
ICMP
The Institute
of Contemporary
Music Performance
LONDON | LIVERPOOL | LEEDS
TURNING PASSIONS
INTO PROFESSIONS
FOR OVER 35 YEARS
The UK's Longest-Running
Contemporary Music Institution
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Ready to begin your journey towards an extraordinary music career?

There's no better place to start your music career than ICMP – the UK's most established and renowned contemporary music school, now based in three amazing locations across the UK.

With remarkable connections to the world's biggest labels, producers and studios, ICMP will set you up to not only achieve your dreams – but surpass them.

"I genuinely believe that ICMP is a goldmine of talent. On every occasion I've been, I've left with ideas, brilliant songs and inspiration... ICMP is absolutely ready to facilitate and prepare students for bigger things and I truly believe it sets the bar for British music schools nationwide."

Pete Simmons
Head of A&R
Universal Music Publishing



Our locations



LONDON
Kilburn & Queen's Park campuses

Our **London** campuses are spread across two locations a stone's throw away from the famous Abbey Road Studios. These campuses both feature top-of-the-line studios, production suites, rehearsal rooms, gear and even a fully fledged live music venue. Being in the heart of London, you'll never be far from the cultural centre of the UK.



LIVERPOOL
Pall Mall & The Spine campuses

Our brand-new ICMP **Liverpool** campus is situated close to the iconic Cavern Quarter, where the Merseybeat sound was born, The Beatles got their start, and Liverpool's music and arts scene continues to thrive. Sharing a building with SAE Institute, Liverpool is a vibrant hub for music students at the heart of the city's cultural and creative landscape, which also features a brand new campus at The Spine.



LEEDS
The Electric Press campus

Opened in 2025, our brand-new **Leeds** campus sits in the thick of the city's cultural centre, in the beautiful Electric Press building. The city's live music scene is equally impressive, with popular venues like O2 Academy Leeds, The Wardrobe, Brudenell Social Club, Belgrave Music Hall and The Key Club offering platforms for established acts and emerging talent alike.

Putting the latest industry equipment into your hands

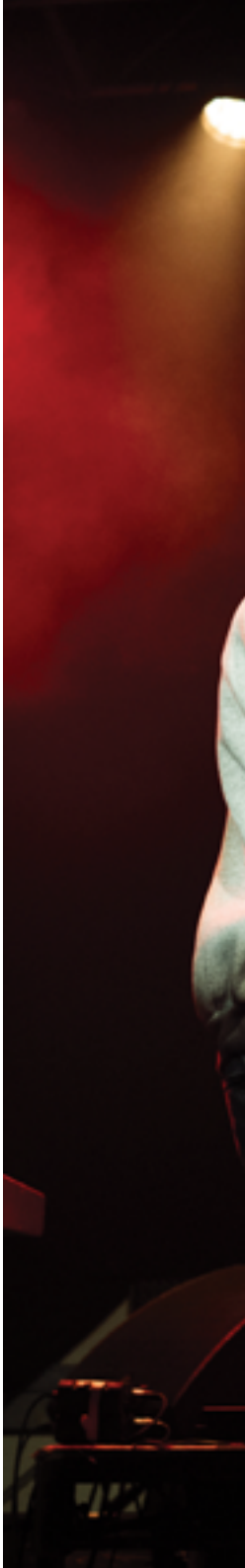
ICMP's facilities are envied across the music industry. We continuously invest in state-of-the-art equipment and the latest software upgrades, working in partnership with major brands such as Ableton, Apple, Shure, Audient, BOSS, Avid, Marshall, Orange, Roland and Zildjian so you have access to the best possible gear.

You'll study and develop your skills in cutting-edge recording and production studios, mixing and mastering suites, post-production facilities, audio and video editing suites and multiple live performance rooms. All our iMacs run the latest versions of Avid Pro Tools, Ableton and Apple Logic Pro, alongside a myriad of industry-standard plugins. With ample free cloud storage, you can jump seamlessly between rooms and machines without disrupting your workflow.

