

ZURICH LAMDA INFORMATION 2023



Dear Academy Student and Parent,

LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts) is one of the UK's most prestigious drama schools. They offer performance based examinations which have been carefully refined and developed over many years by experts in education, acting and communication.

In addition to being the largest Speech and Drama Board in the United Kingdom, LAMDA Examinations have a reputation for excellence across Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa and the United States.

These exams are recognised educational qualifications and are accredited as an Awarding Body by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) in England, and the corresponding regulatory authorities in Wales (ACCAC) and Northern Ireland (CEA). Some of the higher level examinations award UCAS points (for university entry in the UK).

The examination itself provides candidates with an opportunity to:

- Measure progress against an internationally applied standard
- Make contact with expert assessors outside the immediate teaching environment
- Receive critical appraisal and guidance for future development
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Acquire skill certification
- Receive a record of personal achievement

Simply Theatre Academy students has had a lot of success over the past 10 years with a 100% pass rate, and more than 65% of students getting distinctions. This year, we will once again be offering students the opportunity to take examinations in 'Acting' (see pages 2/3 of this pack) and 'Musical Theatre' (see pages 4/5 of this pack).

These exams will take place at Simply Theatre Studios in Zurich between 13th – 14th May 2023. Exact date TBC.

Exams are open to all Academy students aged 7 and above with the approval of their Academy teacher. It is also advised that students have already completed a minimum of one full year at the Academy before applying.

Due to high demand and the desire to ensure each and every student receives the time and support that they require in the preparation process, we have a limit on how many students we shall be accepting for examination this year.

If after reading this information pack you would like to apply to take the LAMDA exams this year you will need to apply online at www.simplytheatre.com/lamda

The closing date for applications is 14th November 2022.

With best wishes,

Your Simply Theatre LAMDA Team

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ACTING EXAMINATIONS



LAMDA examinations in Acting are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate dramatic text to an audience. Candidates who prepare themselves appropriately will develop interpretative skills, technical skills, and knowledge of the performance process.

Candidates will have to learn either one, two or three monologues dependant on level of entry.

LAMDA Acting exams are broken down into Levels and Grades as follows:

- **Level 1 – Entry, Grades 1-3**
- **Level 2 – Grades 4-5**
- **Level 3 – Medal levels – Grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold)**

Exam level will be determined by the Academy at the time of application. For most students who have already taken LAMDA exams previously, this will be a natural progression to the next exam level.

Places on the Acting LAMDA courses are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

ACTING: LAMDA PREPERATION – WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

LEVEL 1 & 2 (grades 1-5)

This year, candidates will partake in a weekly small-group workshop over the course of 10 weeks – choosing, learning and developing their pieces, whilst receiving tuition focusing on physicality, character, technique, voice and knowledge. We have found working alongside peers to be very beneficial in recent years and as such have developed this 10-week programme to build our students exposure and confidence.

Entrants will be sent a selection of Anthology pieces to choose from prior to the first class.

Level 1 classes ZURICH will run on Mondays 17.30-18.30 from Monday 16th January until Monday 8th May (no classes on 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 20th Feb, 13th March, 10th April, 24th April, 1st May).

Level 2 classes ZURICH will run on Mondays 18.30-19.30 from Monday 16th January until Monday 8th May (no classes on 30th Jan, 13th Feb, 20th Feb, 13th March, 10th April, 24th April, 1st May).

Level 1 classes ZUG will run on Thursdays 19.35-20.35 from Thursday 19th January until Thursday 4th May (no classes on 9th Feb, 16th Feb, 16th March, 6th April, 20th April, 27th April).

Level 2 classes ZUG will run on Wednesdays 19.35-20.35 from Wednesday 18th January until Wednesday 3rd May (no classes on 8th Feb, 15th Feb, 15th March, 5th April, 19th April, 26th April).

Level 1 and Level 2 classes ZUG will run on Saturdays 12.45–13.45 from Saturday 21st January until Saturday 6th May (no classes on 11th Feb, 18th Feb, 18th March, 8th April, 22nd April, 29th April).

LEVEL 3 (Bronze, Silver & Gold)

This year, candidates will partake in a series of essential workshops and private tuition sessions. These are by appointment only. Dates to be advised.

