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The data listed below may be subject to change, please contact the organisation directly for the latest information.

Abbey Academy of Singing and Acting

Flat 6, Block H, Peabody Trust
Abbey Orchard Street
London
SW1P 2JD
020 7222 5366

The Abbey Academy of Singing and Acting was established in 1986. Training is based upon sound, Italian Bel Canto and classical vocal principles

Academia Nacional Del Tango (UK Ltd)

2-3 Inverness Mews
London
W2 3JQ
020 7221 5038

www.tangoinlondon.com

We have been teaching Argentine Tango in our own studio, Las Estrellas, since 1993. We run the London International Tango Festival, bringing dancers and participants from all the world to Westminster to promote the Tango and encourage participation in our dance form.

Actors Centre

1a Tower Street
London WC2H 9NP
Tel: 020 7240 3940

www.actorscentre.co.uk

The Actors Centre is a training centre for professional actors. Their classes are taught by leading practitioners in theatre, film and TV - actors, directors, writers and industry professionals.

Alternative Arts

47a Brushfield Street
London E1 6AA
Tel: 020 7375 0441

www.alternativearts.co.uk

Alternative Arts organises performances and events in piazzas, gardens and parks in Westminster throughout the summer as well as workshops and special celebrations to mark occasions. They produce festivals and events that focus on cultural diversity within London.

Artsline

54 Chalton Street
London NW1 1HS
Tel: 020 7388 2227

www.artsline.org.uk

An information and advice service for disabled people on arts and entertainment. Under this umbrella organisation they also operate a Youth Project - for 14-25 year olds.

Association of British Calypsonians

1 Chippenham Mews

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London W9 2AN

Tel: 020 7286 1656

www.londoncalypsotent.com

The Association is the only representative body for British-based Calypso singers and composers.

Association of British Orchestras

20 Rupert Street

London

W1D 6DF

Tel: 020 7287 0333

www.abo.org.uk

The ABO represents the collective interests of professional orchestra throughout the UK. Their activities include negotiating, advocacy and representation on behalf of its members, the organisation of seminars; meetings; training courses and an annual conference.

British Music Information Centre

Lincoln House,

75 Westminster Bridge Road

London SE1 7HS

Tel: 020 7928 1902

www.bmic.co.uk

A reference library of contemporary British classical music with study and listening facilities. Free admission, Monday to Friday 12pm-5pm. There are evening concerts twice weekly.

CETTIE

58a Canonbury Road

London N1 2DQ

Tel: 020 7226 4016

Cultural Exchange Through Theatre in Education is a registered charity, which works within schools, libraries, theatres and community settings. They devise and produce a range of innovative projects with an inclusive approach to learning and development.

City of Westminster College

25 Paddington Green

London W2 1NB

Tel: 020 7723 8826

www.cwc.ac.uk

A College of Higher Education offering a wide range of vocational courses, including theatre, art and the media. The Cockpit Theatre is part of the College.

English Baroque Choir

7 Magnolia Wharf

Strand-on-the-Green

London W4 3NY

Tel: 020 8995 0856

www.ebc.org.uk

A mixed voice choir that rehearses on Mondays at St.Mark's Church, Marylebone Road, NW1. New members welcome, entry by audition.



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English Folk Dance and Music Society

Cecil Sharp House
2 Regent's Park Road
London NW1 7AY
Tel: 020 7485 2206
www.efdss.org

The Society aims to preserve and promote English folk dance and song through the work of the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library and facilitate participation in song, music and dance.

English National Ballet

Markova House
39 Jay Mews
London SW7 2ES
Tel: 020 7581 1245
www.ballet.org.uk

National Ballet presents an extensive touring schedule at home and abroad. English National Ballet is one of the world's great ballet companies. The Education and Community Unit has developed a national reputation for innovative and high quality education and community work.

English National Opera

London Coliseum
St. Martins Lane
London WC2N 4ES
Tel: 020 7632 8484
www.eno.org.uk

The ENO is based at the Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, it promotes an annual season of opera sung in English. Education and outreach work in schools and community centres is provided through the ENO Baylis programme.

ENO Baylis

London Coliseum
St. Martins Lane
London WC2N 4ES
Tel: 020 7632 8484
www.eno.org.uk

ENO Baylis is the education team at English National Opera. Their role is to develop projects that allow people of all ages to experience and enjoy opera. They implement community projects, which focus on inner London, in particular the boroughs of Westminster, Southwark and Hackney.

