

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.

Awards

You have won or been nominated for one or more of the awards below.

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| BBC Cardiff Singer of the World competition | GSMD Lord Mayoress' Prize | RCS Hugh S Robertson Scots Song Prizes |
| BBC Music Awards | GSMD Principal's Prize | RCS Jock Holden Memorial Mozart Prize |
| BBC Young Jazz Musician (over 18) | GSMD Sheriff's Prize | RCS Lamond Prize |
| BBC Young Musician of the Year (over 18) | GSMD The Guildhall Wigmore Recital Prize | RCS Mabel Glover String Quartet Prize |
| BCU The Alfred Corfield Trumpet Prize | GSMD The Ivan Sutton Award | RCS Norma Greig French Song Prize |
| BCU The Ambache Prize for the Performance of Music by Women Composers | GSMD The Susan Longfield Prize | RCS The Elgar Spedding Memorial Lieder Prize |
| BCU The Andrew Downes Performance Prize | Humph Trust Humph Award (in partnership with RAM Jazz Department) | RCS Tony and Tania Webster Prize for Voice |
| BCU The Ashleyan Opera Prize | Ivor Novello Awards | RCS Walcer Prize |
| BCU The Bernard Brown Brass Ensemble Prize | Jazz Lifetime Achievement Silver Medal | Richard Lewis Award Singing Competition (RAM PGs) |
| BCU The Beryl Chempin Beethoven Prize for Pianists | John Christie Award to a singer at Glyndebourne | RNCM Chopin Prize |
| BCU The Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra Concerto Prize | Kathleen Ferrier Award | RNCM Christopher Rowland RNCM Chamber Ensemble of the Year Award |
| BCU The Cecil Drew Oratorio Prize | Leeds International Pianoforte Competition | RNCM Elizabeth Harwood Memorial Award for Singers |
| BCU The Doris Newton Music Club Prize | Mercury Prize | RNCM Hirsch Prize |
| BCU The Philip Bates Composition Prize | MOBO Awards | RNCM James Mottram International Piano Competition |
| BCU The Renna Kellaway Piano Prize | MTV Europe Music Awards | RNCM Joyce and Michael Kennedy Award for the Singing of Strauss |
| BCU The Tony Levin Drum Prize | New Music Scotland Awards | RNCM Raphael Sommer Prize For Cello |
| Birmingham Conservatoire Student Awards | RAM Patrons' Award | RNCM Schubert Prize |
| Brit Awards | RAM Richard Lewis/Jean Shanks Award | RNCM Sir John Barbirolli Cello Prize |
| British Jazz Award | RCM Chappell Medal competition | RNCM The Helen Porthouse Paganini Prize |
| Bruce Millar Gullivar Singing Prize | RCM Joseph Horowitz Prize | RNCM Viola Prize |
| Classic Brits | RCM President's Award | RNCM Weil Prize |
| Clonter Opera Prize | RCM Tagore Gold Medal | Royal Academy of Music Bach Prize |
| D Afan Thomas Memorial Award for Music | RCM The Queen Mother Rosebowl | Royal Over-Seas League Music Competition |
| Dankworth Prize for Jazz Composition | RCS Bach Prize for Harpsichord, Piano and Organ | RPS Awards |
| Daryl Runswick Composition Prize – Trinity Laban | RCS Dunbar- Gerber Prize for Chamber Music | RPS/ABO Salomon Prize |
| Deutsche Bank Award in Music with RAM | RCS Governors' Recital Prize Brass | RWCMD Ian Stoutzker Prize |
| Gramophone Artist of the Year | RCS Governors' Recital Prize for Percussion | RWCMD Mansel Thomas prize |
| GSMD Chairman's Prize | RCS Governors' Recital Prize for Singing | Songlines Music Awards |
| GSMD Gold Medal | RCS Governors' Recital Prize Strings | |
| | RCS Hilda Bailey Prize for Violin | |

Awards (continued)

The British Composer Awards	Wigmore Hall/Kohn Foundation International Song Competition	Worshipful Company of Musicians Awards (over 18)
The Queen's Medal for Music	The Walter Willson Cobbett Medal for services to Chamber Music (with WCOM)	Worshipful Company of Musicians
Trinity Laban Gold Medal	Worshipful Company of Musicians – Collard Life Fellowship	The Busenhart Morgan Evans Award
Urban Music Awards		Worshipful Company of Musicians
Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition		The Prince's Prize

Funded

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

Arts Council England	Arts Council of Northern Ireland	Scottish Arts Council
Arts Council of Ireland	PRS Foundation	Sound and Music
Arts Council of Wales	RPS	

Managed

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Signed

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Professional orchestras

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

Academy of Ancient Music	Ensemble Cymru	Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment
Academy of St Martins in the Fields	Garsington Opera Orchestra	Orchestra of the Sixteen
BBC Concert Orchestra	Glyndebourne on Tour Orchestra	Oxford Philomusica
BBC National Orchestra of Wales	Grange Park Opera Orchestra	Philharmonia
BBC Philharmonic Orchestra	Garsington Opera Orchestra	Royal Ballet Sinfonia
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra	Halle Orchestra	Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
BBC Symphony Orchestra	Lancashire Sinfonietta	Royal Opera House Orchestra
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	London Handel Orchestra	Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic Concert
Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra	London Mozart Players	Royal Scottish National Orchestra
Britten Sinfonia	London Philharmonic Orchestra	Scottish Ballet Orchestra
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra	London Sinfonietta	Scottish Chamber Orchestra
City of London Sinfonia	London Symphony Orchestra	Scottish Ensemble
English Baroque Soloists, Monteverdi Choir & Orchestra	Milton Keynes City Orchestra	Scottish Opera Orchestra
English Chamber Orchestra	National Opera Studio Orchestra	The Sixteen Orchestra
English Classical Players	New London Orchestra	Sinfonia Verdi
English Concert	New Queen's Hall Orchestra	Southbank Sinfonia
English National Ballet Orchestra	Northern Chamber Orchestra	Ulster Orchestra
English National Opera Orchestra	Northern Sinfonia	Welsh National Opera Orchestra
English Sinfonia	Opera North Orchestra	Welsh Sinfonia
	Orchestra of St John's	

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