

Overseas audition / interview guidelines

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BA (Honours) Applied Theatre and Community Drama

Congratulations on getting through to the audition/interview stage at LIPA. We understand how nerve-wracking the prospect of attending this type of event can be, so please read through these guidelines carefully. Remember we're interested in finding out about you as an individual, so please try to relax, be yourself and enjoy yourself on the day.

We want to achieve equality and diversity. We want to be accessible to everyone and we will make reasonable adjustments if you are disabled. If you have any questions about this, please contact Penny Byrne, our Student Support Manager: p.byrne@lipa.ac.uk, or +44151 330 3013.

This information can be made available in other formats – please let us know about any specific needs you have.

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What the audition/interview entails

We endeavour to ensure that the audition/interview is as positive and relaxed as possible. If at any time you would like clarification on a point or other information please ask.

The event involves the following elements:

Practical workshop

Subject to time restraints and venue size, a workshop with a member of the Applied Theatre and Community Drama staff may be offered. There is no need to prepare for this, but please aim to engage as fully as possible.

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 to the audition/interview

Please ensure you are dressed in loose clothing, comfortable for movement.

What to bring to the audition/interview

As there are likely to be periods when you are waiting you may want to consider bringing your own refreshments and something to read. Please remember to bring a passport photograph.

When you will hear from us after the audition/ interview

We need time to reflect on the candidates we've seen, so we do not normally tell you the outcome of your audition/interview on the day itself. Normally, we communicate the decision within three working weeks. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications we receive, if you are unsuccessful we cannot offer feedback.

All candidates made an offer will be required to be cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact us using the details provided below.

Any questions

We wish you the best of luck and hope you enjoy your day with us. In the meantime, if you have any concerns about any aspect of the audition/interview please contact the International Team, by email international@lipa.ac.uk or tel +44151 330 3118.

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We aim for continual improvement in the applicant experience and would welcome any comments or suggestions you have about our audition/interview process. After the audition/interview, we'll therefore email you to ask you to complete an anonymous online survey about your experience with us.

