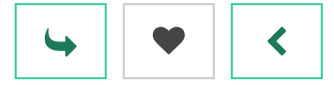


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Singer

Also called: Cantor, Choir Singer, Concert Singer

Singers perform and/or record songs for stage, radio, television, or film.



What you'll do

Your day-to-day will include tasks such as:

- Memorise musical selections and routines, or sing following printed text, musical notation, or customer instructions.
- Observe choral leaders or prompters for cues or directions in vocal presentation.
- Seek out and learn new music suitable for live performance or recording.
- Collaborate with a manager or agent who handles administrative details, finds work, and negotiates contracts.
- Sing a cappella or with musical accompaniment.
- Make or participate in recordings.
- Interpret or modify music, applying knowledge of harmony, melody, rhythm, and voice production to individualise presentations and maintain audience interest.
- Learn acting, dancing, and other skills required for dramatic singing roles.
- Sing as a soloist or as a member of a vocal group.
- Compose songs or create vocal arrangements.

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Working hours and environment

Singers can be employed full-time, part-time, or work freelance, earning their living from gigs or performances. You'll usually work irregular hours, including evenings and weekends, and will need to travel to different venues, studios, or events.

Musicians and singers often have agents, who will send them out on assignments like performing a jingle for a radio or television commercial.

Good physical stamina and vocal health are important, as performances and rehearsals can be physically demanding.

Career path and progression

Skills required

You'll need skills in:

- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Social Perceptiveness
- Coordination
- Critical Thinking

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Entry requirements

Singers usually specialise in a particular style, such as opera, pop, jazz, or classical, but many can perform across different genres as needed.

There are no set formal requirements, but you'll usually need a significant amount of performance experience before being hired. Building industry contacts is important and can help you find work. Some employers may take a chance on a singer if they have the talent or the sound that the employer believes is necessary to sell tickets.

Many successful singers have a bachelor's degree or other formal training in music, performance, music theory, or a related subject, but higher education isn't strictly necessary.

You'll need need to audition to get jobs. Most roles are highly competitive, so you'll need to be able to handle rejection and keep developing your skills.

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3	Kent	8,466
4	Hertfordshire	8,120
5	Lambeth	7,261

Salaries

Actors and presenters

£24,249 (Not enough data for this region) in your region of North West

Hours/week

Actors and presenters

37

(Not enough data for this region) in your region of North West

Growth

2020-2035

Culture, media and sports professionals

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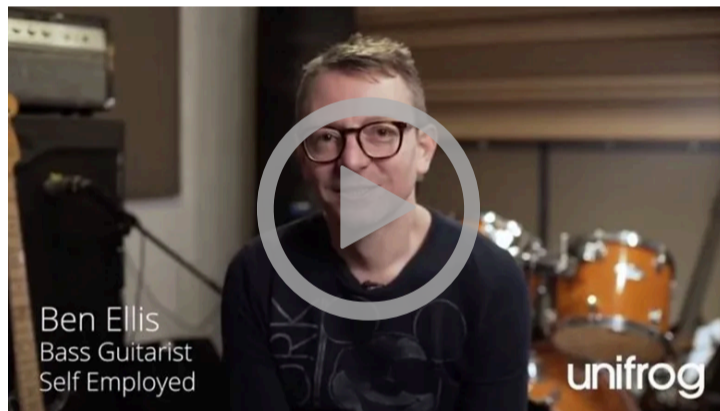
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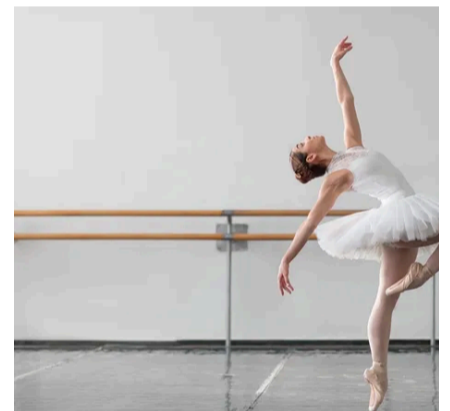


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