



Freshers' Guide 2012

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Stage Soc

StageSoc is the SUSU backstage society. We cover the complete range of theatrical backstage crafts; from lighting to sound and stage work, and are responsible for providing complete technical support for SUSU Performing Arts.

stagesoc.susu.org

facebook.com/stagesoc

We are involved in a huge number of productions every year; we exceeded 20 shows last year, each with different requirements and challenges. It isn't all work, when we aren't involved in productions, we have weekly social events making us a friendly and busy society.

If you have been involved backstage before or want to try something new, come along to our welcome meeting at 7.30 Tuesday 2nd October in the Annex Theatre to find out more.

Theatrical Societies

Theatre Group

Theatre Group is for everyone interested in acting, directing, writing, producing and anything else to do with theatre. Our Welcome Meeting is 1st October in Murray (Building 5008) Room 1009 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear all about our society, and to join us in the Bridge bar for drinks afterwards.



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THEATRE GROUP

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We have auditions for our Fresher's play, The Comedy of Errors, on the 6th and 7th October, which are exclusively for anyone who has never performed in a play for us before. Watch out for Macbeth (30th October-3rd November) and Great Expectations (14th-17th November).

Comedy Society



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comedy soc

comedy.susu.org

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@SUSUcomedysoc

Standup, Improv, Sketches and general shenanigans. We're a society for comedians, writers and general idiots.

Our meetings are on wednesday evenings every week. We have a big Freshers Gig at the end of Term 1 where we showcase all our new standups this year, if you wanna perform there come along to some meetings and we'll help you prepare.

We also want writers for our main show of the year, and of course we need to people to show up to our gigs

and laugh!

Come and have a natter at the bunfight. Or talk to us on your choice of social media!

www.southampton.ac.uk/~lopsoc/

facebook.com/LOpSoc

LOpSoc - *Light Operatic Society*

University Light Opera Society, or LOpSoc as it is more affectionately known, is a society for people who love to perform.

We put on two shows a year from the Light Opera canon and anybody, and I'm not joking I mean everyone; can join our unauditioned chorus for all of our shows with auditions taking place for principle parts.

So if you're an experienced singer, actor or dancer and want to continue to push yourself or you just want to get on stage, boost your confidence, perform something great and have fun then this is the society for you.

Medics Revue

The performing arts society specifically for medics.

Circus Society

The society for juggling, poi and all this circus.

magicsoc.susu.org

Magic Soc

Ever wanted to make your friends and family speechless and walk away awed? Always wanted to make a random stranger rub their eyes in disbelief? Well in MagicSoc, we, magicians see that on a regular basis! Join us at the 5th floor of the Physics building(Building 46) at 8pm on Tuesday night for a night of magic and cake.



Showstoppers

Showstoppers are the musical theatre society at Southampton. Whether you want to sing, act, dance, be on a production team or just fancy trying something new, this is the society for you. We do 6 shows a year as well as running workshops every fortnight.

Our welcome meeting is on 3rd October in the Annex Theatre (Building 2a). Our first set of auditions will be running on 6-7th October and 10-12th October.

www.susushowstoppers.co.uk

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@SUSUshowstopper

Also, we run socials throughout the year with our first one after our welcome meeting (3rd Oct) for anyone who fancies it.

Can't wait to see you there.

Dance Societies



[www.groupspaces.com/
southamptonuniversityballetsoc](http://www.groupspaces.com/southamptonuniversityballetsoc)

Ballet

The ballet society provides relaxed and fun ballet classes for every level, so whether you have been dancing for as long as you can remember or are looking to try ballet for the first time, come along and get involved! We also offer body conditioning classes, and run two highly successful competition squads. Regular class attendees

are invited to perform in the annual 'Pure Dance' show, which showcases the work of Southampton University Dance Societies. Ballet has an active social calendar with events ranging from visits to the theatre to crazy nights out with the other dance socs!

Classes are free at the start of term, check out our website for more info!

Ballroom and Latin

The Southampton University Ballroom and Latin Dance Society runs weekly dance classes taught by professional teachers. If you've never danced before, come to our beginner lessons on Mondays and learn to dance in a great social atmosphere! We welcome all people of every standard, although most have never danced before. It's amazing how good you can get during your time at University!

New beginner classes start at the beginning of each semester, although you can start at any time. You don't need to bring a partner; you'll find plenty of people to dance with when you get here! We also hold more advanced classes on Wednesdays for people who've been dancing longer.

www.sublds.co.uk

facebook.com/groups/sublds/

There will be taster lessons near the beginning of term which are free to attend!!!! Check out our website for more info!

Belly Dance

The Belly Dance society is open for everyone of all levels to come and enjoy a beautiful form of dance. We have weekly beginner classes learning both traditional middle-eastern belly dancing as well as the more modern tribal style. We run workshops in a variety of different styles of belly dance with world renowned belly dancers and have some exciting events coming up with performances, fun socials and trips to belly dance shows with internationally celebrated dancers! Classes are just £3, for information about when and where please visit our facebook group.



