industry.

• [www.prsformusic.com/Pages/default.aspx](http://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/](http://www.ppluk.com/) - PPL (licenses recorded music played in public or broadcast)

• [https://www.bamt.org/](https://www.bamt.org/) - British Association of Music Therapists

**Theatre**

• [www.ald.uk](http://www.ald.uk) – Association of Lighting Designers

• [www.abtt.org.uk](http://www.abtt.org.uk) - The Association of British Theatre Technicians

• [www.theatredesign.org.uk](http://www.theatredesign.org.uk) - The Society of British Theatre Designers

• [www.uktheatre.org/](http://www.uktheatre.org/) - UK Theatre (membership organisation for theatre and performing arts organisations and individuals)

• [www.solt.co.uk/](http://www.solt.co.uk/) - Society of London Theatre


• [www.theatrecraft.org/](http://www.theatrecraft.org/) - TheatreCraft (career event for ‘behind the scenes’ in theatre)

• [http://www.itc-arts.org/](http://www.itc-arts.org/) - Independent Theatre Council (represents, supports and develops professional performing arts in the theatre’s independent sector)


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