# LAMDA 2027 - INFORMATION

Dear Academy Students and Parents,

**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 have 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 and 3 of this pack) and 'Musical Theatre' (see pages 4 and 5 of this pack).

**These exams will take place at Simply Theatre Studios in Zurich between 22nd-24th May 2027 (exact date and time to be given closer to the exam day). Please note that you will not be able to choose what day your exam takes place and it may well be during the school day.**

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 30th October 2026.**

With best wishes,

Your Simply Theatre LAMDA Team
lamda@simplytheatre.com

# 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 depending 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 PREPARATION – WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

**LEVEL 1 & 2 (grades 1-5)**

This year students will partake in a weekly small-group workshop over the course of **11** 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 11-week programme to build our students' exposure and confidence.

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

**In Zurich:**

**Level 1 classes:** select Tuesdays, 17:30 – 18:30
**Level 2 classes:** select Tuesdays, 18:30 – 19:30
**Level 3 classes:** TBD

**In Basel**:

**Level 1 & 2 class:** select Saturdays (TBD), 12:45 -13:45
**Level 3 classes**: TBD

**In Zug**

There are **no separate acting sessions** offered this year. Students are welcome to sign up for the **Zurich or Basel** classes. If this is not possible, please reach out to **victoriaguirado@simplytheatre.com**

## ACTING: ZURICH – TIMES AND DATES

**LEVELS 1 AND 2**

*(Dates are subject to change depending on demand and teacher availability):*

- 17th November (Into)
- 15th December
- 12th January
- 19th January
- 2nd February
- 9th February
- 9th March
- 23rd March
- 13th April
- 20th April
- 11th May

**LEVEL 3 (Bronze, Silver & Gold)**

This year, candidates will partake in a series of essential workshops and private tuition sessions (5 private lessons & 2 workshops). The exact dates for the private lessons are to be arranged with the teacher. The workshops will take place on select Tuesdays or Saturdays. Exact dates will be provided at a later time.

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

## ACTING: MOCK EXAMS: 17TH & 18TH APRIL 2027

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.

## ACTING: LAMDA EXAMINATIONS: 22ND-24TH MAY

The length of each exam varies by grade (see the chart below) and will take place at our Zurich Studio. 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.

**All students aged 16 or over must show an original proof of I.D. (such as a passport) at the start of the exam.**

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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 | TUITION* (DUE ON ENROLLMENT) | EXAM FEE** (DUE IN MARCH) |
|---|---|---|
| **GRADE 1** | 400 | 120 |
| **GRADE 2** | 400 | 120 |
| **GRADE 3** | 400 | 120 |
| **GRADE 4** | 430 | 139.50 |
| **GRADE 5** | 430 | 139.50 |
| **GRADE 6 / BRONZE** | 900 | 169 |
| **GRADE 7 / SILVER** | 930 | 195.50 |
| **GRADE 8 / GOLD** | 960 | 220.50 |

*The tuition fee includes – all materials, administration, exam tuition sessions (workshops, private tuition sessions, mock exam, mock exam report & feedback.

**The exam fee is TBC. The prices listed above are the 2026 prices. This fee includes – LAMDA examination, exam report & feedback, LAMDA certificate (plus medals for grades 6, 7, 8).

**If you wish to apply for LAMDA 2027 ACTING examinations, please register online at:**
**www.simplytheatre.com/lamda by 30th October 2026**

# 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 depending on level of entry, and for later grades, devise 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 courses will run in Zurich and Basel.****

## MUSICAL THEATRE: LAMDA PREPARATION – WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

**LEVEL 1 (Grades 1-3) and LEVEL 2 (Grades 4-5)**

This year candidates will partake in a series of 5 essential private tuition sessions (30 minutes each). The exact dates are to be arranged privately with the teacher. We recommend the following parameters:

- January: 1 Session
- February: 1 Session
- March: 2 Sessions
- April: 1 Session

**LEVEL 3 (Bronze, Silver & Gold)**

This year candidates will partake in a series of 6 essential private tuition sessions (1 hour each). The exact dates are to be arranged privately with the teacher. We recommend the following parameters:

- January: 1 Session
- February: 2 Sessions
- March: 2 Sessions
- April: 1 Session

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## MUSICAL THEATRE: MOCK EXAMS: 17TH & 18TH APRIL 2027

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.

## MUSICAL THEATRE: EXAMINATIONS: 22ND-24TH MAY

The length of each exam varies by grade (see below) and will take place at our Zurich Studio. 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. **All students aged 16 or over must show an original proof of I.D. (such as a passport) at the start of the exam.**

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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 | TUITION* (DUE ON ENROLLMENT) | EXAM FEE** (DUE IN MARCH) |
|---|---|---|
| **GRADE 1** | 490 | 120 |
| **GRADE 2** | 490 | 120 |
| **GRADE 3** | 490 | 120 |
| **GRADE 4** | 620 | 139.50 |
| **GRADE 5** | 620 | 139.50 |
| **GRADE 6 / BRONZE** | 1020 | 169 |
| **GRADE 7 / SILVER** | 1040 | 195.50 |
| **GRADE 8 / GOLD** | 1070 | 220.50 |

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