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Bhangra

Bhangra is more than just 'screwing the lightbulb' and 'patting the dog'... It's a fun-filled, energetic and explosive form of dance, which originates from the Punjab region of India.

We hope to bring a burst of Punjabi flavour to the performing arts scene at Southampton, through regular dance classes and unique socials. Bhangra is open to anyone, irrespective of ability or background.

Visit our stand at the bunfight and join our facebook group to learn more about your free taster classes and upcoming socials. We'll be waiting!

And oh... did someone mention something about a samosa-eating competition?



[Southampton University Bhangra Society](https://facebook.com/groups/316107235140454/)

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facebook.com/groups/q5rviW/

Break Dance

Most people have come across Breakdance at some point in their lives and thought "wow that's cool!" The other reaction is "I can't do that". You don't know for sure unless you give it a go. We practice Saturdays 12-2 and Wednesdays 1-3 in the Multi Purpose Studio so if you've ever thought about giving break a try, come down to a session.

We have no auditions and no selection process; we just teach anyone who wants to learn. Come and see, and who knows, you might end up spinning on your head.



Contemporary

Welcome to University and most importantly - CONTEMPORARY! This year we are planning big things and are so excited to have you all on board no matter what your ability! We have two sessions – beginners/advanced.

All you need to do is come along to your session where you will meet your committee and receive any information that you need. We'll then head out to

Stags for some drinks so you can meet everyone properly.

There is also the first dance social coming up which the FB group will tell you more about! Any more information, please head to <http://perform.susu.org/>

Jazz Dance

The Jazz dance society is a fun, creative and rewarding experience offering dance classes, which accommodate individuals of all abilities.

Our new intermediate class means that everybody can locate the class which best suits them, be it beginners, intermediate or advanced!



Our involvement with SUSUPA Dance, enables us to collaborate with other dance societies at both performances and socials, and provides the opportunity to participate in our key annual 'Pure Dance' showcase.

In addition to this the Jazz dance society also offers some of its members the opportunity to be involved in its competitive dance squad, partaking in inter-university dance competitions. So with so many reasons to be involved in the Jazz dance society why not come along to our free taster sessions and see what all the hype is about! Visit our facebook group for more information!

Salsa - *More than just a hotdip*

[facebook.com/groups/Salsasoc](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Salsasoc)

If you want to get those hips shaking to the sultry rhythms of Salsa, come down and get involved with the hottest society in Southampton! You'll leave our lessons re-invigorated and pulling at the leash to dance the night away.

Classes: £3 (£2 with membership) in the Activities Room (level 1 of SUSU)

Thursday 8-10pm: LA salsa with Marcus

Friday 8-10pm: Cuban salsa with Will

First hour beginners, second hour improvers

We cater to all abilities, so everyone is welcome!



Street Dance

The Street Dance society holds 3 classes each week in varying levels and styles of street dance. We also have a squad which takes part in competitions at Universities across the country.

facebook.com/groups/streetdancesoton/

Classes:

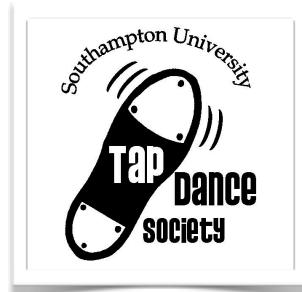
Hip Hop: Monday, 6pm-7pm, Multipurpose Studio, taught by Darren Lee

Lyrical Hip Hop: Wednesday, 3pm-4pm, Multipurpose Studio, taught by Brenton Mclean

Beginners Street Dance: Wednesday, 4pm-5pm, Multipurpose Studio, taught by Yasmin Moharrer.

Our first classes are on 1st October and 3rd October and are free of charge, and our first social is a white t-shirt social on Thursday 4th October.

Tap



Hello from the Tap Society! Our lessons occur every Wednesday in the Multi purpose studio (5pm-8pm) with our first sessions on the 3rd October. We take part in annual competitions at Essex, Loughborough, KCL and Southampton so auditions will be held near the end of October.

Our freshers social is linked with all the other dance societies involved in SUSUPA dance and is taking place in the first week of October with a 'white shirt' theme.

Come and find us at the Bun fight in the Performing arts marquee for more information on classes, auditions and socials! Looking forward to meeting you all!

Music Societies

Brass Band

subb.susu.org

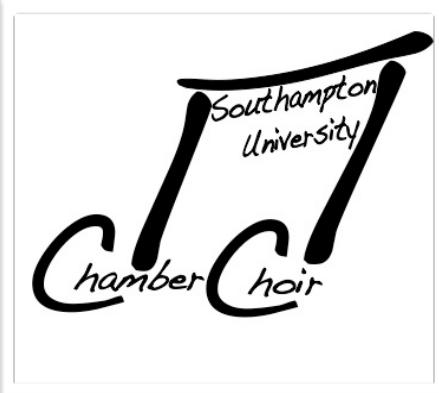
Southampton University Brass Band caters for all brass enthusiasts at the University. The band is non-auditioned unlike some of the other musical societies at the University, allowing members to have fun playing music in a more relaxed atmosphere. The band always welcomes new members of any playing standard, with all brass band instrumentalists and percussionists welcome.

