

# International Acting and Musical Theatre Auditions by Recording

## Introduction

This guide tells you everything you need to know about submitting a recorded Acting/Musical Theatre audition to the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. Please read the following information carefully; it contains audition guidance for both areas.

Your audition should be a video file and must clearly show your performance without any obstruction.

We are able to accept recorded auditions on the following media.

- DVD
- Electronic files (mov, mp4, etc.)

## Acting Auditions

Please prepare **two contrasting speeches** lasting no longer than two minutes each. One piece should be Elizabethan or Jacobean and the other modern/contemporary (20th/21st century). You should also sing any one song unaccompanied.

Please include a short verbal introduction of each element.

## Musical Theatre Auditions

Those applying for the MA Musical Theatre should follow the guidance above. You should also prepare **two contrasting songs**, which demonstrate different vocal qualities. The songs should be related to musical theatre.

## Advice to all Applicants

The College places a high value on:

- The ability to 'inhabit' a character – to understand and reveal their complex psychology.
- Willingness to take risks, but to exercise some sophistication in their execution.
- Technical and expressive ability in voice, movement and singing.
- An active interest in, and knowledge of, theatre and related performing arts.
- Life experience – we encourage applicants from a wide age range.

We also make the following specific recommendations:

- Make sure that you are secure in remembering the pieces you select.
- Avoid over-used speeches. If you have selected a piece from an audition book, the chances are that the panel may have seen the piece performed many times before.
- Avoid speeches by characters much older than yourself, unless the sentiments within it are universal.
- Avoid using an accent other than your own, unless you are absolutely secure in it.

- Avoid telephone speeches.
- Wear appropriate clothing which will allow you to move easily and comfortably.
- Do not use props.
- Enjoy the experience!

Please send your recording to:

Admissions Department  
Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama  
Castle Grounds  
Cathays Park  
Cardiff  
CF10 3ER  
United Kingdom

Or, email your electronic files to the Admissions Department:  
[admissions@rwcmd.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rwcmd.ac.uk)

Applicants should note that the outcome of your audition is sent electronically via your UCAS Conservatoires Track and Email from the following email address:

[admissions@rwcmd.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rwcmd.ac.uk)

Please ensure you include your full name and UCAS Conservatoires ID Number in any communication to us.

Further details about all our courses can be found on our website, but should you have any questions regarding the audition/interview processes, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Department.