ISA ARTS

ISA MUSICAL THEATRE COMPETITION

Open to KS2 - KS5
Final: Wednesday 28 April 2027
Gosfield School, Cut Hedge Park, Halstead Road, CO9 1PF

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DEADLINE
Wednesday 27 January 2027

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Competition open to ISA Members Schools only

ISA Musical Theatre Competition 2027
Rules and Guidelines

From *Legally Blonde* to *Les Misérables*, the world of musical theatre has something for everyone and is the perfect way to showcase both musical and dramatic skills. Students are invited to choose a song from their favourite musical and perform it as either a solo or duet. Shortlisted entries will make it through to our live final.

Year Groups and Eligibility

Only schools whose Head is a Member with ISA are eligible to enter ISA competitions. Any pupils competing must be on the main school's admissions register, on the date of the event.

Our year groups follow the UK National Curriculum. For guidance on selecting the correct year group for your student(s), please refer to the UK system here. When completing your application, please enter students according to the UK year group, even if your school uses a different age or stage structure.

Access and Inclusion

At ISA, we are committed to making our opportunities as accessible as possible. We warmly welcome applications from all students, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities.

If a student (including those with an EHCP or on the SEND register) is working at a level that does not align with their chronological year group, or if your school prioritises developmental stages, skills, or personalised progression rather than fixed year groups, please do get in touch with us at the following email address hannah.lovegrove.campion@isaschools.org.uk. We are happy to discuss individual circumstances and advise on the most appropriate way to apply.

Accessible Formats

Alternative formats of these guidelines are available on request. Please let us know as early as possible if you require this, so we can provide the information in a format that works for you.

Competition Format

The first stage of this competition consists of an online qualification round. Successful entries will be invited to the final on **Wednesday 28 April 2027, Gosfield School, Cut Hedge Park, Halstead Rd, Gosfield, Halstead CO9 1PF.**

Late cancellations cause considerable inconvenience to the organisers and prevent other schools from taking part. All entries received will be regarded as a definite commitment to attend the final if successful.

Judging criteria

- Quality of tone
- Technique
- Interpretation
- Dynamics
- Stage Presence

If you have any questions, please contact isaarts@isaschools.org.uk

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HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be submitted via the online form on the ISA website here by **Wednesday 27 January 2027** at the latest. Please note you will need to be logged in to your account to access the entry form.

- For individual video entries, **students must say their name and school at the beginning of the recording**. The time limit will start from the beginning of the performance, not at the start of the recording.
- **A working URL link must be given** for the video and accessible for at least 3 months, without a required password. ISA will not accept any files to download or links via SharePoint. Please ensure to check the sharing permissions with your school:
    - YouTube videos will need to be **unlisted**
    - Vimeo videos will need to be **unlisted** and **age rated**
    - Google Drive will need to be set to **anyone with the link**
    - OneDrive needs to be set with a **share link to anyone**

The videos are only for judging purposes and will not be shared elsewhere

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Schools can submit a **maximum of 4 entries per age category (Junior, Middle & Senior)**. Therefore, all schools can submit **12 entries in total**. Duets with mixed ages must be entered into the age category of the oldest student. Schools can submit **solo or duet** performances.

We encourage schools to run a competition in house and submit their best entries.

Please note: For judging purposes, the year groups will be combined as follows:

Junior (Year 3 to 6)
Middle (Year 7 to 9)
Senior (Year 10 to 13)

Rules

- The maximum duration for each entry is **3 minutes, 30 seconds**.
- Students can take part as a solo performer or in a duet only.
- Students must perform the same performance in both rounds.
- Each student can enter only one performance in the competition.
- Entries previously submitted to ISA Arts Competitions will not be accepted.
- No self-composed songs are permitted in the competition.
- You must provide your own accompanist if required.
- Students may come in costume if they wish, however please be mindful that you might have to wear a belt for the microphones. All performers must attend the entire day; awards will be given at the end of the day. We encourage teachers, family and friends to come along to support the participants and watch the performances.