Flamboyant Community Association

1 Fernhead Road
London W9 3EU
Tel: 020 8969 4603

Provides facilities for participation and education in the arts and culture of the Caribbean.

Incorporated Society of Musicians

10 Stratford Place
London W1C 1AA
Tel: 020 7629 4413



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www.ism.org

The ISM exists to offer comprehensive back up for professional musicians, giving the status and security of belonging to a professional body and contacts with like-minded colleagues.

Institute of Contemporary Arts

The Mall
London SW1Y 5AH
Tel: 020 7766 1423
www.ica.org.uk

The ICA is committed to the exploration of new ideas in the contemporary arts through presentation of performances in theatre, music, dance, exhibitions and a series of public talks.

Jazz Services

First Floor
132 Southwark Street
London SE1 0SW
Tel: 020 7928 9089
www.jazzservices.org.uk

Jazz Services exists to promote and support the development of jazz in the UK. They offer services in information, education, touring support, communications, marketing and publishing.

Lahing Kayumanggi Dance Company

EPMC
18 Soho Square
London
W1D 3QL
020 7820 0819
www.lkdance.org.uk

Lahing Kayumanggi, (brown race) is a professional dance company rooted in the folk culture and traditions of the Philippines.

Licensing Service

Westminster City Council
Westminster City Hall
64 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6QP
Tel: 020 7641 3238
www.westminster.gov.uk

For information regarding performance licenses you can download Westminster's Licensing Policy or call the Licensing Hotline on 020 7641 6514. Information is also available from Westminster libraries and One Stop Services.

LIFT

19/20 Great Sutton Street
London EC1V 0DR
Tel: 020 7490 3964
www.liffest.org.uk

LIFT has been a biennial summer festival introducing some of the world's most exciting artists and theatre-makers to the London landscape. They have a portfolio of developmental and educational programmes that offer creative experiences to many different groups of people.



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Live Music Now!

4 Lower Belgrave Street
London SW1W 0LU
Tel: 020 7730 2205
www.livemusicnow.org

They provide young musicians with paid performance opportunities and support in professional development at the start of their careers.

London Medical Orchestra

47 Belsize Court
Wedderburn Road
London NW3 5QP
Tel: 020 7435 2972
www.lmo.org.uk

The London Medical Orchestra is an amateur orchestra founded by a group of London doctors in 1954. They play standard orchestral repertoire but several weekly rehearsals allows a high standard to be achieved. New members are always welcome.

London Philharmonic Orchestra

89 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7TP
Tel: 020 7840 4200
www.lpo.co.uk

The orchestra Education Team currently presents two main school-based workshop programmes: ConcertLink & PlayerLink.

London Ripieno Society

86 Semley House
Semley Place
London SW1W 9QL
Tel: 020 7730 9791
www.londonripieno.co.uk

A 40-strong choral group, that performs regularly with a repertoire of 16th Century to modern music. They perform 3-4 concerts a year at venues in and around Westminster. The Society welcomes new members.

Making Music

The National Federation of Music Societies
7-15 Rosebery Avenue
London EC1R 4SP
Tel: 0870 903 3780
www.makingmusic.org.uk

Making Music represents and supports amateur and semi-professional music groups of all genres throughout the United Kingdom. They provide a comprehensive range of artistic and administrative services and development and training opportunities. Funding is also available.

Masterclass at Theatre Royal Haymarket

Theatre Royal Haymarket
London



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SW14 4HT
020 7389 9660

www.masterclass.org.uk

Masterclass offers free talks and workshops with leading theatre professionals to anyone aged 17 – 30 with a year-round programme of talks, workshops, special projects and career advice. Intended to give people insight into all aspects of theatre from writing and directing to acting and producing.

Mousetrap Theatre Projects

23-24 Henrietta Street
London
WC2E 8ND
020 7836 4388

www.mousetrap.org.uk

A theatre education charity committed to providing opportunities for disadvantaged young people to attend outstanding theatre through theatre visits, with subsidised tickets at £5 or less supported by 17 access, education and audience development programmes.

National Campaign for the Arts

1 Kingly Street
London W1B 5PA
Tel: 020 7287 3777

www.artscampaign.org.uk

The National Campaign for the Arts (NCA) is a lobbying organisation that represents all the arts. The campaign is funded entirely by its members to ensure its independence. It gives a voice for the arts world in all its diversity. The membership of the campaign includes nearly five hundred organisations of every size and variety.

