



## PAYMENT OPTIONS

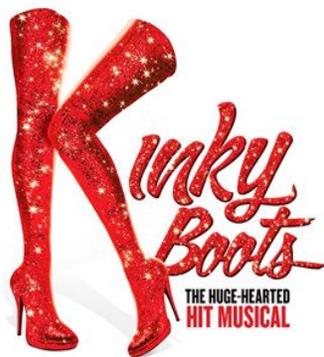
We understand that the cost of training and living in London can be extremely difficult. We don't believe that training within the arts should be limited to only the people that can afford to do so.

There are so many talented and underprivileged individuals out there who we feel are not being represented enough within this industry.

Here at Associated Studios, we have two forms of financial support that we offer.

### Bursaries

Associated Studios have a long history of awarding bursaries and scholarships to talented individuals from ethnically diverse backgrounds and underprivileged backgrounds. Past recipients have gone on to have considerable success in both Musical Theatre and Opera. Alumni feature in lead roles in shows such as Motown, Phantom of the Opera, Hairspray, Kinky Boots, Mamma Mia, Chicago, School of Rock, Mamma Mia 2 (the feature film) and Television shows.



Simon Anthony Rhoden (featured left) was a Bursary holder in 2016 and appeared as 'Lola' in the smash hit West End musical, *Kinky Boots*.

We have a keen focus on BAME performers and believe that there is a lack of representation in the industry, something we are passionate about changing.

Most recently, we were delighted to offer a bursary to Melvin Le Blanc who graduated from Associated Studios in 2019. Immediately following his training, Melvin went into the UK Tour of 'The Lion King'.

*“Associated Studios have helped a tremendous amount in my training. Being at Associated studios as a bursary student was such an honour. I've always known that I needed more training but financially at that point, it was just impossible so by them granting me a bursary, I couldn't be more grateful and thankful. Training at AS has proven to me that I've got so much more to learn as a performer. I am most grateful for how much confidence I've gained and it's just getting better. Thank you Associated Studios.”*



Bursaries are offered to candidates we consider to be exceptionally talented at audition.

Our bursaries can range from 10% - 80% depending on the candidate and the circumstances.

### **Lengthy Instalment Plans**

We also offer very extended payment plans as another form of financial support.

Our standard instalment plan consists of the course fees being split across the months that you train with us and course fees must be paid in full, one month before graduating.

In some cases, we have offered interest free instalment plans that have stretched across 18 months or 2 years.

We ask that if you are having financial difficulty, please communicate with us at your audition or feel free to call us on 0207 385 2038 so that someone from our office can chat to you about the possible options that might be available to you.

We won't always be able to offer bursaries or extended payment plans and these things are always discussed and considered on a case by case basis. However, we will always do what we can whenever possible.