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WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE?

• A short-term period of study overseas
• A reciprocal relationship
• Numbers are small
• It counts towards your degree.
• No tuition fees are payable to the partner institution.
WHY SHOULD I GO?

• Experience........
  – different culture
  – different music
  – different approaches to learning/performing/producing/devising
• Gain an international outlook
• Forge an international career and make international connections
• Language skills
• Independence
• Confidence
• Self-reliance
• + 100 more reasons according to Global Graduates
WILL INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SUIT EVERYONE?

Possibly not........

Homesickness
Different approach to education and/or pastoral support
Language difficulties
Different standards of accommodation
Limited funding

You’ll need to be resilient!
WHO CAN TAKE PART?

• Any Conservatoire student on a degree-level course
  – International students included (but subject to Tier 4 monitoring)
  – Students are still responsible for any conditions fixed by each of the participating countries - e.g. visa and immigration rules

• Participation is subject to:
  – acceptance by the partner institution (e-recording, portfolio audition)
  – authorisation by RCS Head of Programme and Head of Department (Music)
WHEN CAN I GO?

- Study at one of our partner institutions in term 1 or in terms 2 and 3 in academic year 2020/21
- Students on 3-year programmes can go in year 2
- Students on 4-year programmes can go in years 2 or 3
- MMus students can go in terms 2 and 3 of year 1 or in term 1 of year 2
- No extensions of stay permitted
- No full year mobility
WHERE CAN I GO?

- A list of our current partners can be found at https://www.rcs.ac.uk/apply/erasmus/internationalpartners/

**USA**
- CalArts – Valencia, California (BMus and BA PTM/PAD only)
- Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (BA Acting only)
- Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Ohio (BMus and MMus only)
- UArts, Philadelphia (BA Filmmaking only)
- Chapman University (BA Filmmaking only)

**Singapore**
- Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore (BMus and MMus only)

**China**
- Xinghai Conservatory of Music
WHERE CAN I GO?

Hong Kong
Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Wanchai (BA PAD/PTM only)

Canada
Cape Breton University, Sydney, Nova Scotia (Traditional Music only)

Australia
Edith Cowan University (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts), Perth (BA Acting and BA CPP)
University of Melbourne (Victorian College of the Arts), Melbourne (Acting, CPP, Production in term 1 only, BMus and MMus)
WHAT ABOUT LANGUAGE?

- All teaching at partner international exchange institutions is done in English
HOW CAN I DECIDE WHERE TO GO?

• Speak to your 1-2-1 teacher and Head of Department (music) or Head of Programme (DDPF)
• Speak to other students who have been on international exchange
• Speak to the I&SE team
• Research the teachers at the partner institutions
• Consider whether you have specific musical/performance interests on which to base your choice
• Look at partner information sheets on the student portal [https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/](https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/)
• If you’re on a budget which are the more economical options
HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- CalArts (USA) 18/19 for one term. Exchange students must evidence funds well in excess of the amount below:

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<td><strong>Student Fees</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Books and supplies</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Room</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Board</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Transportation (after arrival)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Medical/Dental</strong>*</td>
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* This figure varies depending on year level of student and métier
** This figure varies depending on type of housing accommodation
*** All International Students must carry CalArts health insurance
• Consider other factors such as:
  – Cost of flights
  – New passport (if applicable)
  – Visa application fee and travel to Embassy (only London or Belfast for USA)
  – Current property lease in Glasgow
ASSESSMENT

• You will be expected to attend all classes and take all assessments while on mobility

• All credits will be ‘recognised’, i.e. all your credits while on exchange will be used towards your annual total of 120 SCQF

• Usually 60 SCQF (30 ECTS) on exchange and 60 SCQF (30 ECTS) at RCS
  – 1 US credit = 4 SCQF
  – 1 Singapore credit = 2.5 SCQF
  – 1 Hong Kong credit = 4 SCQF
  – 1 Australian point = 1.2 SCQF

• Your grades on exchange will count towards your degree classification if you go on mobility in year 3 of a 4 year honours degree

• No ‘double’ assessment. Doing a mid-year recital at partner institution = no mid-year recital at RCS
If you are on exchange in year 3 of a 4-year programme your grades will be converted from the host institution’s assessment to the RCS’s assessment scale as above. They will be used in the calculation of your degree classification.

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WHAT NEXT?

1. Give official notification of interest via the Notification of Interest form on the portal at https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/ You need to do this between 14th November 2019 and 6th January 2020

Erasmus+ and International Exchange 2020/2021

If you are interested in participating in either an Erasmus+ or International Exchange in Academic Session 2019/2020 please complete the attached form.

2. The next steps of the application process are detailed on the portal and will be sent to you by email

2 routes – 1) Apply via EASY system if the partner institution uses EASY OR
   2) Apply via EASY system AND directly to the partner institution if the partner does not use EASY

You need to apply to EASY with:
• Recording (or portfolio), Learning Agreement, CV, reference, transcript and letter of motivation.
You may also need to apply directly to a partner with:
• Application form (online or paper – partner will specify), recording (or portfolio), Learning Agreement, CV, transcript, reference and letter of motivation.

Deadline to apply via EASY is 21 February 2020
After 21 February 2020 await details by email with instructions about applying directly to a partner if you need to.
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE APPLICATION STAGE?

• You should hear the outcome of your application by June 2020
• Mandatory pre-departure briefing in June 2020
• Some paperwork is required before you leave and some after your return from exchange. This is on the portal and will be emailed to you.
FAQS

• Will I receive funding whilst I am on exchange?
Scottish students: apply to SAAS in usual way for fees and student loan support.

English, Welsh, Northern Irish students: apply to Student Finance/self-fund as usual.

You will still receive a UK student loan and any Conservatoire scholarship

• What if the partner’s term dates do not match with RCS?
It doesn’t matter but in some cases the length of your academic year may increase, e.g. studying in Australia in term 1 could mean you’re studying from July 2019 to June 2020 (July – November/December in Australia, January to June at RCS)

RCS term 1 = semester 2 in Australia

RCS terms 2 and 3 = semester 1 in Australia
SUMMARY OF USEFUL LINKS

www.justlanded.com
https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create
https://globalgraduates.com/
https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/
https://www.naric.org.uk/europass/
Turn2Us grant search
https://www.fundmytravel.com/
Any questions?