
7. Repertoire and resources

7.1 Recommended reading

An examination handbook is published to accompany this syllabus. The handbook contains useful information required for each grade. In order to ensure that, before entering the examination, all candidates are fully conversant with the exact requirements of these new examinations, the acquisition of an examination handbook is highly recommended.

The handbook is available from music retailers, or by mail order from Registry Publications, Registry Mews, 11-13 Wilton Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1HY (tel: 01424 222222).

www.thesingthing.com is a website containing useful advice and practical material for pop singers.

7.2 Backing tracks

The following companies are suppliers of backing tracks on a variety of formats. However, LCM Examinations makes no guarantee whatsoever or in any respect about the reliability of these suppliers or the quality of their products:

- Registry Publications 01424 222222 (mail order suppliers of all the songbooks with CD backing tracks listed in this syllabus)
- Pro-Tape 01204 883828 www.backingtracksonline.co.uk (suppliers of CD and minidisc backing tracks, with lyric sheets)
- Comtracks 0800 083 3854 www.comtracks.com (suppliers of CD, minidisk and midifile backing tracks)
- Ameritz 01925 438104 www.ameritz.co.uk (suppliers of CD, minidisk and cassette backing tracks)
- Hands On Midi 023 9278 3100 www.hands-on-midi.com (suppliers of all audio formats and midifile backing tracks, with lyric sheets)
- www.pocketsongs.com (American supplier of CDG/CD backing tracks)

7.3 Sample song list

The name next to each song refers to the singer or group who made the song famous, rather than the composer or the original artist. **There is no compulsion to select any of the songs listed – candidates are allowed to make their own choice of material.** The song lists are not intended to be fully exhaustive or comprehensive: the purpose of the lists below is to demonstrate the typical grade of each song when performed reasonably well, and also to give an indication of the broad range of musical styles. It is important to note that any song may be suitable for a lower or higher grade depending upon the level of the actual performance. For example, at Grade One a high level of stylistic interpretation and expression is not expected, but if a song listed at this grade was performed fluently and accurately with flair, emotion and style it could quite appropriately be entered for a higher grade. To work out the grade of a song not featured in the sample song list, candidates should use the guidelines in the sub-section of this syllabus entitled 'Assessing the grade of songs' (in Section 3.8).

In order to make obtaining song materials easy for candidates, the lists are deliberately biased towards songs for which good quality songbooks with CD backing tracks are currently readily available. All the books/ backing tracks listed can be obtained from Registry Publications (01424 222222). However, candidates are under no obligation to use these backing tracks.

Grade One

Fall For Anything (The Script)
Our Song (Taylor Swift)
Things I Don't Understand (Coldplay)
One Toy Soldier (Enya)
Stand By Me (Ben E King)
Yellow Submarine (The Beatles)
Papa Don't Preach (Madonna)
Knocking On Heaven's Door (Bob Dylan / Guns'n'Roses)
Here And Now (Steps)
It's So Easy To Fall In Love (Buddy Holly)
Rivers Of Babylon (Boney M)
Stop (Spice Girls)
Who Do You Think You Are (Spice Girls)

Hound Dog (Elvis Presley)
Love Me Tender (Elvis Presley)
Drugs Don't Work (The Verve)
Leaving On A Jet Plane (John Denver)
No Particular Place To Go (Chuck Berry)
Swear It Again (Westlife)
Mr Tambourine Man (Bob Dylan)
Blowing In The Wind (Bob Dylan)
Rise (Gabrielle)
Bend Me Shake Me (Amen Corner)
Time Of Your Life (Green Day)
Rave On (Buddy Holly)
Do You Wanna Dance (Cliff Richard)

Grade Two

If I Had Eyes (Jack Johnson)
Breathe (Taylor Swift)
Clocks (Coldplay)
Amid The Falling Snow (Enya)
Barrowland Ballroom (Amy Macdonald)
Can't Get You Outta My Head (Kylie Minogue)
Let It Be (The Beatles)
Pure And Simple (Hear'Say)
Streets Of London (Ralph McTell)
Murder On The Dance Floor (Sophie Ellis-Bextor)
That'll Be The Day (Buddy Holly)
Holiday (Madonna)
Paradise City (Guns'n'Roses)
Doo Wah Diddy (Manfred Mann)
Love Don't Cost A Thing (Jennifer Lopez)
I Shot The Sheriff (Bob Marley / Eric Clapton)
Imagine (John Lennon)
Wonderwall (Oasis)

