



Wilkes Academy

OF PERFORMING ARTS



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Jonathan Wilkes
Owner / Director

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.

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. 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



IN
PARTNERSHIP

COURSE MODULES:

The degree course runs progressively over 3 years and covers the following modules:

YEAR 1 - Level 4

Toolkit for Success
Performance Skills in Context
21st Century Performance

YEAR 2 - Level 5

Personal Practice
Traditional Performance
Contemporary Performance

YEAR 3 - Level 6

Professional Practice
Creative Company
Final Performance

A student at Wilkes Academy will have an intensive timetable made up of lessons in a wide range of subjects including Ballet, Technical Jazz, Acting through Song, Commercial Dance, Ensemble Singing, Contemporary Dance, Tap and Contextual classes.

A wide range of assessment methods focus on authentic approaches to best prepare students for industry contexts. Students will be given opportunities to try out ideas, gain feedback and develop skills across performance disciplines. Assessment assists learning through both formative “interim” and summative “graded” assignments where students gain feedback and advice to carry forward into their personal practice.

Examples include:

- Creative outputs professionally presented in the format required by the brief, including performances, featuring full repertoire and showcase or revue material.
- Reflective journals, where you critically consider your own learning journey through the use of theoretical frameworks and commonly used methods of documentation (digital and written).
- Spoken presentations, project pitches, planning processes and industry-based research to support transferable skills development to best equip you for employability.

Predominantly, the Wilkes Academy Musical Theatre degree allows students to achieve their best, whilst encouraging independence, professional attitudes and industry readiness to equip students for their next steps.

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,

Moulin Rouge, 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

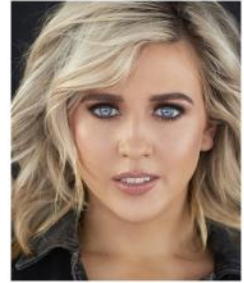
Wilkes never failed to give us the opportunities you thought you could only dream of having, bringing in the best of the best in the industry, and always making sure we were being the best version of ourselves.



Aaron Bryan
Graduate 2017,

Take That Movie, 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.



Sinéad Courtney
Graduate 2021,

Mamma Mia, The Cher Show, Oti Mabuse: I Am Here, Aladdin, Princes Trust Fund, A Tale To Tell

Wilkes Academy changed my whole perspective on life, I'm so grateful for every faculty member for pushing me to achieve my goals. I've met some amazing people and proud to call them not just my friends but my 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

Wilkes 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 twelve spacious studios – complete with over 1000 sqm of Harlequin Floor, as well as dedicated acting and private singing spaces. Ariel apparatus and gymnastics equipment is also available onsite. For academic work, we have dedicated classrooms and access to digital library via our partners at Staffordshire University.

TEACHING FACULTY

Wilkes Academy believes that a school is only as good as its teachers. Our wonderful teaching faculty and support team is full of specialists that give students the most up to date understanding of the performing arts industry. Many of our teaching team and guest teachers still work as professionals within the performing arts industry in roles such as directors, dancers, singers, Musical directors, choreographers, casting directors and actors and bring a wealth of industry knowledge and skills to students learning experience.

We also have a dedicated welfare team at Wilkes Academy to help students with any pastoral issues they may have or guidance they may need. This team includes access to counselling, physiotherapy and other therapeutic professionals



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. We are honoured to work closely with P&O Cruises who offer many of our students professional contracts when they finish their time at Wilkes Academy as well as scholarship options.





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