

ZURICH LAMDA INFORMATION 2024



Dear Academy Student and Parent,

LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts) is one of the UK's most prestigious drama schools. They offer performance-based examinations which have been carefully refined and developed over many years by experts in education, acting and communication.

In addition to being the largest Speech and Drama Board in the United Kingdom, LAMDA Examinations have a reputation for excellence across Europe, the Far East, the Middle East, Africa and the United States.

These exams are recognised educational qualifications and are accredited as an Awarding Body by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) in England, and the corresponding regulatory authorities in Wales (ACCAC) and Northern Ireland (CEA). Some of the higher-level examinations award UCAS points (for university entry in the UK).

The examination itself provides candidates with an opportunity to:

- Measure progress against an internationally applied standard
- Make contact with expert assessors outside the immediate teaching environment
- Receive critical appraisal and guidance for future development
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Acquire skill certification
- Receive a record of personal achievement

Simply Theatre Academy students has had a lot of success over the past 10 years with a 100% pass rate, and more than 65% of students getting distinctions. This year, we will once again be offering students the opportunity to take examinations in 'Acting' (see pages 2/3 of this pack) and 'Musical Theatre' (see pages 4/5 of this pack).

These exams will take place at Simply Theatre Studios in Zurich between 13th – 26th May 2024. Exact date TBC.

Exams are open to all Academy students aged 7 and above with the approval of their Academy teacher. It is also advised that students have already completed a minimum of one full year at the Academy before applying.

Due to high demand and the desire to ensure each and every student receives the time and support that they require in the preparation process, we have a limit on how many students we shall be accepting for examination this year.

If after reading this information pack you would like to apply to take the LAMDA exams this year you will need to apply online at www.simplytheatre.com/lamda

The closing date for applications is 21 November 2023.

With best wishes,

Your Simply Theatre LAMDA Team

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ACTING EXAMINATIONS



LAMDA examinations in Acting are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate dramatic text to an audience. Candidates who prepare themselves appropriately will develop interpretative skills, technical skills, and knowledge of the performance process.

Candidates will have to learn either one, two or three monologues dependant on level of entry.

LAMDA Acting exams are broken down into Levels and Grades as follows:

- **Level 1 – Entry, Grades 1-3**
- **Level 2 – Grades 4-5**
- **Level 3 – Medal levels – Grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold)**

Exam level will be determined by the Academy at the time of application. For most students who have already taken LAMDA exams previously, this will be a natural progression to the next exam level.

Places on the Acting LAMDA courses are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

ACTING: LAMDA PREPERATION – WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

LEVEL 1 & 2 (grades 1-5)

This year, candidates will partake in a weekly small-group workshop over the course of 10 weeks – choosing, learning and developing their pieces, whilst receiving tuition focusing on physicality, character, technique, voice and knowledge. We have found working alongside peers to be very beneficial in recent years and as such have developed this 10-week programme to build our students exposure and confidence.

Entrants will be sent a selection of Anthology pieces to choose from prior to the first class.

Zurich – Times and Dates

Level 1 - Monday 5.20-6.20

Level 2 – Monday 6.30-7.30

Level 1 and 2 will run on Mondays on the following dates.

- Dec 4th (Opening Session)
- Jan 15th,
- Jan 29th
- Feb 5th
- Feb 26th
- March 4th
- March 18th
- March 25th
- April 8th
- May 10th – (Mock Feedback)

Mock Exams 4/5th May

Exam week 13- 26 May but likely Weekend either 18th or 25th May.

Zug– Times and Dates

Level 1&2 Thursday between 6:15-7:15pm

- Dec 7th (Opening Session)
- Jan 18th,
- Feb 1st
- Feb 22nd
- Feb 29th
- March 8th
- March 21st
- April 4th
- April 11th
- May 13th – (Mock Feedback)

Level 1 & 2 Saturdays between 12.45-1.45pm

- Dec 2nd
- Jan 13th,
- Jan 27th
- Feb 3rd
- Feb 24th
- March 2nd
- March 16th
- March 23th
- April 6th
- May 4th

LEVEL 3 (Bronze, Silver & Gold)

This year, candidates will partake in a series of essential workshops and private tuition sessions. These are by appointment only with the LAMDA coach:

Levels 3 (7 session – 5 private lessons & 2 workshops).