Why Does It Always Rain On Me (Travis)
Maybellene (Chuck Berry)
Isn't She Lovely (Stevie Wonder)
Tell Me What You Want (Spice Girls)
Rock Around The Clock (Bill Haley)
Johnny B Goode (Chuck Berry)
Come As You Are (Nirvana)
Hey Joe (Jimi Hendrix)
Kiss Kiss (Holly Valance)
Run To You (Bryan Adams)
Never Ever (All Saints)
Whole Again (Atomic Kitten)
Ticket To Ride (The Beatles)
Hard Day's Night (The Beatles)
I Feel Fine (The Beatles)
Spice Up Your Life (Spice Girls)
Pure Shores (All Saints)
Emotion (Destiny's Child)

Grade Three

Never Gonna Happen (Lily Allen)
Full Circle (Miley Cyrus)
You Picked Me (A Fine Frenzy)
Love Story (Taylor Swift)
Before the Worst (The Script)
If You See Kay (The Script)
Forever and Always (Taylor Swift)
Yesterday (The Beatles)
Words (Boyzone)
Wonderful Tonight (Eric Clapton)
Flying Without Wings (Westlife)
Fever (Peggy Lee)
Light My Fire (The Doors)
Suspicious Minds (Elvis Presley)
Blue Suede Shoes (Elvis Presley)
Jailhouse Rock (Elvis Presley)
Roll With It (Oasis)
Smooth Operator (Sade)
Anarchy In The UK (Sex Pistols)

Red Red Wine (UB40)
Dock Of The Bay (Otis Redding)
Simply The Best (Tina Turner)
You Wear It Well (Rod Stewart)
Black Magic Woman (Fleetwood Mac)
All Right Now (Free)
Ben (Michael Jackson)
Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow (Carole King)
Oops I Did It Again (Britney Spears)
In The Midnight Hour (Wilson Pickett)
Everyday (Buddy Holly)
Sultans Of Swing (Dire Straits)
Wanted Dead Or Alive (Bon Jovi)
Summer Of '69 (Bryan Adams)
Lyn' Eyes (The Eagles)
Here Comes The Sun (The Beatles)
I Saw Her Standing There (The Beatles)
Thank You For The Music (Abba)
Black Velvet (Alannah Myles)

Grade Four

Back For Good (Take That)
Breathless (Corinne Bailey Rae)
Enchantment (Corinne Bailey Rae)
The Scientist (Coldplay)
The Fear (Lily Allen)
The End Where I Begin (The Script)
Fearless (Taylor Swift)
Pearl's A Singer (Elkie Brooks)
Thriller (Michael Jackson)
Can't Buy Me Love (The Beatles)
Dancing Queen (Abba)
Music (Madonna)
I Feel Like A Woman (Shania Twain)
Carolina (Shaggy)
You Don't Have To Say You Love Me
(Dusty Springfield)
Have I Told You Lately (Van Morrison)
Torn (Natalie Imbruglia)
Love Letters (Alison Moyet)
Tears In Heaven (Eric Clapton)
Why Do Fools Fall In Love (various)
Lucille (Little Richard)
The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face
(Celine Dion)
White Room (Cream)
No Woman No Cry (Bob Marley)
Ain't Talking 'bout Love (Van Halen)
You Really Got Me (The Kinks / Van Halen)
Ain't No Sunshine (Bill Withers)
Since You've Been Gone (Rainbow)
I Surrender (Rainbow)
Jolene (Dolly Parton)
Smoke On The Water (Deep Purple)
Black Night (Deep Purple)
I Will Survive (Gloria Gaynor)
I Don't Want To Talk About It (Rod Stewart)
Maggie May (Rod Stewart)
La Vida Loca (Ricky Martin)
Wish You Were Here (Pink Floyd)
Jumping Jack Flash (The Rolling Stones)