***It is important that students and parents wishing to sign up for the LAMDA examinations must accept the commitment that they are making to attend all of the appropriate weeknight and weekend workshops for their exam level and the mock exams.**

Mock Exams – 6th / 7th May 2023

These mock exams are an essential final preparation and safety net for ALL students, in advance of their LAMDA exam. They are treated like the real thing, with candidates presenting the exam and answering questions exactly as they would be required to in their real examination. The mock exams are a pre-requisite to taking the LAMDA exams and it is mandatory that every candidate make themselves available this weekend.

LAMDA Examinations – 13-14th May 2023

The Length of each exam varies by grade (see the chart below). We expect students to arrive 10-15 minutes before their exam time in order to warm up and ensure that they are relaxed and prepared for their examination.

LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL ACTING EXAMINATIONS

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| • Grades 1, 2, 3 – Acting | 15 minutes |
| • Grades 4 & 5 – Acting | 20 minutes |
| • Grade 6 – Acting | 25 minutes |
| • Grades 7 & 8 Acting | 30 minutes |

ACTING EXAMINATION FEES

Grade 1	460
Grade 2	460
Grade 3	460
Grade 4	490
Grade 5	490
Grade 6 / Bronze	1010
Grade 7 / Silver	1030
Grade 8 / Gold	1050

*Fees include – all materials, administration, exam tuition sessions (workshops, private tuition sessions, mock exam, LAMDA examination, exam report & feedback, certificate (plus medals for grades 6, 7, 8)

If you wish to apply for LAMDA 2023 ACTING examinations, please apply online at www.simplytheatre.com/lamda by 14th November 2022.

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

LAMDA examinations in Musical Theatre are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate the dramatic context of musical text over a range of musical styles / categories. The emphasis is on performance and presentation rather than on the study of musical theatre as a whole.

Candidates will learn either one, two or three songs / scenes dependant on level of entry, and for later grades, devised or develop text leading into the song. Grades 4 & 5 require a 3rd song spoken as a monologue. They will also need to have a good understanding of the character within the musical and the plots of the musicals from which their songs are taken.

LAMDA Musical Theatre exams are broken down into Levels and Grades as follows:

- **Level 1 – Grades 1-3**
- **Level 2 – Grades 4-5**
- **Level 3 – Medal levels – Grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold)**

Exam level will be determined by the Academy at the time of application. For most students who have already taken LAMDA exams previously, this will be a natural progression to the next exam level.

Places on the Musical Theatre LAMDA courses are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

MUSICAL THEATRE: LAMDA PREPERATION – WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

LEVEL 1 & 2 (grades 1-5) and LEVEL 3 (Bronze, Silver & Gold)

This year, candidates will partake in a series of essential workshops and private tuition sessions in either Zurich (with Auguste) or Zug (with Axel). By appointment only. Exact dates to be advised.

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Mock Exams – 6th / 7th May 2023

These mock exams are an essential final preparation and safety net for ALL students, in advance of their LAMDA exam. They are treated like the real thing, with candidates presenting the exam and answering questions exactly as they would be required to in their real examination. The mock exams are a pre-requisite to taking the LAMDA exams and it is mandatory that every candidate make themselves available this weekend.

LAMDA Examinations – 13th–16th May 2023

The Length of each exam varies by grade (see the chart below). We expect students to arrive 10-15 minutes before their exam time in order to warm up and ensure that they are relaxed and prepared for their examination. Exams this year will continue to take place via Zoom, but the students will still come and take that zoom at the studios themselves. Musical Theatre Students will be requested to come to the studios to video the performance of the pieces 5 working days before the exam itself and submit these recordings to LAMDA. At the time of the exam itself, the Examiner will greet the student via zoom, step aside to watch the videoed performances and then return to the Student to proceed with the knowledge section of the exam. All students aged 16 or over must show an original proof of I.D. (such as a passport) at the start of the exam.

LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

- Grades 1, 2, 3 Musical Theatre 15 minutes
- Grades 4 & 5 Musical Theatre 25 minutes
- Grade 6 Musical Theatre 30 minutes
- Grades 7 & 8 Musical Theatre 35 minutes

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATION FEES

Grade 1	550
Grade 2	550
Grade 3	550
Grade 4	625
Grade 5	625
Grade 6 / Bronze	1120
Grade 7 / Silver	1140
Grade 8 / Gold	1160

If you wish to apply for LAMDA 2023 MUSICAL THEATRE examinations, please apply online at www.simplytheatre.com/lamda by 30th October 2022.