

BA (Hons) Applied Theatre & Community Drama Audition Guidelines - 2023 Entry In-Person

Congratulations on getting through to the audition/interview stage.

The majority of our audition/interviews take place between January and April. If you live in the UK, we will automatically invite you to the first available in-person audition date here. We encourage candidates to attend an in-person event where possible. However, if you live outside the UK or are unable to travel to an in-person event, we may also offer an online event.

We understand how nerve-wracking attending auditions and interviews can be and we will do all we can to help you feel at your ease throughout. A top tip is to read these guidelines through straight away and then a few times more before your audition and to not leave anything until the last minute. This should help you feel much calmer on the day.

Our course recognises theatre's potential to bring about social change. We want you to be an accomplished facilitator, director and theatre practitioner. Someone capable of creating meaningful drama for, with and by different communities. In this highly practical course, you collaborate with community groups, charities and the voluntary sector as you learn.

Our audition aims to help you discover if our course feels right for you, as we find out if you have the right qualities to benefit from what we have to offer. If you have any questions or need us to explain or clarify anything during the audition event, please feel free to ask at any point.

Audition & Interview programme - in-person events

You will be allocated an audition date and time. Each event will follow the same structure. Times are subject to change on the day, depending on the number of people attending.

Activity	Time
Registration	13.15 – 13.30
Practical Workshop	13.30 – 15.00
Building Tour	15.00 – 15.30
Interviews and devised pieces	15.30 – 18.30

Registration

Please use our entrance on Pilgrim Street, where you will be met by our Admissions staff.

Practical workshop

This drama-based workshop will be led by a member of Applied Theatre and Community Drama staff. The workshop will consist of games and exercises designed to get you working together as a team and will culminate in a short devising task and group discussion.

Building tour

This is a short tour of the LIPA building. You are not being assessed during this – we include it in the event to help give you a better insight into us and our facilities.

Individual auditions and interviews

This comprises of the performance of a two-minute devised piece and an interview.

Two-minute devised piece

This needs to be devised by you and should be based on a recent news story. You can use speech but not song. Please bear in mind that we are primarily interested in your ability to demonstrate your response to the news story. For instance, if using a story about a natural disaster, you may choose to relate the story from the personal point of view of a victim in contrast to the impersonal tone of the media. Or, for a political story you may want to imagine the real story behind the official headline. It will help if you choose an issue you feel strongly about, something you feel is unfair or makes you angry. Please do not simply perform a monologue from a play. Make sure you can perform your piece within two minutes. The panel will stop anyone who goes over that time.

Interview

The interview is an opportunity for us to find out more about you. You will be asked about your reasons for wanting to join the course and what direction you think your career might take when you leave. It is also an opportunity for you to highlight any relevant experience or skills that you may have.

What to wear/bring to the audition/interview

Please ensure you are dressed in loose clothing, comfortable for movement. As there are likely to be periods when you are waiting you may want to consider bringing your own refreshments and something to read.

Useful information

Do you have an access need related to a disability that may require specialist arrangements?

If you think you will require any type of support for your audition, please contact our Well-being & Disability Team, at student.support@lipa.ac.uk

When will you hear from us after the interview?

We need time to reflect on the candidates we've seen, so we do not tell you the outcome of your audition/interview on the day itself. We don't like to keep you waiting though, so we always aim to communicate our decision to you within three working weeks.

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications we receive, if you are not successful we are unable to offer feedback.

Any questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the audition/interview, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Contact us

For applicants from within the UK please email our Admissions Team:
admissions@lipa.ac.uk

For applicants from outside of the UK, please email our International Team,
international@lipa.ac.uk

You can also reach us by phone by calling +44 (0)151 330 3000 and asking for either the Admissions or International Teams as appropriate.

We wish you the best of luck and look forward to meeting you.

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