



ICMP

The Institute  
of Contemporary  
Music Performance

# Audition Guidance Songwriting Applicants

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# Songwriting Auditions

## On the Day...

Please ensure that you are on time for your arranged audition, we recommend arriving at least fifteen minutes before your scheduled appointment.

Please be aware, if you have not already, you will need to complete your application before we can make you any formal offers, regardless of your audition outcome.

### UCAS Details

Institution Code: **i25**

BA (Hons) Songwriting: **W3W8**

Cert HE Songwriting: **WW38**

For students who audition at ICMP's North London campus, we will have a keyboard available for you, if you will be accompanying yourself on guitar then it is recommended you bring your own to the audition.

If you are using any CDs, MP3s, USBs, or any Soundcloud/YouTube links, we recommend you test them prior to arriving to ensure they work.

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### What to prepare...

**Two original songs** that demonstrate your ability to write chord progressions, lyrics and vocal melodies.

**At least one of these songs must be performed live** by accompanying yourself on either guitar or keys. Your second song may also be presented live, or you may present a pre-recorded song on CD/MP3/USB/Soundcloud, etc. If you choose to present recordings, please have these prepared in advance. (There will be a computer available on the day with internet access).

**Copies of your song lyrics** ready to present to the tutor.

The tutor will ask you questions based the songs you have presented, their creation, development and production, as well as what you are hoping to achieve from the course, your future goals, and how this course can help you develop your craft as a songwriter.

**Undergraduate auditions are generally 30-minutes in length**

### Any questions?

If you have any questions on the above, please contact the ICMP Admissions team on: 020 7328 0222 or via email [enquiries@icmp.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@icmp.co.uk)

**We look forward to meeting you on your audition day.**