



17 June – 3 July 2025

Making *It*

Festival

2025

Making It Festival returns for 2025: a celebration of new, original work made by the vibrant and multi-skilled student community of Guildhall School of Music & Drama, featuring an eclectic line up of performances, installations and talks.

Tickets from just £5, and most events are free

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**What does it mean to 'make it' as an artist in the 21st century?
As traditions evolve and power shifts, artists with the skills to
create their own work become the trailblazers of our culture.**

Join us for the 2025 *Making It Festival*: an annual celebration of new, original work created by Guildhall students.

**17–20 June
Silk Street Theatre**

GradEx: Production Arts Graduate Exhibition 2025

An exhibition of the work of final-year students on Guildhall's Production Arts and Digital Design & Production programmes as they prepare to join the creative industry's workforce.

Free, no tickets required



**24–27 June
Silk Street Theatre**

The Making of Us

Guildhall's dynamic final-year actors present a vibrant programme of brand-new performance works, created and performed entirely on their own terms.

See full line up details at gsmd.ac.uk/themakingofus

Tickets: £5



**Thu 26 June, 8.30pm
Silk Street Theatre**

SMORGASBORD: The Making It Cabaret

Students and staff from across Guildhall School serve their tastiest multi-disciplinary morsels, hosted by the award-winning cabaret, theatre and drag double act Fag Packet.

Tickets: £5



**27 June – 2 July
Milton Court Studio Theatre**

Opera Makers

Experience three new short operas written by composers and librettists on Guildhall's MA in Opera Making & Writing, performed by singers and répétiteurs from the first year of the Guildhall Opera course.

Tickets: £15 (£8 concessions)



**Wed 2 July
Milton Court Theatre**

Collaborative Performance Making Showcase

The chance to see exciting new theatre and performance work developed by early-career theatre practitioners.

Free, no tickets required



**Wed 2 & Thu 3 July
Milton Court Concert Hall**

Electronic & Produced Music Showcase

Two evenings of new music by postgraduate students from our Electronic & Produced Music department.

Free, no tickets required



***Making It Festival* is part of *Making It* – Guildhall's new, year-round artist development programme**

Available from the first day of training until five years after graduation, it's a rolling programme of opportunities dedicated to supporting artists to create, collaborate, innovate and build sustainable careers in an ever-changing creative landscape. To 'make it', whatever that means to them.



Making It Work

Throughout the festival, you can discover more about the artists with *Making It Work* – a free series of bespoke conversations that will bring together panels of students, alumni and academics.

They'll delve into the artistic development process for their projects, and speak about their transition from students in education to professional artists within the industry.

Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Silk Street, Barbican
London EC2Y 8DT

Find out more

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**Explore the full festival line up
and book tickets at**
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Making It Festival at a glance

Tue 17 Jun	7–9pm	GradEx	SS
Wed 18 Jun	6.30pm	Festival Launch	SS
	7pm	Making It Work: Production Arts	SS
Thu 19 Jun	7–9pm	GradEx	SS
Fri 20 Jun	7–9pm	GradEx	SS
Tue 24 Jun	2.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm	The Making of Us	SS
Wed 25 Jun	2.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm	The Making of Us	SS
	Post 6.30pm show	Making It Work: Acting	SS
Thu 26 Jun	2.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm	The Making of Us	SS
	8.30pm	SMORGASBORD: The Making It Cabaret	SS
Fri 27 Jun	2.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm	The Making of Us	SS
	7pm	Opera Makers	MC
	Post 7pm show	Making It Work: Opera	MC
Sat 28 Jun	7pm	Opera Makers	MC
Mon 30 Jun	11am – 7pm	Play!: Guildhall Research Department Summer PGR Symposium	SS
	7pm	Opera Makers	MC
Wed 2 Jul	2pm & 5pm	Collaborative Performance Making Showcases	MC
	Post 5pm show	Making It Work: Collaborative Performance Making	MC
	6pm	Electronic & Produced Music Showcase	MC
	7pm	Opera Makers	MC
Thu 3 Jul	6pm	Electronic & Produced Music Showcase	MC
	Post 6pm show	Making It Work: Electronic & Produced Music	MC

MC – Milton Court SS – Silk Street

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