National Youth Jazz Orchestra

2nd Floor
5 Vigo St
London W1S 3HD
Tel: 020 7494 1733

www.nyjo.org.uk

A showcase for the country's best young jazz musicians and aims is to share the talents of exciting young players with as wide a potential audience as possible.

National Council for Drama Training

1-7 Woburn Walk
London WC1H 0JJ
Tel: 020 7387 3650

www.ncdt.co.uk

The National Council for Drama Training is a partnership of employers in theatre, broadcast and media industries, employee representatives and training providers.

National Operatic and Dramatic Society

58-60 Lincoln Road
Peterborough PE1 2RZ
Tel: 0870 770 2480

www.noda.org.uk



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The National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA), is the main representative body for amateur theatre in the UK. Members have access to a wide range of benefits.

New London Orchestra

New London Orchestra Limited
4 Lower Belgrave Street,
London SW1W 0LJ
Tel: 020 7823 5523
www.nlo.co.uk

The mission of the New London Orchestra is to be the most adventurous and innovative chamber orchestra in London, broadening the audience for music and the arts by placing education at the heart of all its activities.

New Shakespeare Company

Open Air Theatre
Inner Circle, Regent's Park
London NW1 4NR
Tel: 020 7935 5756
www.openairtheatre.org

Presents a summer season of Shakespeare and other works including a musical and children's play from May to September in Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, as part of their commitment to young people, the theatre runs a series of workshops during the summer, encouraging students and school leavers to take part in and be inspired by, the magic of the theatre.

Orchestra of St John's

The White House
Eltham College
Grove Park Road
London, SE9 4QF
Tel: 020 8857 8579
www.osj.org.uk

OSJ Offstage aims to take individually tailored creative music making activities, cross-arts projects and specialist concerts of unrivalled artistic excellence to a wide range of audiences and participants including those for whom 'traditional' concerts may be inaccessible.

Paddington Arts

32 Woodfield Road
London W9 2BE
Tel: 020 7286 2722
www.paddingtonarts.org.uk

Paddington Arts is a youth arts organisation offering workshops in dance, singing and drama to young people between the ages of 6 and 26. They have Open Workshops and Performance Groups. They also run projects and events in video, animation, carnival arts, disability arts and produce original work for stage and screen.

Players Theatre

12 Bentinck Mansions
Bentinck Street
London
W1U 2ER



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020 7839 1134

www.playerstheatre.co.uk

A registered charity which aims to promote awareness of traditional Music Hall; staging shows; training young artistes and also provides subsidised rehearsal space for charities.

Performing Rights Society

MCPS-PRS Alliance, Copyright House

29-33 Berners Street

London W1T 3AB

Tel: 020 7580 5544

www.mcps-prs-alliance.co.uk

The Performing Rights Society is a non-profit making membership organisation of composers, songwriters, authors and publishers of music of all styles. Their essential function is to collect and distribute music royalties.

Philbeach Society

Goodwill Centre

Salvation Army

Chichester Road

London NW6

Tel: 0208 866 9684

www.witherby.co.uk

The society meets on Tuesdays at the Goodwill Centre Salvation Army Hall, Chichester Road, Kilburn Park, NW6. from 7.30pm. An amateur operetta group which welcomes new members.

Philharmonia Orchestra

6th Floor

The Tower Building

11 York Road

London SE1 7NX

Tel: 020 7921 3900

www.philharmonia.co.uk

One of the major aspects of the Orchestra's work is its projects in schools and with communities all over the UK. Their educational builds links across its residencies and encourages people to develop new skills and interests through the medium of a symphony orchestra.

Poetry Society

22 Betterton Street

London WC2H 9BX

Tel: 020 7420 9880

www.poetrysociety.org.uk

The Poetry Society exists to help poets and poetry thrive in Britain today. Established in 1909, and now one of Britain's most dynamic arts organisations, the Poetry Society is a membership organisation open to all.

Puppet Theatre Barge

Blomfield Road

Little Venice

London W9 2PF

Tel: 020 7249 6876



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www.puppetbarge.com

Described as one of London's more elusive treasures, it is an established 50-seat theatre with comfortable seating and modern facilities all on a barge. The theatre presents marionette and rod puppet spectacles throughout the year, focusing on performances for children and young people. Special projects with schools and young people are undertaken.

