



Royal Academy of Music

Advanced Diploma in Performance

This programme is aimed at students who are professionally active and have the highest levels of technical and artistic expertise. In addition to refining professional standards in work patterns, preparation and performance, the programme encourages students to reflect critically and inventively on their work.

Content

The programme of study is highly flexible so that it can meet the specific and individual needs of students at this advanced stage of development. You will be expected to pursue a series of goals identified at the beginning of the year which might include a range of concerts, recordings, competitions and/or other projects. You will be encouraged to think innovatively about your work, and will be required to self-manage the implementation of your plans.

Your studies will be supported by regular one-to-one tuition with those who can best help you to develop your artistic and professional goals; this might include regular teaching from within your instrumental department, and/or sessions with teachers/coaches from other departments. Provision will be individually discussed and agreed in consultation with your Head of Department and the Course Tutor at the beginning of the year. You will be given the opportunity to meet and discuss your work with other Advanced Diploma students and also (where appropriate) offered the chance to take part in masterclasses with international visitors.

Assessment

The course will be assessed through:

- i) a Final Concert Event which will be judged on the quality of artistry displayed and the sophistication and delivery of the programme
- ii) a supporting portfolio of materials that charts the development of your work and might include concert programmes, audio-visual material, website material etc
- iii) a viva voce examination, which will explore your experience of the course in relation to the intended outcomes of the programme (see Programme Specification), and will include feedback on the Concert Event

The Advanced Diploma is set at level 8 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in order to recognize the stage at which students usually enter the programme and to provide an appropriate framework for assessment (Masters courses are at level 7). In keeping with other programmes at FHEQ level 8 the course is pass/fail only. A final report is provided documenting your result.

Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for the Advanced Diploma are:

- a Distinction at Masters level (HEFQ level 7) or its APEL equivalent
- English Language at a minimum level of IELTS 7.0

Programme Structure

The Advanced Diploma in Performance is a nine-month full-time programme of study. There is no provision for part-time study. The course has no credit structure. The main Postgraduate Examination Board will confirm your result in June at the end of your studies, and the Graduation Ceremony will be at the end of the summer term.