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RNCM OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

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RNCM Open Day Information

Tuesday 27 September 2016

Thank you for your interest in our forthcoming Open Day.

I am pleased to confirm that your place/s have been reserved and look forward to welcoming you to the Royal Northern College of Music on

Tuesday 27 September 2016 from 9.30am

Please find attached a Timetable of Events, Information Sheet, map and instructions of how to find us.

Visitors are requested to register between 10am and 10.30am. Please feel free to visit the Information Fair, Historic Musical Instrument Collection and help yourself to free refreshments on the Concourses. Further details will be included in a more detailed schedule issued on Open Day.

If you require further information, or have any special requirements and need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Timetable of Events

	Strings	Vocal Studies and Opera	Keyboard Studies	Wind, Brass & Percussion	Composition	Popular Music
9.30am	Information Fair					
10am	Registration, Refreshments, Information Fair & Historical Musical Instrument Collection					
10.30am	Welcome Address					
11am	Concert					
12pm	Lunch	Info	Info	Tour	Lunch	Lunch
12.45pm	Tour	Lunch	Lunch	Info	Tour	Tour
1.30pm	Info	Tour	Tour	Lunch	Info	Info
2.15pm	BMus and GRNCM/MusB Programme Information and Graduate School Programmes Information					
2.45pm	School-Based Activities					
4pm	Information Fair (your opportunity to speak to staff and students)					
5pm	Depart					

Visiting the Royal Northern College of Music

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Why should I attend an Open Day?

Attending an Open Day allows you to make an informed choice. You will be able to experience the environment in which you will be studying, view facilities and accommodation, and receive advice and information allowing you to make the best choice.

What will happen on the day?

Between 9.30am-5pm you will be able to:

- Tour the College facilities and Hall of Residence with Student Ambassadors
- Attend a concert
- Speak to academic staff to discuss academic content of programmes
- Speak to Heads of School to discuss any practical elements of the programmes
- Meet current students

- Attend School Activities

- Gain information about fees, welfare and accommodation

Fire Alarm

While you are in the building, if you hear a continuous alarm bell, please leave the building by the nearest fire exit as quickly as possible. Staff and Student Ambassadors will ensure that you are guided to the nearest exit.

Illness or Accident

If you require first aid or feel ill, please notify a member of staff or a Student Ambassador.

Information Point

An Information Point will be located in the reception area. If you require further information about any aspect of the Open Day activities, please speak to a staff member or Student Ambassador at the Open Day Welcome Desk.

How to find us

Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RD

The main entrance to the College is on Booth Street West

How to find us

The RNCM is situated 1 mile south of Manchester city centre, in the heart of the Education Quarter, on the corner of Oxford Road and Booth Street West. Oxford Road connects the RNCM by bus to the city centre, and all of Oxford Road, Piccadilly and Victoria train stations. Oxford Road Station is a 15 minute walk away.

By Bus www.tfgm.com/buses

The Oxford Road Link 147 bus runs from near Piccadilly Rail Station.

This service runs every ten minutes throughout the day, Monday to Friday

A single journey costs 80p
£1.50 day saver

Other services to the Oxford Road area include:

- Buses from Piccadilly Bus Station (Piccadilly Gardens):
16, 41, 42, 43, 44, 85, 86, X41, X57, 111, 142, 143, 157, 250, 263, 291.

- Buses from Oxford Road Station:

Any bus that runs down Oxford Road (away from the city).

- Buses from Manchester Airport:
43, 44.

- Bus from Piccadilly Train Station:
147.

By Taxi:

Taxi ranks are at each railway station; fare to the College approximately £6/£7

Fare from Manchester Airport approximately £25-£30

Tram www.metrolink.co.uk

Alight at Deansgate - Castlefield and walk or catch a bus down Oxford Road

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By Road:

All approach routes are clearly sign posted Universities.

From M62 (East):

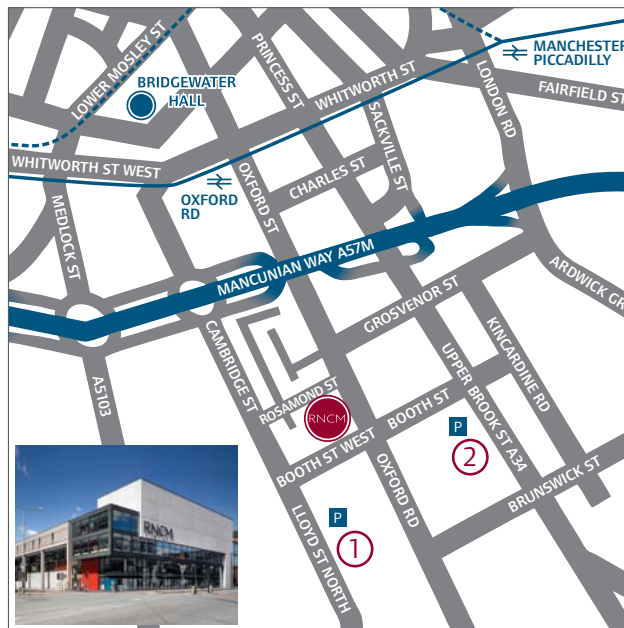
Leave M62 at J12 and join M602 Salford for 4 miles. At motorway end join A57 Manchester, joining A57M after 1 mile. Leave at A34 (sign posted Congleton), bear left (following signs for Universities) then get into the right hand lane. At traffic lights turn right into Grosvenor Street, go through the first set of lights and at next set turn left onto Oxford Rd. At the next set of lights turn right (Booth Street West) and the RNCM is located 100 yards up on the right hand side.