RealDeal Theatre

c/o 29 Park Hill

Loughton

Essex

IG10 4ES

www.realdealtheatre.org.uk

A new group specialising in public performance including flagship event 'Sitcom Saturday' bringing together writers, directors who have never worked together previously.

Royal Over-Seas League

Over-Seas House

Park Place

St James's Street

London SW1A 1LR

Tel: 020 7408 0214

www.rosl.org.uk

Members can enjoy a variety of art, music and literary events organised by the Arts Department.

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art

18-22 Cheries Street

London WC1E 7EX

Tel: 020 7636 7076

www.rada.org

The Academy provides professional, full-time training and courses for theatre.

Royal Academy of Music

Marylebone Road,

London NW1 5HT,

Tel:020 7873 7373

www.ram.ac.uk

It is the purpose of the Royal Academy of Music to train musicians of the highest quality. New teachers are regularly recruited; the curriculum is constantly reviewed, new courses are constantly being introduced.

Royal College of Music

Prince Consort Road

London SW7 2BS

Tel:020 7589 3643

www.rcm.ac.uk

The Royal College of Music is one of the world's leading conservatoires, providing specialised musical education and professional training at the highest international level for performers and composers.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra



WestminsterArts

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16 Clerkenwell Green
London EC1R 0QT
Tel: 020 7608 2381
www.rpo.co.uk

The RPO is a world-class symphony orchestra performing frequently in London – notably at the Royal Albert Hall (where it is the resident orchestra). Their community and Education programme has developed a reputation for high quality work both in London and the regions.

Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain

10 Stratford Place
London W1C 1BA
Tel: 020 7629 6137

A charity set up for professional musicians and their dependants. Printed information is available on request.

Save London's Theatres Campaign

Guild House
Upper St Martin's Lane
London WC2H 9EG
Tel: 020 7670 0270
www.savelondonstheatres.org.uk

Second Movement

53 Prebend Gardens
London
W6 0XT
www.secondmovement.org.uk

A charity providing opportunities to young musicians to take part in fully-staged opera. Introducing new opera works and attracting new audiences.

Shared Experience Theatre Company

The Soho Laundry
9 Dufour's Place
London W1F 7SJ
Tel: 020 7434 9248
www.sharedexperience.org.uk

An International Touring Company that presents a diverse range of theatrical forms. They have an education /outreach team involved in youth theatre and work with schools and youth clubs and a Youth Theatre Company for young people aged 12-21.

Soho Theatre and Writers' Centre

21 Dean Street
London W1D 3NE
Tel: 020 7287 5060
www.sohotheatre.com

Soho Theatre and Writers' Centre is committed to discovering, developing and staging new plays by bold and unique writers, and has established itself as a key venue for producing new work. They offer writers a free script reading service. Throughout the year the Writers' Centre runs a series of writing programmes for writers of all levels.



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Special Events Group

Westminster Council
Westminster City Hall
64 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6QP
Tel: 020 7641 2390

www.westminster.gov.uk

The Special Events Group provides a one-stop regulation and information service for filming activities and Special Events on the Council's public highway areas.

St John's Smith Square

St John's Smith Square
London
SW1P 3HA
020 7222 2168

www.sjss.org.uk

Situated in the heart of Westminster and regarded, as one of the masterpieces of the English Baroque, and as one of London's finest concert venues, attracting internationally renowned artists and performers.

St Mary Magdalene Music Society

68 Cadogan Square
London SW1X OEA
Tel: 020 7584 3001/1741

The Society organises an annual series of recitals and concerts at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Delamere Terrace, Little Venice, W2. They welcome new members.

St Paul's Festival Choir

c/o 29 Ferriers Road
London SW16 6JQ
Tel: 020 7730 8599

Each year the choir performs 4 choral music concerts. The rehearsals take place each Thursday, 6.30pm at the Parish Hall of St. Stephens, 48 Emperor's Gate, SW7. They welcome new members.

Streetwise Opera

26 Binney Street
London W1K 5BN
Tel: 020 7495 3133

www.streetwiseopera.org

Aims to empower homeless people through collaboration in staging professional opera productions and workshops, giving a platform for ideas, helping people to re-build feelings of self-worth and confidence. It has three core areas to its work, which are: a programme of weekly workshops, large-scale professional opera production and a work placement scheme.

The Choir of St Martin-in-the-fields

St Martin-in-the-fields
Trafalgar Square
London WC2N 4JJ

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Tel: 020 7766 1111

www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org

Comprise 23 adult volunteers, performing a wide range of liturgical repertoire to a professional standard. They sing for the 9.45am Eucharist every Sunday, and also for the 5pm Choral Evensong. Weekly rehearsals take place on Wednesdays at 7pm. New members are welcome.