Plus, as an ICMP student, you can use our high-tech facilities and equipment outside of timetabled hours, free of charge for practice and extracurricular projects seven days a week.

Industry partners

Over 50 industry partnerships with leading music and audio brands, including:





Undergraduate courses

Gain an undergraduate degree* in music, make connections that last a lifetime and propel yourself into the music industry at one of our three campuses.

London Liverpool Leeds

Music Performance

- BMus (Hons) Popular Music Performance
- BA (Hons) Creative Musicianship
- BA (Hons) Music Psychology in Practice

Music Production

- BA (Hons) Creative Music Production
- BA (Hons) DJ & Electronic Music Production
- BA (Hons) Electronic Music Production
- BA (Hons) Audio Engineering & Production
- BA (Hons) Music for Film, TV & Games

Songwriting

- BA (Hons) Songwriting
- BA (Hons) Songwriting & Production
- BA (Hons) Songwriting & Artist Development

Music Business and Marketing

- BA (Hons) Live Event & Festival Management
- BA (Hons) Music Business & Entrepreneurship
- BA (Hons) Music Marketing

* One-year CertHE option available for all undergraduate courses.

Direct, unfiltered access to top music experts

Our incredible tutors are among the music industry's most innovative insiders, renowned for their skills and experience as music professionals, performers, entrepreneurs, academics and educators. Throughout your time at ICMP, these will be the people who'll guide, assist and inspire you to meet and exceed your goals, helping to reach your full career potential

At ICMP, every degree includes its own guest lecture programme, exclusive to your course. At these lectures prominent experts and key players from your chosen specialism are invited to share experiences and insights from their careers, complementing the modules and topics you'll be covering.

Past guests have included:

Tom Grennan (Artist)
Baby Queen (Artist)
Andrew Scheps (Producer: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Lana Del Rey, Beyoncé)
Manon Grandjean (Producer: Dave, AJ Tracey, Nao)
Isabel Torres (Guitar: Declan McKenna)
Phil Campbell (Guitar: Motörhead)
Levi Yarde (Bass: Stormzy)
Divinity Roxx (Bass: Beyoncé)
Mark Guiliana (Drums: David Bowie)
Gerry Brown (Drums: Stevie Wonder)

SUCCESS STORIES



Julia Lamb (Tom Grennan)

BMUS (HONS) POPULAR MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Bassist Julia has been a permanent member of UK pop icon Tom Grennan's live band since he exploded onto the scene in 2017. Touring worldwide with Tom, she's played numerous legendary venues and festivals, including the Royal Albert Hall and Tom's huge outdoor headline set in London's Gunnersbury Park.

"ICMP's teachers are great. The fact they all have relevant industry experience means you're getting more than just music tuition – you're learning about the business. They're legends."

Elena Tonra (Daughter)
Songwriting graduate



Tiana Major9

BA (HONS) SONGWRITING

With a unique sound incorporating hip-hop, R&B, gospel and funk, Tiana Major9 exemplifies modern British soul music. Signed to Motown Records and championed by grime lynchpin Stormzy, she's received notable press coverage and been named one of BBC 1 Xtra's most hotly tipped artists.



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COLLABORATE, INNOVATE

BUILD BIG IDEAS TOGETHER





Across all SAE degrees, you're encouraged to get hands-on with your fellow classmates and students from other SAE courses to supercharge your creativity.

Collaboration offers a rich, interdisciplinary experience that mirrors the professional world. Across your studies, you'll regularly connect with top industry practitioners and work on real-world creative projects, forming an impressive personal portfolio you can present to industry after graduation.

SAE and ICMP are sharing state-of-the-art spaces in Liverpool and Leeds, offering students top facilities, industry connections and career-boosting opportunities in music and creative media.

Double the connections, double the opportunities - Build the ultimate network and work on incredible cross-discipline projects!

