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# Courses and Careers in the Performing Arts

# What skills does an actor have?



Many of these skills are transferable to other jobs too!

Other than an acting, what jobs are there in the performing arts industry?

## What can you do with a performing arts degree?

### Your degree would directly relate to...

- Acting
- Presenting
- Drama Therapy
- Studio Runner
- Directing
- Stage Managing
- Producing

### It may also be useful for...

- Community Arts Work
- Teaching
- Media Researcher
- Music Production
- TV Floor Management
- Theatre Management

## Choosing The Right Course For You

The industry is incredibly competitive and the training programmes are too, so it is important that you choose the right course for you.

A performing arts course at a traditional university may be of more interest to you if you are thinking about the wider careers and opportunities in the industry as well as research or further study.

Drama school or conservatoire study may suit you better if you prefer to learn practically or want to experience industry life before you leave your course – they often also have specialist and current professionals delivering on their courses.

You'll need to apply through UCAS for either of these routes so you can include a mix of both

## Spotlight and Equity

Spotlight is the UK Performing arts industry's biggest platform for finding auditions and work as well as finding an agent. This is where auditions and jobs are listed. Each performer joins as a member and creates a profile that will be seen by casting directors.



Equity is the performers trade union. They support performers with things like pay disputes, unfair casting processes and other issues. Like Spotlight, you have to join as a member but will be able to access plenty of benefits.



All good performing arts courses are accredited and approved by both Spotlight and Equity. This means that they are guaranteed to train you to a standard ready for the industry.

# Get Into Theatre

Performing Arts careers aren't just about being an actor or a performer. There are so many opportunities in the industry that don't involve being on a stage or in front of a camera!

The website also lists opportunities for work experience and training that is available to you at different levels. You can visit it [here](#).

**Get Into Theatre** is an amazing new website that gives you an insight into all the career possibilities in the theatre industry. This includes directing, set design and stage management – there are so many you may never have heard of!

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# TASK

Using the Get Into Theatre website, create a profile of one of the career paths featured on there.

You should include:

- Job title
- A description of their function and list of activities they conduct
- Notable names within this line of work –people or organisations