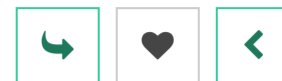


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Singer

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 or part-time. They can also be freelancers, making their living from gig to gig. Musicians and singers often have agents, who will send them out on assignments like performing a jingle for a radio or television commercial.

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 specific style like opera or pop, but they can often sing in a variety of styles as needed. Most of these performers are required to have a significant amount of performance experience prior to being hired, but some employers will take a chance on an artist if they have the talent or the sound that the employer believes is necessary to sell tickets. Many successful musicians and singers have bachelor's degrees or other formal training in music, performance, music theory, or a related field.

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Labour Market Information (LMI)

Current and predicted figures relating to the Singer profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

● UK

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Jobs

Artistic, literary and media occupations

342,899

 2,417 in your local area of Liverpool

Top 5 local areas

1	Surrey	8,868
2	Hackney	8,587
3	Kent	8,466
4	Hertfordshire	8,120
5	Lambeth	7,261

Salaries

Actors, entertainers and presenters

£24,249

Artistic, literary and media occupations

£32,914

 £30,531 in your region of North West

Top 3 regions

1	South East	£35,849
2	London	£34,864
3	North West	£30,531

Growth

2020-2035

Culture, media and sports occupations

+.2%

 1,593 jobs

 -4.8% in your region of North West, an decrease of 2,325 jobs

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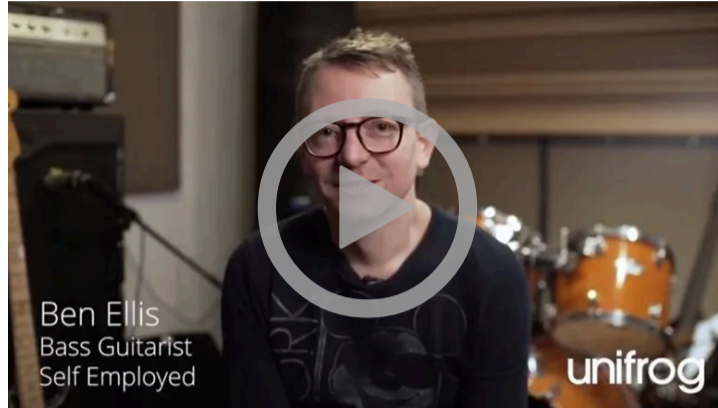
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