

Welcome to Rose Bruford College!

We're delighted to welcome you to Light in Performance MA/MFA programme. As you begin this exciting and hands-on journey, it's important that you arrive prepared with the materials, equipment, and clothing necessary to support your training from day one. This document contains key information to help you prepare for the academic year 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

Light in Performance MA/MFA explores light as both a creative medium and a collaborative practice. Combining practical projects, critical enquiry and industry engagement, the programme develops your skills as a lighting designer while encouraging experimentation, research and interdisciplinary working.

Throughout the programme you will:

- Develop your understanding of light as a creative, technical and performative medium.
- Explore the cultural, historical and theoretical contexts of lighting and performance.
- Learn through practical workshops led by expert lighting designers from a range of disciplines.
- Collaborate with performers, designers and other creative practitioners on live projects.

- Experiment with different approaches to lighting design and creative processes.
- Investigate professional working methods through placements, observations and industry engagement.
- Build confidence in developing and realising your own creative vision.
- Undertake a substantial final project that reflects your artistic interests and future professional ambitions.

Equipment & Information

While many specialist tools are available within the workshop, students are encouraged to gradually build their own toolkit throughout the course. All personal equipment should be clearly labelled and stored securely.

A laptop computer (Mac or PC) is a valuable addition to your study equipment. Although it is not an essential requirement and may not be affordable for every student, it is highly recommended as it will support coursework, research, and project work both on and off campus. Students should take advantage of educational discounts where available, such as those offered through UNiDAYS. Whichever platform you choose, please ensure your laptop has the appropriate adapter or converter to support DVI, DisplayPort (DP), or HDMI output for connection to external displays or projectors.

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 tools and equipment are clearly labelled.
- You're responsible for maintaining your kit and replacing lost or damaged items.

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- Set aside funds for visits to the theatre, exhibitions, and relevant trips throughout your course. You will need to pay for your own travel insurance for student trips.

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 Light in Performance MA/MFA Team

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