The Handel House Museum

25 Brook Street
London W1K 4HB
Tel: 020 7495 1685
www.handelhouse.org

The Museum celebrates Handel's life and works and runs a lively series of events as part of its ongoing education programme, including family events, study events, live music and special events.

The London Bach Society

London Bach Society
73 High Street
Old Oxted
Surrey RH8 9LN
Tel: 01883 717372
www.bachlive.co.uk

The London Bach Society is the UK's premier Bach society, bringing the music of Bach to both new and devoted followers.

The London Handel Festival, Orchestra and Choir

London Handel Society
Room 4, Second Floor
Horton House
8 Ditton Street
Ilminster
Somerset TA19 0BQ
Tel: 01460 53500
www.london-handel-festival.com

The Society organises the annual London Handel Festival. It also promotes the work of Handel throughout the UK.

The Royal Albert Hall

Kensington Gore
London SW7 2AP
Tel: 020 7589 8212
www.royalalberthall.com

A grade I listed Victorian landmark, a renowned venue that offers a wide variety of musical entertainment. Their education programme offers: access to events via schools' matinees and family concerts; access to the building via a series of workshops based on National Curriculum.

The Royal Orchestral Society

www.royalorchestralsoc.talktalk.net/index.htm

The orchestra is a lively mix of amateur players and music students. Weekly rehearsals take place every Monday from 7pm in the Quintin Kynaston School, Marlborough Hill, St John's Wood



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NW8. They welcome new members.

The Society of London Theatre

32 Rose Street
London WC2E 9ET
Tel: 020 7557 6700

www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk

The Society represents the owners, managers and producers of commercial and subsidised theatres, some of which participate in the Westminster Rescard scheme. See their website for details of disabled access.

The Theatres Trust

22 Charing Cross Road
London WC2H 0QL
Tel: 020 7836 8591

www.theatretrust.org.uk

Campaigns to ensure the survival of West End and national theatres and welcomes support.

Theatre Nomad

www.theatrenomad.com

Bringing together theatre makers from around the world working in a variety of theatrical traditions to reinterpret classic texts and create new theatre for new audiences and new situations through performance, workshops and community projects.

UK Foundation for Dance

Marylebone Dance Studio
12 Lisson Grove
London
NW1 6TS
020 7258 0767

www.m-dancestudio.co.uk

UKFD manages Marylebone Dance Studio (rehearsal venue for hire with regular public open classes) produces events and touring productions, and represents dance artists.

Union Dance Company

Top Floor
6 Charing Cross Road
London WC2H 0HG
Tel: 020 7836 7837

www.uniondance.co.uk

A multi-cultural Westminster-based professional dance company. Union Dance offers workshops to schools and groups as well as holding annual Easter and Summer courses.

University of Westminster

309 Regent Street
London W1B 2UW
Tel: 020 7911 5000

www.wmin.ac.uk

The University of Westminster is closely involved in the business, professional and academic life of London. It runs one of the country's most respected music production courses.



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Voices of Little Venice

42 Sussex Court
31 Spring Street
London W2 1JF
Tel: 020 7706 0017

A Westminster-based choir. New members are welcome.

Westminster Philharmonic Orchestra

Usual rehearsal venue:
Indian YMCA
41 Fitzroy Square W1
www.wpo.org.uk/

The Westminster Philharmonic Orchestra has built an impressive reputation as one of London's leading amateur orchestras. They perform a broad range of Twentieth Century music. They welcome experienced amateur musicians.

Wigmore Hall

36 Wigmore Street
London W1U 2BP
Tel: 020 7258 8200

www.wigmore-hall.org.uk

A major London chamber Music Hall with a repertoire that includes piano and song recitals, early music and chamber orchestras. There are two practice studios available for hire. They have an education programme especially for Westminster-based groups.

Yellow Earth Theatre

3rd Floor
20 Rupert Street
London
WLD 6DF
020 7734 5988

www.yellowearth.org

Community Arts and outreach Theatre Company. Working with East Asian associations and education and outreach in local schools. The company tours British East Asian plays in London and nationally and produces an annual new writing festival.

Young Concert Artists Trust

23 Garrick Street
London WC2E 9BN
Tel: 020 7379 8477

www.ycat.co.uk