Angie (Rolling Stones)
Born In The USA (Bruce Springsteen)
Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On (Jerry Lee Lewis)
Nutbush City Limits (Tina Turner)
Addicted To Love (Robert Palmer)
Call Me (Blondie)
With Or Without You (U2)
You Give Love A Bad Name (Bon Jovi)
Walk On By (Dionne Warwick)
I Got You, I Feel Good (James Brown)
Roll Over Beethoven (Chuck Berry)
Summertime (various)
It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing
(various)
Born To Be Wild (Steppenwolf)
Peggy Sue (Buddy Holly)
Big Yellow Taxi (Joni Mitchell)
Hey Jude (The Beatles)
House Of The Rising Sun (The Animals)
Walking By Myself (Jimmy Rogers / Gary Moore)
Oh Pretty Woman (Gary Moore)
I Can't Stop Loving You (Ray Charles)
Take These Chains From My Heart (Ray Charles)
Take It Easy (The Eagles)
Evergreen (Will Young)
If Tomorrow Never Comes
(Garth Brooks / Ronan Keating)
Whenever, Wherever (Shakira)
Romeo And Juliet (Dire Straits)
You Give Love A Bad Name (Bon Jovi)
One Of These Nights (The Eagles)
And I Love Her (The Beatles)
Live Forever (Oasis)
Just Looking (Stereophonics)
No Matter What (Boyzone)
Is You Is Or Is You Ain't My Baby (Louis Jordan)
What Can I Do (The Corrs)
My Love Is Your Love (Whitney Houston)
Somethin' Stupid (Robbie Williams)

Grade Five

Hallelujah (various)
So She Dances (Josh Groban)
I'll Stand by You (Girls Aloud)
Love Is A Losing Game (Amy Winehouse)
Sleep Through the Static (Jack Johnson)
Falling Down (Oasis)
Somewhere Only We Know (Keane)
Candle In The Wind (Elton John)
I Believe I Can Fly (R. Kelly)
Angels (Robbie Williams)
Moondance (Van Morrison)

Unchained Melody (Righteous Brothers / Gareth Gates)
Run To The Hills (Iron Maiden)
The Dance (Garth Brooks)
Fame (Irene Cara)
Something (The Beatles)
She's Electric (Oasis)
God Only Knows (The Beach Boys)
Every Time We Say Good Bye (various)
Miss You Like Crazy (Natalie Cole)
What's Love Got To Do With It (Tina Turner)
Great Balls Of Fire (Jerry Lee Lewis)

I'll Be There (Michael Jackson)
Your Song (Elton John)
The Wind Beneath My Wings (Bette Midler)
Killing Me Softly With His Song (Roberta Flack)
Think (Aretha Franklin)
I'll Stand By You (Chrissie Hynde)
Satisfaction (The Rolling Stones)
I Want To Break Free (Queen)
From A Distance (Bette Midler)
Total Eclipse Of The Heart (Bonny Tyler)
True (Spandau Ballet)
(Everything I Do) I Do It For You (Bryan Adams)
Anything For You (Gloria Estefan)
Send In The Clowns (Barbra Streisand)
You're In My Heart (Rod Stewart)
Strange Kind Of Woman (Deep Purple)
Layla (Derek and the Dominos)
Pinball Wizard (The Who)
Respect (Aretha Franklin)
Ain't No Mountain High Enough (Diana Ross)
Good Golly Miss Molly (Little Richard)

Straighten Up And Fly Right (various)
Autumn Leaves (various)
I'm In The Mood For Love (various)
Roxanne (The Police)
How Do I Live (LeAnne Rimes)
Need Your Love So Bad (Peter Green)
Oh Happy Day (various)
Easy (Lionel Ritchie)
Eternal Flame (The Bangles / Atomic Kitten)
Anyone Of Us (Gareth Gates)
Baby One More Time (Britney Spears)
Blaze Of Glory (Bon Jovi)
Chains (Tina Arena)
When I'm 64 (The Beatles)
The Winner Takes It All (Abba)
American Pie (Don McLean / Madonna)
Breathless (The Corrs)
Gotta Be (Des'ree)
Son Of A Preacher Man (Dusty Springfield)
Overprotected (Britney Spears)

Grade Six

Perfect Symmetry (Keane)
You Raise Me Up (Josh Groban)
To Where You Are (Josh Groban)
Warwick Avenue (Duffy)
The Way I Loved You (Taylor Swift)
Patience (Take That)
Ain't Got Nothin' (Oasis)
The Greatest Love Of All (Whitney Houston)
Stairway To Heaven (Led Zeppelin)
Close To You (The Carpenters)
Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue (Crystal Gayle)
Someone To Watch Over Me (various)
Save The Best 'till Last (Vanessa Williams)
Rainy Night In Georgia (Randy Crawford)
Anytime You Need A Friend (Mariah Carey)
Every Breath You Take (Sting / The Police)
Without You (Nilsson)
Waterloo Sunset (The Kinks)
Promise Me (Beverly Craven)
Do You Know Where You're Going To (various)
I Am What I Am (Shirley Bassey)
Superwoman (Karen White)
Flashdance – What A Feeling (various)
The Power Of Love (Jennifer Rush)
Big Spender (Shirley Bassey)
For Your Eyes Only (Sheena Easton)

