



Wilkes Academy

OF PERFORMING ARTS



BA HONS MUSICAL THEATRE

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Wilkes Academy is proud to offer students a BA Hons in Musical Theatre, franchised through Staffordshire University

Wilkes Academy is very quickly becoming one of the leading training programs for the performing artist.

It is an exciting innovative college with state of the art facilities, offering the optimum training ground for all its students. The Academy is located in Swindon with good transport links to London and the rest of the country.

Wilkes Academy has a mission to provide it's students with the best professional training and education available, so that students are fully equipped to successfully gain and sustain longevity in one of the most competitive, yet rewarding of industries.

Jonathan Wilkes Wilkes Academy principal

The BA (Hons) Musical Theatre degree at Wilkes Academy is a distinctive course offering an established and respected degree alongside excellent and pioneering vocational performing arts training.

This unique degree course will shape and prepare students to become a successful professional within the performing arts industry. The practically orientated nature of the course will support students to develop and enhance their technical skills and knowledges across a range of disciplines within Musical Theatre: acting, singing, dance.

Students will also develop a critical understanding of the workings of the wider creative Industries, providing students with the skills and knowledge for future careers opportunities and choices.

There's no doubt about it, the performing arts industry can be tough but also an extremely rewarding career path. At Wilkes Academy there is a simple philosophy that is instilled from day one: hard work breeds opportunity. The academy not only trains and nurtures the skills of its students, but it also prepares them

for every aspect of their chosen career as working professionals.

Wilkes Academy believes that 'a school is only as good as its teachers'. The teaching staff at Wilkes Academy consists of the best teachers and working professionals possible; professionals and teachers that are also still very much at the forefront of their working careers.

Adding to the exciting array of permanent teaching staff, Wilkes Academy strive to also employ a constant stream of exciting guest teachers that cover all genres. Each student will have opportunities to attend master classes and workshops and gain valuable experience working with exciting and current Directors, Choreographers, Musical Directors, Casting Directors, Producers, Singers, Dancers and Actors. It is very important that students experience the knowledge and expertise of those who have achieved and those who are still achieving.

There is more detail about the specific modules studied on the degree course on the next page, as well as the entry criteria required. For more information or details on how to apply please visit www.wilkesacademy.co.uk



COURSE MODULES:

The Degree course is over 3 years and covers the following modules:-

YEAR 1 - Level 4

Toolkit for Success
Dance Styles & Technique
Acting for Musical Theatre
Vocal Studies
Performance Studies
Theatre Performance

YEAR 2 - Level 5

Understanding the Performing Arts Industry
Advanced Practical Skills for Musical Theatre
Traditional Musical Theatre Production
Advanced Performance Studies
Contemporary Musical Theatre Production

YEAR 3 - Level 6

Industry Investigation
Performance Showcase
Innovative Performance
Your Promotional Portfolio
Major Performance

A wide range of different assessment methods are used throughout the course. You will be given opportunities to try out ideas and approaches and gain feedback throughout formative assessment activities, and then a range of different summative "graded" assessments are included in each modules.

These include:

Creative outputs professionally presented in the format required by the brief, including performances both live and to camera, featuring full repertoire and showcase material, etc.

A reflective journal, discussing your learning journey throughout the module and utilising appropriate reflective theory and frameworks.

An essay, report, case study or project plan, written and illustrated to given guidelines and wordcounts. Self-assessment, peer review and studio critiques.

FINAL AWARDS

BA [Hons] Musical Theatre

Mode of Study: Full Time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The required 64 UCAS Tariff points

Completed ucas application form

A successful audition and interview at Wilkes Academy



STUDENT DESTINATIONS



Ope Sowande
Graduate 2019, The Lion King International Tour
Joining Wilkes Academy has completely changed my life. I have gained so much knowledge in just 3 years and I can now call them my family. Such an amazing place.



Ella Goodwin
Graduate 2018, Thriller Tour, Littlemix, x factor, Mabel
Wilkes never failed to give us the opportunities you thought you could only dream of having, bringing in the best of the best in the industry, and always making sure we were being the best version of ourselves

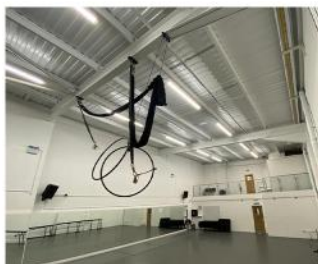


Aaron Bryan
Graduate 2017, Pussycat Dolls, Strictly Come Dancing, X Factor, Magic Mike
Wilkes Academy is a building full of talented and inspiring people. The three years I spent there were full of amazing memories which have developed me into the performer I am today.



Layla Stock
Graduate 2019, We Will Rock You
Wilkes Academy was such an incredible part of my life. I gained so much in just three years, giving me opportunities that I never thought I could have. It was my home away from home and will forever be grateful for my Wilkes family.

We have an extensive network of casting directors, agents, and choreographers who regularly turn to Wilkes Academy students with offers to audition for professional work engagements. In recent years, we're proud to say that many of our students on completion of their course have been offered full-time professional contracts with a variety of national and international shows and companies to include:-



STUDIO INFORMATION

The Academy is fortunate to have fantastic state of the art studio spaces. We're very proud to have created the optimum environment for our students to learn, grown and develop their own creativity.

We have 10 purpose built dance studios as well as various private singing and acting spaces.

Ariel apparatus and gymnastics equipment is also available onsite.

Our degree students have access to a dedicated HE centre that provides space for group and individual study as well as a break out space.

For academic work, we have dedicated classrooms, library and resource area.

PATRON INFORMATION

Supporting the Academy, we are extremely fortunate to have a group of patrons that are very active in their support of the college and the individual growth of our students.



Ant & Dec

"Everybody strives for success and longevity in our industry, so it's vital to receive the best training possible. The teachers at Wilkes Academy can ensure you get exactly that!"



Alrene Phillips

Choreographer
"Every school is as good as its teachers and here there are some of the greatest"



Mike Dixon

Musical Director

"Training new people in the Musical Theatre is so vital, so exciting and so possible here with Jonathan and his brilliant team. I for one, am looking forward to spending some time helping the student achieve their goals"



Dancers Inc.

UK's Number 1 Commercial Agency

"In the pursuit of creating the stars of tomorrow, the Wilkes Academy have struck upon the perfect combination of nurturing, elite training and informed preparation for the entertainment industry."



Louise Dearman

West End Leading Lady

"Encouraging young performers to pursue their dreams is so important but teaching them the skills, discipline and passion it takes is essential if they want to make it in the business."

SCHOLARSHIPS

At Wilkes Academy we have forged relationships with some of the leading lights in the performing arts industry, many of whom have witnessed first-hand the quality of work we produce and the level of training available to young performers. These individuals and companies know the importance of a strong foundation and want to contribute in some way. This is why we are able to offer some incredibly generous scholarships.

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