From M62 (West):

Leave M62 at J18 to join M60 Manchester. At next roundabout join A576, Manchester Central. After approx 2 miles bear left at traffic lights on to A665. Go straight on past several signs for Universities. At junction with Rochdale Road (A664) turn left, then right down Thompson Street. Keep following the Universities signs that eventually bring you off the Mancunian Way fly-over onto Higher Cambridge Street. Now take the forth turning on the left (Booth Street West) and the RNCM is located 100 yards up on the left hand side.

From M56:

At motorway end continue along A5103 Manchester for 4 miles. Turn right at traffic lights (signed Whitworth Art Gallery, Museum, Universities). At next lights (Whitworth Pub) turn left onto Oxford Road. Go past The University of Manchester. Turn left onto Booth Street West and the RNCM is located 100 yards up on the right hand side.



From M67:

At motorway end, continue along A57 for approx 3 miles towards City Centre. At roundabout (Apollo Theatre on left hand side) take 2nd exit signed posted Universities. Go through the first set of lights and approximately half a mile further is the Oxford Road T junction. At the junction turn right and travel a further half mile. Turn left onto Booth Street West and the RNCM is 100 yards up on the right hand side.

Parking:

- ① The University of Manchester Booth Street car park is situated off Booth Street West. M13 9GR. Open 6am-midnight. 3-6 hours £5; 6-10 hours £8
- ② The Aquatics Centre car park is situated off Booth Street East. Open 6am - midnight. M13 9SS. 4-9 hours £5.80

Why Study at the RNCM?

Unparalleled performance opportunities, world-class tuition and a vibrant student environment in the heart of Manchester – these are just a few of the reasons why talented performers and composers from all over the world choose to train as a professional musician at the RNCM.



Performance is at the heart of everything we do

Creativity and collaboration is encouraged within the College, and there are wide-ranging opportunities for you to get involved in all genres of music. Whatever your interests – be it orchestral or chamber music, jazz, brass, opera or new music, there are numerous learning and performance opportunities through The Platform – the RNCM's international centre for ensemble and vocal training. To discover more, visit www.rncm.ac.uk/theplatform

World-class facilities

As an RNCM student you will have access to excellent facilities, including world-class performance venues and a wealth of learning resources. The RNCM Concert Hall has been transformed into a bigger, better and more comfortable venue, to accommodate the College's diverse teaching, study, rehearsal and performance activities. New students will benefit from this £7m redevelopment of the RNCM Concert Hall.



Live and study in the vibrant city of Manchester

The RNCM is proud to be located in the world-leading city of Manchester, a centre for classical and contemporary music, and the UK's most popular student city. Our students thrive in this diverse and creative environment.

Frequently Asked Questions

We have compiled a list of our most frequently asked questions about applying to the RNCM. Our staff and Student Ambassadors will be on hand throughout Open Day to answer any further questions you may have.

I haven't taken A level Music, can I still apply?

Yes you can apply without an A level in Music although we would highly recommend that you take it.

Do I need to have achieved ABRSM Grade 8 in both my instrument and theory to get a place?

Not necessarily. You can apply and audition without having obtained Grade 8. However, as an indication only, applicants are normally expected to have reached Grade 8 standard in their performance.

Can I apply to universities as well as conservatoires?

Yes. Undergraduate applicants can apply to universities on UCAS and conservatoires on UCAS Conservatoires at the same time. You can hold a guaranteed/firm offer on both systems although a final decision is required before the start of your course.

I'm unsure if I'm of the right standard to audition at the RNCM, or if I want to study at a conservatoire. Are there opportunities to come to the College to see if it is right for me?

Yes. If you want to get a better idea of whether the RNCM is right for you, you can come along for an Advice Audition. Advice auditions are normally only available during January - June, and the current fee is £65 (£30 of which is refunded if you apply for an entry audition within 12 months). Please contact admissions@rncm.ac.uk to request an application form.

What are the audition requirements?

Audition requirements vary from instrument to instrument. For further information, please visit the Audition Requirements page on our website: www.rncm.ac.uk/auditionprocess

Can I apply for two principal study areas/two instruments?

Joint Principal Study is not offered on any of the RNCM courses. You will concentrate on one instrument or Principal Study area during your course. If you would like to be considered for two instruments or Principal Study areas, you will need to make two separate applications and pay two audition fees on UCAS Conservatoires.

When should I apply?

The UCAS Conservatoires 'Apply' function is normally available from mid-July for the following year's entry (e.g. apply from mid July 2016 for entry in September 2017). The deadline is 1 October. Late applications are accepted, provided there are places available.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

All applicants are automatically considered for an entrance award/scholarship. You do not need to apply for one. For other scholarship information and bursaries, please visit www.rncm.ac.uk/fees

When will I know the outcome of my audition?

If you apply on time and attend an audition during the main audition period, you will receive an outcome via UCAS Conservatoires before Christmas. If you are offered a guaranteed place, you will also receive an offer letter by email or post.

How are tutors allocated?

The allocation of students to specific Principal Study tutors is undertaken by the relevant Head of School in consultation with other specialist colleagues, and on the basis of performance at audition. Prospective students with a preference for a particular tutor are encouraged to contact their Head of School to make this known. It should be emphasised that in all cases the final decision about tutor allocation will remain the responsibility of the Head of School.

How do I apply for accommodation?

RNCM students can enjoy modern accommodation in Sir Charles Groves Hall of Residence, conveniently located next door to the College. The Hall is owned and managed by Liberty Living. If you are made and accept an offer of a place at the RNCM, your details will automatically be forwarded to Liberty Living so that a room can be allocated for you. If you do not wish to live in Halls then you can make your own arrangements with a private provider. Please visit Manchester Student Homes for information and guidance: www.manchesterstudenthomes.com