

Fast-track route

You can join the ISM through the fast-track route if you satisfy one or more of the criteria below.

- You are booked or employed to play for an orchestra or are part of a professional freelance group or ensemble, musical theatre company or opera group on our fast-track list
- You are booked by any choir or chorus on our fast-track list
- You are currently represented by a management company which is a member of IAMA (International Artist Managers' Association)
- You have a recording contract with a label which is a member of AIM (The Association of Independent Music) or the BPI (British Phonographic Industry)
- You are a member of the music teaching staff at a higher education institution which offers a degree or equivalent with music as a significant component or you work in a specialist music school
- Your compositions are published by a company which is a member of the MPA (Music Publishers Association)
- You are or have been part of a young or emerging artist scheme on our fast-track list
- You have won or been nominated for a recognised award on our fast-track list
- You have won funding from a major arts funding body on our fast-track list

Please provide the name of the relevant ensemble, funding body, award, artist management company, young or emerging artist scheme, record label, higher education institution or publisher when completing the application form.

Fast track list

Academic staff

You are a member of the music teaching staff at a higher education institution which offers a degree or equivalent with music as a significant component or you work in a specialist music school.

Funded

You have received funding for a music project through one of the following bodies.

Arts Council England
Arts Council of Ireland
Arts Council of Wales

Arts Council of Northern Ireland
PRS Foundation
RPS

Scottish Arts Council
Sound and Music

Managed

You are currently represented by a management company which is a member of IAMA (International Artist Managers' Association).

Published

Your compositions are published by a company which is a member of the MPA (Music Publishers Association).

Signed

You have or have had a recording contract with a label which is a member of AIM (Association of Independent Music) or the BPI (British Phonographic Industry).

Professional orchestras

You are or have been employed or engaged by one or more of the following orchestras.

Academy of Ancient Music
Academy of St Martins in the Fields
BBC Concert Orchestra
BBC National Orchestra of Wales
BBC Philharmonic Orchestra
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra
BBC Symphony Orchestra
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra
Britten Sinfonia
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra
City of London Sinfonia
English Baroque Soloists, Monteverdi Choir & Orchestra
English Chamber Orchestra
English Classical Players
English Concert
English National Ballet Orchestra
English National Opera Orchestra
English Sinfonia

Ensemble Cymru
Garsington Opera Orchestra
Glyndebourne on Tour Orchestra
Grange Park Opera Orchestra
Garsington Opera Orchestra
Halle Orchestra
Lancashire Sinfonietta
London Handel Orchestra
London Mozart Players
London Philharmonic Orchestra
London Sinfonietta
London Symphony Orchestra
Milton Keynes City Orchestra
National Opera Studio Orchestra
New London Orchestra
New Queen's Hall Orchestra
Northern Chamber Orchestra
Northern Sinfonia
Opera North Orchestra
Orchestra of St John's

Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment
Orchestra of the Sixteen
Oxford Philomusica
Philharmonia
Royal Ballet Sinfonia
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Royal Opera House Orchestra
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic Concert
Royal Scottish National Orchestra
Scottish Ballet Orchestra
Scottish Chamber Orchestra
Scottish Ensemble
Scottish Opera Orchestra
The Sixteen Orchestra
Sinfonia Verdi
Southbank Sinfonia
Ulster Orchestra
Welsh National Opera Orchestra
Welsh Sinfonia

Professional/cathedral choirs and opera choruses

You are or have been employed or engaged by one or more of the following choirs or choruses.

Bath Abbey Cathedral Choir	Derby Cathedral Choir	Ripon Cathedral Choir
Durham Cathedral Choir	Ely Cathedral Choir	Rochester Cathedral Choir
Birmingham Cathedral Choir	English National Opera Chorus	Royal Opera House Chorus
Blackburn Cathedral Choir	English Touring Opera	Salisbury Cathedral Choir
Bradford Cathedral Choir	Exeter Cathedral Choir	Sheffield Cathedral Choir
Bristol Cathedral Choir	Gloucester Cathedral Choir	Southwark Cathedral Choir
British Youth Opera	Glyndebourne Chorus	St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir
Canterbury Cathedral Choir	Guildford Cathedral Choir	St Mary's Cathedral Choir Edinburgh
Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir	Hereford Cathedral	St Mary's Cathedral Choir Glasgow
Carlisle Cathedral Choir	Leicester Cathedral Choir	St Paul's Cathedral Choir
Chelmsford Cathedral Choir	Lichfield Cathedral Choir	Tallis Scholars
Chester Cathedral Choir	Lincoln Cathedral Choir	The Sixteen
Chichester Cathedral Choir	Liverpool Cathedral Choir	Truro Cathedral Choir
Choir of St George's Chapel	London Pro Arte	Wakefield Cathedral Choir
Choir of the Chapel Royal	Manchester Cathedral Choir	Wells Cathedral
Chorus of Opera North	Newcastle Cathedral (St Nicholas)	Westminster Abbey Choir
Chorus of Welsh National Opera	Norwich Cathedral	York Minster Cathedral Choir
Christ Church Oxford Cathedral Choir	Peterborough Cathedral	
Coventry Cathedral Choir	Portsmouth Cathedral Choir	

Military bands

You are or have been employed or engaged by one or more of the following military bands.

Band and Bugles of The Rifles	Band of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers	Band of the Royal Corps of Signals
Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines CTCRM	Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers	Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland
Band of HM Royal Marines Collingwood	Band of the Grenadier Guards	Band of the Scots Guards
Band of HM Royal Marines Plymouth	Band of the Irish Guards	Band of the Welsh Guards
Band of HM Royal Marines Portsmouth	Band of The King's Division	Central Band of the Royal Air Force
Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland	Band of the Life Guards	Heavy Cavalry and Cambrai Band
Band of The Adjutant General's Corps	Band of The Parachute Regiment	Light Cavalry Band
Band of The Army Air Corps	Band of The Prince of Wales's Division	Minden Band of The Queen's Division
Band of the Blues and Royals	Band of The Royal Air Force College	Royal Air Force Squadronaires
Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas	Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment	Royal Artillery Band
Band of the Coldstream Guards		Royal Logistic Corps Band

Young or emerging artist schemes

You are or have been part of one or more of the following schemes.

BBC Introducing	Music in the Castle New Generation Artists	RPS Young Musicians Programme
Live Music Now!	Park Lane Group	Southbank Sinfonia
City Music Foundation	RPS Philip Langridge Mentoring Scheme	The Genesis Sixteen scheme
Concordia Foundation	RPS Wigmore Hall Apprentice Composer Scheme	Women Conductors (with RPS)
Jette Parker Young Artists Scheme		Young Concert Artists Trust