

What Are LAMDA Musical Theatre Exams?

‘The London Academy of Dramatic Arts’

LAMDA Musical Theatre exams give students the chance to develop confidence, performance skills, and vocal ability through singing and acting. They’re fun, creative, and a great way for children to grow while working towards a recognised qualification.

What’s In the Solo/Duo Exam?

Grades 1–3: Students perform two contrasting songs from different musicals.

Grades 4–5: Students present three pieces from different musicals. Two sung and one spoken.

Grades 6–8: Students perform three songs from different musicals, each chosen from specific genres appropriate to their grade level.

Performance of Songs

Students prepare a small selection of musical theatre songs to perform from memory. They are assessed on:

- Singing technique
- Expression and character
- Storytelling and confidence on stage

Acting Through Song

Students bring their characters to life using facial expression, movement, and emotional storytelling, making the songs feel real and engaging.

Knowledge

The examiner will have a brief chat with the student about:

- The songs they performed
- The characters and musicals
- Basic performance choices

This helps students deepen their understanding and talk confidently about their work.

Why Parents Love LAMDA Exams

- Builds confidence and communication skills
- Encourages creativity and self-expression
- Helps improve vocal and performance technique
- Provides a clear goal and sense of achievement
- Leads to recognised qualifications (with UCAS points at higher grades)