## **Liverpool** John Moores University

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Title: Singing for Musical Theatre

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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School Teaching School/Faculty: Institute of the Arts Barcelona

Team	Leader
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Academic Credit Total

Level: FHEQ7 Value: 20 Delivered 115

**Hours:** 

Total Private

Learning 200 Study: 85

**Hours:** 

**Delivery Options** 

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours	
Lecture	10	
Practical	90	
Seminar	5	
Tutorial	10	

**Grading Basis:** 50 %

# **Assessment Details**

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Practice	Practice 1	Chamber Solo Singing Concert	50	
Practice	Practice 2	Ensemble Concert (focus on complex harmony)	50	

#### **Aims**

The core aim of the module is to

• enhance and develop the student's capability as a professional singer for musical

theatre.

More specifically the module aims to;

- enhance and develop the student's understanding of the physiology of the voice and ensuring safe and healthy practice as a singer
- enhance and develop the students understanding of the relationship between the voice and the body
- enhance and develop the students understanding of the creative potential of singing and the ability to develop theatrical character and narrative through vocal performance (Acting through Song)
- enhance and develop the students critical understanding of music theory and it relationship to specific genres and approaches to musical theatre performance

# **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate through practice, a critically informed understanding of the physical requirements necessary to attain and sustain a healthy singing voice
- 2 Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate through practice, an advanced and critical understanding of the potential of singing performance to develop dramatic character and narrative trajectories ('acting through song')
- 3 Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate an informed and critical understanding of the differing performance requirements of a range of musical theatre styles and genres
- 4 Reflect upon, elucidate and demonstrate through performance, a clear and critical understanding of the theories and concepts of music and music performance

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Performance - Solo 1 2 3 4
Performance - Ensemble 1 2 3 4

#### **Outline Syllabus**

One to one vocal tutorials

The teaching in one-to-one tutorials will be tailored to individual student needs. Initially all students will undergo a vocal diagnostic programme whereby any vocal issues are isolated and strategies for their removal will be developed. One to one singing tutorials are also designed to enhance the student's vocal capacity and vocal range. Across the year, students will work with their individual tutor to develop and explore a range of repertoire from both legitimate musical theatre and from contemporary musical theatre.

Acting through Song

Working as a cohort group, students will explore the concepts ideas and practices of acting through song. As with one-to-one singing, students will explore a range of

musical theatre work from the Golden Age up to the present day. Ensemble Singing

Within Ensemble Singing students will principally be asked to explore a range of material that requires complex harmony. The material for this element of the module may not necessarily be drawn from musical theatre; instead the choices will be based on challenge and complexity

Music Theory

Music theory will ensure that the student completes the programme with the capacity to have a base level of ability to read music and understand the nature of music theory as applied to musical theatre rehearsal and performance.

## **Learning Activities**

The module is practical in nature.

All students will have regular one-to-one singing lessons (normally on a weekly basis). In addition, students will follow a comprehensive programme of group sessions where broader concepts of style, genre and acting through song will be explored. In the group session the student will also explore music theory (which may include lectures) and the theories and practice of complex harmony

#### **Notes**

The module enables the enhancement and development of the student's capability as a professional singer for musical theatre. Assessment is via two performances.