Bad Love (Eric Clapton)
Heroes (David Bowie)
My Baby Just Cares For Me (Nina Simone)
A Foggy Day (various)
Think Twice (Celine Dion)
How High The Moon (various)
God Bless The Child (Billie Holiday)
Lover Man (Sarah Vaughan)
Stormy Weather (Lena Horne)
It's Only A Paper Moon (various)
On Green Dolphin Street (various)
Get Here (Oleta Adams)
Georgia On My Mind (various)
Search For The Hero (M People)
I'm Not A Girl, Not Yet A Woman (Britney Spears)
Take Me To The River (Al Green)
Mack The Knife (Robbie Williams / jazz standard)
Reet Petite (Jackie Wilson)
Try A Little Tenderness (Otis Redding)
All Mine (Portishead)
Midnight Train To Georgia (Gladys Knight)
Stay With Me Baby (The Walker Brothers)
That Don't Impress Me Much (Shania Twain)

Grade Seven

Hanging On Too Long (Duffy)
My Confession (Josh Groban)
In Her Eyes (Josh Groban)
The Man Who Can't be Moved (The Script)
Put Your Records On (Corinne Bailey Rae)
Monsoon (Jack Johnson)
Say A Little Prayer (Aretha Franklin)
Englishman In New York (Sting)
Girl From Ipanema (various)
My Way (Frank Sinatra)
Pride (U2)

Misty (Sarah Vaughan)
That Ole Devil Called Love (Alison Moyet)
My Heart Will Go On (Celine Dion)
We've Only Just Begun (Karen Carpenter)
One Moment In Time (Whitney Houston)
Somewhere Over The Rainbow (various)
Hero (Mariah Carey)
The Way We Were (Barbra Streisand)
Crazy (Patsy Cline)
Saving All My Love For You (Whitney Houston)

Grade Eight

Good Enough (Evanescence)
Better Than This (Keane)
Pretend That You're Alone (Keane)
When You Say That You Love Me (Josh Groban)
February Song (Josh Groban)
Don't You Worry 'Bout A Thing (Stevie Wonder)
Evergreen (Barbra Streisand)
I Will Always Love You (Whitney Houston)
Bat Out Of Hell (Meatloaf)
Bohemian Rhapsody (Queen)

My Funny Valentine (various)
Weep (Skunk Anansie)
Mad About The Boy (Dinah Washington)
Body and Soul (various)
'Round Midnight (various)
Because You Loved Me (Celine Dion)
Un-Break My Heart (Toni Braxton)
Who Wants To Live Forever (Queen)
Didn't We Almost Have It All (Whitney Houston)
It Was a Very Good Year (Robbie Williams / Frank Sinatra)

7.4 List of songbooks with CD backing tracks

Refer to the guidance on use of backing tracks (in Section 3.8), as tracks which include guide vocals are unsuitable for examination use.

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| ▪ In Session with... (various artists) | <i>International Music Publications / Faber Music</i> |
| ▪ Essential Audition Songs for...(various titles) | <i>International Music Publications / Faber Music</i> |
| ▪ Professional Singers Audition Book | <i>Wise Publications</i> |
| ▪ Audition songs for... Singers (various) | <i>Wise Publications</i> |
| ▪ All Woman (various titles) | <i>International Music Publications / Faber Music</i> |
| ▪ Audition songs for...(various volumes) | <i>Wise Publications</i> |
| ▪ Sing with...(various artists) | <i>Wise Publications</i> |
| ▪ Jam with...(various artists) | <i>Total Accuracy</i> |
| ▪ Pro Vocal (various titles) | <i>Hal Leonard</i> |
| ▪ You're the Voice: (various artists) | <i>Faber Music</i> |
| ▪ Six of the Best: (various artists) | <i>Faber Music</i> |
| ▪ Sing and Party with...(various collections) | <i>International Music Publications / Faber Music</i> |
| ▪ Ultimate Vocal Singalong: (various styles) | <i>Alfred Publishing</i> |