1. Workshop 1 – All medals Saturday 25th November 2023, 13h00-15h00 (date subject to application numbers)
2. Private coaching session 1 (1 hour): Around week commencing 10th December 2023
3. Private coaching session 2 (1 hour): Around week commencing 4th February 2024
4. Private Coaching Session 3 (1 Hour) – Around 3rd March 2024
5. Private Coaching session 3 (1 hour): Around 18th March 2024
6. Workshop 2: Saturday 6th April 2024, 13h00-15h00 (Date TBC)
7. Private Coaching Session 4 (1 hour): April by appointment

***It is important that students and parents wishing to sign up for the LAMDA examinations must accept the commitment that they are making to attend all of the appropriate weeknight and weekend workshops for their exam level and the mock exams.**

Mock Exams – 4/5th May 2024

These mock exams are an essential final preparation and safety net for ALL students, in advance of their LAMDA exam. They are treated like the real thing, with candidates presenting the exam and answering questions exactly as they would be required to in their real examination. The mock exams are a pre-requisite to taking the LAMDA exams and it is mandatory that every candidate make themselves available this weekend.

LAMDA Examinations – 13th – 26th May 2024

The Length of each exam varies by grade (see the chart below). We expect students to arrive 10-15 minutes before their exam time in order to warm up and ensure that they are relaxed and prepared for their examination.

LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL ACTING EXAMINATIONS

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| • Grades 1, 2, 3 – Acting | 15 minutes |
| • Grades 4 & 5 – Acting | 20 minutes |
| • Grade 6 – Acting | 25 minutes |
| • Grades 7 & 8 Acting | 30 minutes |

ACTING EXAMINATION FEES

Grade 1	460
Grade 2	460
Grade 3	460
Grade 4	490
Grade 5	490
Grade 6 / Bronze	1010
Grade 7 / Silver	1030
Grade 8 / Gold	1050

*Fees include – all materials, administration, exam tuition sessions (workshops, private tuition sessions, mock exam, LAMDA examination, exam report & feedback, certificate (plus medals for grades 6, 7, 8)

If you wish to apply for LAMDA 2024 ACTING examinations, please apply online at www.simplytheatre.com/lamda by 21 November 2023.

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

LAMDA examinations in Musical Theatre are designed to develop the skills necessary to communicate the dramatic context of musical text over a range of musical styles / categories. The emphasis is on performance and presentation rather than on the study of musical theatre as a whole.

Candidates will learn either one, two or three songs / scenes dependent on level of entry, and for later grades, devised or develop text leading into the song. Grades 4 & 5 require a 3rd song spoken as a monologue. They will also need to have a good understanding of the character within the musical and the plots of the musicals from which their songs are taken.

LAMDA Musical Theatre exams are broken down into Levels and Grades as follows:

- **Level 1 – Grades 1-3**
- **Level 2 – Grades 4-5**
- **Level 3 – Medal levels – Grades 6, 7, 8 (Bronze, Silver, Gold)**

Exam level will be determined by the Academy at the time of application. For most students who have already taken LAMDA exams previously, this will be a natural progression to the next exam level.

Places on the Musical Theatre LAMDA courses are extremely limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first served basis.

MUSICAL THEATRE: LAMDA PREPERATION – WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

LEVEL 1 & 2 (grades 1-5) and LEVEL 3 (Bronze, Silver & Gold)

This year, candidates will partake in a series of essential workshops and private tuition sessions in either Zurich (with Auguste) or Zug (with Axel). By appointment only. Exact dates to be advised on application.

Level 1 & 2 (Grades 1-5) - Applicants will arrange 7 x 30 minute private lessons with their Lamda coach from December to May.

Level 3 (Bronze, Silver Gold) - Applicants will arrange 7 x 60 minute private lessons with their Lamda coach from December to May.

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Mock Exams – 4/5th May 2024

These mock exams are an essential final preparation and safety net for ALL students, in advance of their LAMDA exam. They are treated like the real thing, with candidates presenting the exam and answering questions exactly as they would be required to in their real examination. The mock exams are a pre-requisite to taking the LAMDA exams and it is mandatory that every candidate make themselves available this weekend.

LAMDA Examinations – 13th–26th May 2024 – Likely to be 18-19th May

The Length of each exam varies by grade (see the chart below). We expect students to arrive 10-15 minutes before their exam time in order to warm up and ensure that they are relaxed and prepared for their examination We are excited to announce that this year LAMDA will revert to Pre-Covid protocol and an examiner will come to our Versoix Studios in person. All students aged 16 or over must show an original proof of I.D. (such as a passport) at the start of the exam.

LENGTH OF INDIVIDUAL MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATIONS

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| • Grades 1, 2, 3 Musical Theatre | 15 minutes |
| • Grades 4 & 5 Musical Theatre | 25 minutes |
| • Grade 6 Musical Theatre | 30 minutes |
| • Grades 7 & 8 Musical Theatre | 35 minutes |

MUSICAL THEATRE EXAMINATION FEES

Grade 1	550
Grade 2	550
Grade 3	550
Grade 4	625
Grade 5	625
Grade 6 / Bronze	1120
Grade 7 / Silver	1140
Grade 8 / Gold	1160

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