



Specialist tax advice to classical musicians

As a classical musician your day-to-day focus will be on performance, engagements, repertoire and career progression. However, it is essential that your financial affairs are well managed and arranged to your greatest advantage.

You might be permanently based in the UK and working here. You may travel abroad for engagements. Are you about to take up a long-term post here or proposing to relocate overseas? Are you based abroad but come to the UK to perform? Whatever your situation, we can advise you on how to manage your tax affairs efficiently.

Our clients

Our clients in the classical music industry include:

- performers
- orchestras and national opera companies
- artist managers
- teachers and academics
- patrons, benefactors and sponsors
- event promoters.



How we can help

At Smith & Williamson, we are adept at advising our clients in the fast-changing world of taxation and we have the capability to do this on an international basis.

As your tax adviser, we work together with your agent, allowing you to concentrate on your professional career. Our role as tax adviser to the International Artist Managers' Association means we are used to working with the artist management profession.

The importance of good working relationships with the tax authorities should not be underestimated. For the non-resident performer it is essential to comply with UK legislation, overseen by the Foreign Entertainers Unit, and manage withholding taxes. Our relationships and experience enable us to help our clients respond to any issues that arise with the tax authorities.



What we can advise on

We can help you with a range of financial issues affecting your personal affairs, including:

- accounts preparation
- UK tax return filing
- UK and international tax
- VAT advice and compliance
- social security planning
- investment management
- pensions and financial planning.





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Angela Hughes leads our team providing specialist tax and accountancy advice to classical musicians and UK orchestras.

Angela is the partner engaged by both the International Artist Managers' Association and the Association of British Orchestras to provide consultancy tax services to these organisations. She is a private client tax partner with a wide range of UK-based and international clients, some of whom are singers or solo instrumentalists.

Angela is a dedicated concert-goer. She can be found every week at one of London's concert halls or opera houses, with occasional ventures further afield.

Angela is conscious that we are very fortunate to enjoy such a fantastic history of music education and performance in this country, and of the need to defend and promote that.

About us

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