

Welcome to Rose Bruford College!

We're delighted to welcome you to the Acting MA/MFA programme at Rose Bruford College. As you prepare to begin this exciting year (or two) of creative exploration, collaboration, and learning, this document provides key information to help you get ready for the journey ahead.

Location

All our postgraduate programmes are delivered at our campus in Sidcup, a suburb in Greater London. This offers us the space and many opportunities to collaborate more closely with other programmes at Rose Bruford College.

There are many areas to look for accommodation as you have probably discovered already, and you should also check out local train/tube stations if you are going to be living outside Sidcup. We are very well positioned for central London with lots of good travel connections to other parts of London.

Programme Overview

The Acting MA/MFA combines intensive actor training with performance-making, ensemble practice, research and professional development. Students develop their artistic identity through practical training, creative exploration and independent enquiry.

Throughout the programme you will:

- Develop advanced acting skills through intensive physical, vocal and ensemble-based training.
- Explore contemporary theatre practices, devising methods and performance-making processes.
- Work with a range of dramatic texts, including contemporary plays and Shakespeare.
- Engage with practice research and reflective creative enquiry.
- Experience different performance cultures and traditions through the Expedition into Performance module.

Acting MA/MFA

- Create and perform original and professionally directed theatre productions.
- Undertake an independent research project focused on your individual artistic and professional interests.
- Build the skills, knowledge and professional networks needed for a sustainable career in the arts.

MFA students will also:

- Undertake an additional year of advanced professional and artistic development.
- Deepen their specialist area of practice through industry engagement and research.
- Develop sustainable models for future creative and professional work.
- Complete an extended Independent Research Project in their second year.

Other Useful Information

The College provides a range of instruments and equipment, including pianos, keyboards, amps and drums. However, you're very welcome to bring your own – just be sure to label everything clearly.

Technology and Audio

- A **Mac laptop** is recommended for those purchasing a new computer.
- A **voice recording device** (such as your phone) will support voice and dialect classes. Ensure it allows saving and sharing audio files.
- While College PCs are available, having your own laptop will be a definite advantage.

All students and staff have access to the latest Microsoft Office tools via web browser using their College login.

Wardrobe

You'll need a basic wardrobe of comfortable, plain clothing suitable for movement, rehearsal, and studio work. Please choose items according to your personal comfort, gender identity and expression. Our community is inclusive, hands-on and collaborative - and we want you to feel equipped and ready from day one.

Recommended Reading and Library Access

Books can also be borrowed via [Bexley Library](#) and collected from the College Learning Resources Centre.

We encourage you to read as widely as possible before arriving. Exploring a diverse range of plays – classical, contemporary, international and experimental – will enrich your understanding and ignite your imagination. Theatre visits are also strongly recommended and will form part of your learning.

Useful Links

- [Rose Bruford College Library Catalogue](#)
- [Drama Online](#)
- [VLE Books](#)

Travel and Theatre Visits

Throughout the course you'll rehearse and work in venues beyond the Sidcup campus. These are considered an extension of the College, but travel costs are not covered, so please budget for transport accordingly. Similarly, work placements may require additional travel planning. You will need to pay for your own travel insurance for student trips.

Academic and Dyslexia Support

All written assignments must be word-processed. College computers are available, but having your own laptop is beneficial. Students with a dyslexia diagnosis may be eligible for equipment grants via local authorities. If you think this applies to you, please contact our Disability Advisor at disability@bruford.ac.uk, for support and advice.

Final Reminders

- Ensure all your kit and equipment is clearly labelled and you have insurance for them.
- You're responsible for maintaining your kit and replacing lost or damaged items.
- Set aside funds for visits to the theatre, exhibitions, and relevant trips throughout your course.

We Can't Wait to Meet You

We're excited to have you join our postgraduate community at Rose Bruford College. Bring your creativity, curiosity, and willingness to learn – we'll provide the rest. If you have questions or need support before you arrive, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm wishes,

The Acting MA/MFA Team

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