

UK Theatre / Equity Actor-Musician Rates for 2023 - 2026

The minimum weekly salaries for Actor-Musicians are dependent on the rates agreed with the MU under the UK/Theatre MU Agreement.

ACTOR-MUSICIANS			
WEEKLY SALARY MINIMA 8 Show Weeks	3 April 2023 – 31 March 2024	1 April 2024 – 30 March 2025	31 March 2025 – 6 April 2026
Tier A* (1,500 seats +)			
Rehearsal Minima	£590.61	TBC	TBC
Playing up to 2 instruments	£673.68	TBC	TBC
Playing 3 or more instruments	£741.05	TBC	TBC
Tier A (500 – 1,499 seats)			
Rehearsal Minima	£587.86	TBC	TBC
Playing up to 2 instruments	£673.68	TBC	TBC
Playing 3 or more instruments	£741.05	TBC	TBC
Tier B (250 - 499 seats)			
Rehearsal Minima	£574.06	TBC	TBC
Playing up to 2 instruments	£673.68	TBC	TBC
Playing 3 or more instruments	£741.05	TBC	TBC
Tier C (0 – 249 seats)			
Rehearsal Minima	£560.87	TBC	TBC
Playing up to 2 instruments	£673.68	TBC	TBC
Playing 3 or more instruments	£741.05	TBC	TBC

ACTOR-MUSICIAN UNDERSTUDYING	3 April 2023 – 31 March 2024	1 April 2024 – 30 March 2025	31 March 2025 – 6 April 2026
Where an Artist is paid as an Actor but covers an Actor-Musician			
Responsibility payment (Paid per role, per week)	£24.76	TBC subject to CPI+1% as of Feb 2024*	TBC subject to CPI+0.5% as of Feb 2025*
Performance Payment	Cannot be less than the difference between the cover's basic pro-rated per performance and the appropriate Actor-Musician minimum pro-rated per performance.		
Where an Actor-Musician is covering another Actor-Musician	Actor understudy payments apply (other than for incidental and minor covering)		
Actor-Musician walking understudy			
Minimum Rehearsal Salary	Equivalent to Performer rehearsal minima for each respective Tier		
Minimum Performance Salary (to cover up to 3 roles) – <i>performer minimum plus 5%</i>			
Tier A*	£570.37	TBC subject to CPI+1% as of Feb 2024*	TBC subject to CPI+0.5% as of Feb 2025*
Tier A	£549.89		
Tier B	£526.49		
Tier C	£503.29		
Performance payment	Cannot be less than the difference between the cover's basic pro-rated per performance and the appropriate Actor-Musician minimum pro-rated per performance.		

* Year 2: CPI (as of Feb 2024) +1% subject to a maximum increase in pay of 5% and a minimum increase in pay of 2%, year 3: CPI (as of Feb 2025)+0.5% subject to a maximum increase in pay of 5% and a minimum increase in pay of 3%

**Rates adjusted in line with the current NLW of £10.42/hour