INDUSTRY GUESTS



Sylvia Massy
Award-winning record producer

Sylvia Massy – producer and engineer with more than 25 Gold and Platinum records to her name – joined us for an exclusive session where she shared her experience working with Tool, Johnny Cash, Prince and other groundbreaking musicians.

INDUSTRY GUESTS
GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHTS

SAE hosts a dynamic range of events throughout the academic year, connecting you with industry leaders, emerging artists and award-winning creatives.

These sessions offer first-hand insights into the creative industries, covering the latest trends, cutting-edge technologies, and practical advice on topics like job hunting, portfolio building and networking.

You'll learn directly from those shaping the industry, gaining valuable knowledge and inspiration to fuel your creative journey.

By participating in these events, you'll bring real-world context to your academic studies, enabling you to make informed career decisions and develop vital professional connections before you graduate.

These experiences not only provide a competitive edge but also instil confidence as you transition into the fast-paced and ever-evolving creative industries.







Chris Overton
Oscar-winning director and actor

Oscar-winning director and actor Chris Overton joined SAE for an exclusive Q&A, sharing insights about his Oscar-winning film *The Silent Child* and his journey from actor to the founder of Slick Films.

KICKSTART YOUR CAREER

WITH CREATIVE INDUSTRY COURSES:

- VISUAL EFFECTS AND ANIMATION
- AUDIO PRODUCTION
- FILM PRODUCTION
- GAME DESIGN / ART / PROGRAMMING
- CONTENT CREATION AND MARKETING
- MUSIC BUSINESS
- WEB DEVELOPMENT

WITH SAE, THERE ARE NO LIMITS

SAE degrees are designed to get you ready for the world of work from day one. You'll learn from expert tutors and industry pros operating at the top of their creative game.

Our degrees can be studied as accelerated two-year options, allowing you to graduate faster than at traditional unis, propelling you into a career in the creative industries more quickly.

If you're ready to take your creative career to the next level, reach out to discover how SAE can guide you toward a fulfilling future in your chosen industry.

ENQUIRE TODAY

All our UK courses are fully registered and accredited by: University of Hertfordshire UH

FIND YOUR NEW CREATIVE HOME

CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES AND INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS



We invest in top-quality industry-standard tech to give you practical hands-on experience in an environment that mimics the professional creative world.

Equipment is tailored to our different creative industry courses, with each campus having its own state-of-the-art facilities. From SSL and Neve desks, to animation labs and Dolby Atmos post-production suites, you'll find it all at SAE.

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M AYA
AUDIENT
Neve
Ableton
Panasonic
unity
Adobe
Blackmagicdesign
REBELLION
RayFire
NUKE
UNREAL ENGINE
EPIC GAMES

WORLD-CLASS CREATIVE MEDIA EDUCATION

AT 5 HIGH-TECH CAMPUSES IN THE UK



By joining SAE, you'll become part of one of the largest global creative media networks – with campuses in more than 50 cities worldwide.

Each campus has strong connections to local creative studios, who often approach us to assist on live projects. Many of our students go on to work with them full time, flexing their skills on hit films and TV shows, cutting-edge video games and globally successful audio projects.

We'd love to show you around – book a personalised tour today!

BOOK
A TOUR

THE HOME OF CREATIVES

FAST-TRACK YOUR CREATIVE CAREER

As specialists in creative media, we've been delivering outstanding industry-focused education since 1976.

At SAE Institute, we're committed to nurturing the next generation of creative media professionals.

Whether your interests lie in Film Production, Content Creation and Online Marketing, Audio Production, Games Development, Visual Effects and Animation, Music Business or Web Development, our hands-on degrees are designed to give you the industry tools and real-world experience you need to achieve your career goals. As an SAE student, you'll benefit from learning in a professional environment, with access to industry-grade facilities and software and the option to graduate in just two years.

With state-of-the-art campuses located in five of the UK's most creative cities, SAE is the next step in your journey towards a rewarding and fulfilling career in the global creative industries.

Take the first step towards a fulfilling creative career. Contact us to find out more!



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