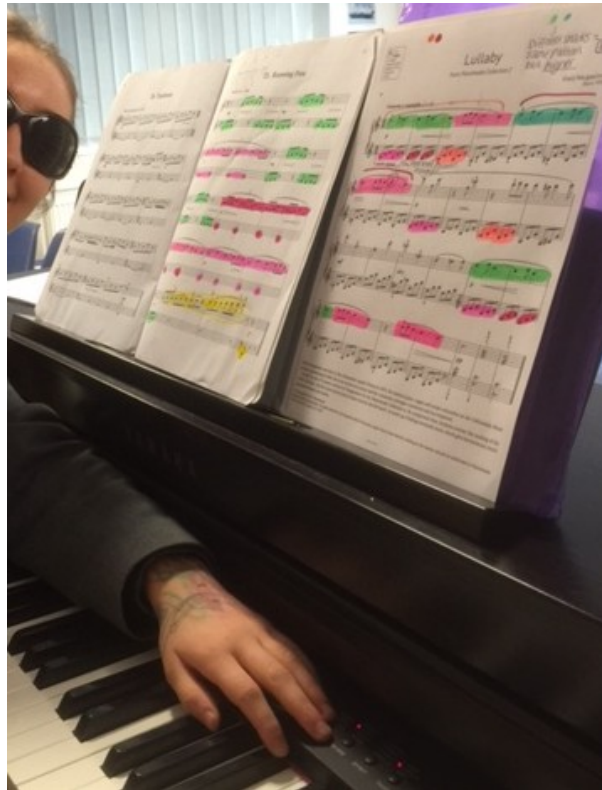


Want to find a dyslexia-aware music teacher?



BDA Music does have a small database of teachers who are aware of neuro-diverse conditions including dyslexia and DCD/dyspraxia.

The BDA **cannot endorse** any particular teacher but can pass on such contacts as it has. Please email info@musicdyslexia-spld.co.uk giving your name, the age and standard of the student, the instrument/voice and the area of the UK in which you live.

Alternatively, you can try to find some suitably (musically) qualified local teachers and then ring them up one by one and ask them what they know about dyslexia and dyslexia-aware teaching methods. If they are completely ignorant but willing to learn, then you could pass on and discuss our information booklet, 'Top Ten Tips' and other information which can be accessed from the BDA website's 'Music and Dyslexia' page

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/advice/adults/music-and-dyslexia-1>

Various organisations publish databases of teachers recommended by them. **None of these have lists of specifically dyslexia aware teachers** but you can use these to find some reputable teachers. The Incorporated Society of Musicians' database is very reliable in terms of qualifications (see below).

Ask the teacher if he or she is aware of dyslexia. If so, what do they know about it? Are they aware that it affects music and music learning? If so, what do they know about this? What do they understand by 'multi-sensory teaching'? Have they read anything (and if so, does it include information from BDA Music and any of the books listed at the end of BDA Music's information booklet)? Ask them, perhaps at a meeting, for suggestions of ways in which they might teach the student involved.

Organisations that have databases of teachers

ISM: The Incorporated Society of Musicians

Directory gives qualifications, instrument and biography. All members of the ISM have to have been recommended by someone of standing in the music profession.

<http://musicdirectory.ism.org/cdirectoryadvancedsearch.aspx>

AOTOS: The Association of Teachers of Singing

Directory of Members/Find a singing teacher. The directory gives qualifications and teaching categories.

<http://aotos.org.uk/directory/>

EPTA: The European Piano Teachers' Association

Directory includes basic data and in some cases only contact details

<http://www.epta-uk.org/FindaTeacher>

MusicTeachers.co.uk (working in association with the Musicians Union).

Directory gives qualifications, instruments, ability levels taught and notes including membership of relevant organisations such as those above.

<http://www.musicteachers.co.uk/>

Registry of Guitar Tutors at London College of Music

Has a 'Find a teacher' section at

<http://www.rgt.org/tutors/>

This is 'a directory of registered electric, acoustic, classical, jazz guitar teachers and bass teachers in the UK and overseas.

A good guitar teacher can save you years of struggling, by showing you how to do things the best way from the start.

So, whether you want to learn electric guitar, acoustic guitar, classical guitar or bass guitar - find a registered guitar tutor in your area'.

From their website <http://www.rgt.org/>

Note

1. Beware of general 'Find a music teacher' type websites which do not endorse teachers with any membership of a professional organisation.
2. Look carefully at qualifications and check what they mean. Contact

BDA Music further about this, if necessary.

3. Look at the advice on the MusicTeachers.co.uk website
<https://www.musicteachers.co.uk/support/choosingguidelines>

Also

Do you know other dyslexic musicians in your area or at your local Higher Education Institution? If so, do any of those people work with someone 'good' – someone that understands dyslexia and teaches them in a way that they can get on with?

Can any other dyslexic music students help you?

This information was correct as of June 2020; however, the British Dyslexia Association cannot take responsibility for it and you are advised to check on websites.

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