

Stage One: Self-tape - International Applicants
Audition Guidelines: 2026 Entry

BA (Hons) Acting (Musical Theatre)
BA (Hons) Acting (Musicianship)
CertHE Foundation Acting (Musical Theatre)

Thank you for your interest in training with us – we're delighted to invite you to the first stage of our auditions.

Stage One: Self-tape

Please record the pieces outlined below for your self-tape and combine all items on to one self-tape. Please submit this within ten working days from the date you receive your invitation.

You should complete the submission form at the end of this document, save it following the naming guidelines, and upload it to our applicant portal.

1. Identifier

Please state your name directly to camera.

Tell us which programme you would like to be considered for and any other LIPA programmes you are interested in studying.

Tell us the titles of the three pieces you are performing for us.

2. Contemporary speech (no longer than two minutes)

Please choose a speech from a play written after 2000. This play should reflect your own age and life experiences. We recommended that you use a monologue in which your character is talking to another character in the play for two minutes, without them exchanging dialogue with you in that time, rather than a character that is talking to the "audience" for two minutes.

3. Song 1 & 2 (no longer than two minutes each)

Please choose **two songs** from the Song List (at the end of this document) which demonstrate your singing ability, allow you to interpret song and communicate images and stories. Most importantly, we should be able to see your ability to connect with the content of the songs and tell us a story. You should edit your choices to two-minute versions.

If you are applying for our BA (Hons) Acting (Musicianship) programme, please ensure that one of your two songs demonstrates your musical instrument skills (this piece does not need to be taken from our song list).

4. Dance

You will submit a self-tape of yourself performing the dance routine in the video below. This video contains a tutorial that supports you in learning the routine. There is also a demonstration video to show you an example of the routine that you will need to perform.

[LIPA - Audition - Dance Routine](#)

Do ensure to check that the space in which you are performing your routine is safe before working on this routine.

Please wear comfortable clothing that you can dance in (do not wear jeans).

Submitting your Stage One: Self-tape

Your identifier and three pieces should be edited together into one single video file. Please upload your self-tape to a video hosting platform (e.g. YouTube or Vimeo). If using YouTube, please upload your clips as 'unlisted' and ensure that this is viewable until 31 August 2026. Please do not send us links to WeTransfer or email attachments.

Complete the attached submission form (at the end of this document), including the link to the recording. Please save and name the submission form in capital letters with your SURNAME-FORENAME, followed by the word 'SELFTAPE' e.g. SMITH-JANE. SELFTAPE and upload this to our applicant portal. Details about the applicant portal have been emailed to you.

Next steps

A selection of candidates will be asked to attend a Stage Two recall audition at one of our overseas audition events, or at LIPA or online.

Feedback

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications we receive, we are unable to offer feedback if your application is unsuccessful this year.

Any questions?

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 the International Team.

There is **no audition fee** for any stage of our audition process.

Good luck and we look forward to seeing you.



Will Hammond
Director of the School of Performance

How to record your self-tape

We want to be able to see and hear you as if you were in front of us at an audition, but you don't need expensive equipment to do this. You can shoot this on a smartphone but please use the back camera, which is usually of higher quality than the front facing one. If you have access to a DSLR or a good quality camera that's great, but please do not use a laptop or webcam. Please follow these tips:

- Hair: Make sure it doesn't cover your face.
- Lighting: Shoot with a light source in front of you, not behind (you'll be in silhouette) or off to one side. Avoid harsh shadows and/or fluorescent lights directly overhead. Natural light is best.
- Sound: Good sound is vital so find somewhere quiet with no background noise. If you use an external microphone it needs to be as close as possible (one to two metres).
- Background: Use a plain, clear and uncluttered background. Make sure that your top contrasts with the background (if it's a white background wear a colourful top, if it's a black background don't wear black or a very dark colour).
- Landscape: Always shoot your tape landscape, not portrait (horizontal, not vertical).
- Eyeline: Your lines should be fed slightly to the left or right of the camera. This is to open your face up to the camera without looking down the lens.
- Props: Don't allow any props to distract from the action.
- Keep it steady: Ideally use a tripod or aim to keep the camera level and steady.
- Medium – close-up: Don't use the digital zoom - if you need to get closer then move the camera closer. It is important your framing is correct, as shown below.





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Please enter the information below carefully.

When you save this document, please rename it using capital letters with your SURNAME-FORENAME, followed by the word 'SELFTAPE' e.g. SMITH-JOHN.SELFTAPE.

Please submit this within **ten working days** of receiving your invitation to submit a self-tape. Please submit your completed form to our applicant portal using your personal log in details, provided to you previously. Please enter the information below carefully.

Your Details

Full Name

Date of birth

LIPA ID Number

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Self-tape link

The link should be provided via a hosting service such as YouTube, and not a service where the link will expire as we may need to access your link more than once. Please ensure that this is viewable until **31 August 2026**.

Link to self-tape

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Soprano/Mezzo-Soprano:

- **Killer Instinct**, *Bring it On*
- **Kindergarten Boyfriend**, *Heathers*
- **Raunchy**, *110 in the Shade*
- **A Change in Me**, *Beauty and the Beast*
- **Dyin' Ain't So Bad**, *Bonnie and Clyde*
- **Journey to the Past**, *Anastasia*
- **Life I Never Led**, *Sister Act*
- **Falling in Love With Love**, *Boys from Syracuse*
- **On the Other Side of the Tracks**, *Little Me*

Mezzo-Soprano/Alto:

- **Wait A Bit**, *Just So*
- **Another Night at Daryl's**, *The Witches of Eastwick*
- **Maybe I Like it This Way**, *The Wild Party*
- **Far From the Home I Love**, *Fiddler on the Roof*
- **I Got Lost in His Arms**, *Annie Get Your Gun*
- **One Perfect Moment**, *Bring It On*
- **Two Men in My Life**, *Big Fish*
- **Maybe This Time**, *Cabaret*
- **All Falls Down**, *Chaplin*

Tenor:

- **She Loves Me**, *She Loves Me*
- **Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat**, *Guys and Dolls*
- **Lost in the Wilderness**, *Children of Eden*
- **Seeing You There**, *Ordinary Days*
- **Do I love You Because You're Beautiful?** *Cinderella*
- **When I Drive**, *Bonnie and Clyde*
- **If You Could See Her**, *Cabaret*
- **Corner of the Sky**, *Pippin*
- **Out There**, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*

Bass/Baritone:

- **Lost in the Darkness**, *Jekyll and Hyde*
- **If I Can't Love Her**, *Beauty and the Beast*

- **Once Upon A Time**, *Bare*
- **Were Thine That Special Face**, *Kiss Me Kate*
- **I'm Allergic to Cats**, *Theory of Relativity*
- **The Man I'll Never Be**, *Daddy Long Legs*
- **Fight the Dragons**, *Big Fish*
- **When The Booth Goes Bright**, *Amélie*
- **Some Enchanted Evening**, *South Pacific*