We play a wide range of music with the difficulty of the pieces varying from piece to piece.

The band rehearses on Sunday evenings from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Clubs & Societies room in the Student Union. First rehearsal will be Sunday 7th October.

Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir hosts auditions to select new members in the first week of October. Applicants are not required to prepare any music; the audition consists of a short vocal test with a little sight reading. Successful aspirants are notified a few days later.



www.chamber-choir.com

For those who are accepted into the choir, the first social is mandatory, and involves members both old and new heading to the Social Secretary's house for introductions and drinks after the first rehearsal (All while wearing nametags). During the year, the choir often eats together before the rehearsal to catch up before some concentrated music making.



band.susu.org

Concert Band

Concert Band is open to anyone who plays a brass, wind or percussion instrument. As the uni's only non-auditioned orchestra we maintain a relaxed atmosphere without the stresses of auditioning for places – our main aim is to have a great time while playing great music!

We rehearse every Tuesday in SUSU Café for several formal and informal concerts, playing a large range of music from classical to film scores, pop to military.

We also organise loads of socials throughout the year and go on an amazing European tour every Easter. Come along to our first rehearsal on 2nd October, 6.45pm, SUSU Café!



www.folksocsoton.com

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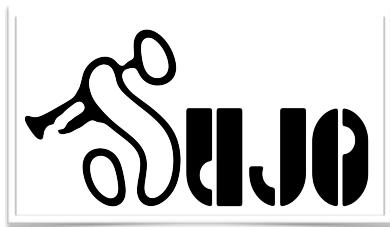
Folk Soc

Folksoc is a place for anyone with any level of interest in folk music or dancing to get together and have fun with like-minded people. We host regular ceilidhs, busking trips, gigs and other socials, alongside our own session - Monday nights, 7 until 9 in building 46. This year we are also running workshops on story telling, as well as getting our own Morris Side up and running.

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SUJO - *Jazz Orchestra*

SUJO is the University Jazz Orchestra, playing a range of music from swing to latin to newer, more contemporary forms of Jazz.



At auditions players are expected to play a jazz standard with improvisation (parts required for rhythm section if the standard is not in the Real Book) and sight-read a short section from a piece.

The first social of the year will be a house party with pizza and probably many rounds of "Are you there Moriarty?", and will be a fantastic way to get to know the entire band!

Jazzmanix - *Pop & Gospel Choir*

www.jazzmanix.org

facebook.com/jazzmanix

Jazzmanix is the University's Pop and Gospel choir, and is the largest choral society with over 100 members. We are a non-audition choir (though we run auditions for solos and small group positions during the semester), and we specialise in our own brand of upbeat and energetic music while we perform alongside our live 8-piece band! Please come and chat to us at the Bunfight, and come along to our first rehearsal if you'd like to join the fun! Our first rehearsal is on Thursday 4th October at 7-9pm, after which we shall head out for our first social of the year.

Skipped

The Junk Orchestra

www.skipped.tk



sinfonietta.susu.org

SU Chamber Orchestra

Sinfonietta

'Sinfonietta is the university's elite chamber orchestra. We will be holding auditions over the weekend 29-30th September; please sign up for

a time at the bunfight. Please prepare a 5 minute solo piece for them; you will also be given a piece of sightreading from this term's repertoire - Rossini L'Italiana in Algeri overture, Prokofiev 'Classical' symphony or Dvorak Czech suite.

Our first rehearsal is on Thursday 4th October from 7 until 9.45pm; this will be followed by a visit to the pub so everyone gets to know each other properly!

sustrings.susu.org

[fb.com/groups/218611474871205/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/218611474871205/)

SU Strings

Play violin, viola, cello or double bass to grade 5 or above? Want to join a friendly and active orchestra without auditions? Then SUStrings (Southampton University String Orchestra) is for you! We meet every Tuesday evening, and hold at least one concert each term! Find us at the Bunfight!



www.suwo.co.uk

SU Wind Orchestra

SUSWO, originally founded by woodwind and brass players at the university, performs a varied and challenging repertoire to a high standard.

The orchestra gives a wide range of musicians from across the university the chance to perform in a friendly and talented ensemble. Today the orchestra has approximately fifty members and aims to perform three concerts a year.

The orchestra is run by a committee of students, who work closely with conductor Rowan Baker to select a challenging and enjoyable repertoire. Members are auditioned at the start of the academic year, after signing up at the 'Bunfight' in Freshers' Week.

SU Phil

Southampton University Philharmonic Choir

"Southampton University Philharmonic Choir is a combined choir with the City of Southampton Philharmonic Choir, making us the largest in the South West of England. Rehearsals are every Monday evening 7:20-9:30 on campus in the Turner Simms. We average 3 to 4 concerts throughout the year in locations such as Southampton Guildhall, Winchester, with specialist workshops run by notable conductors and soloists.

Our first rehearsal is on the 1st of October; please come and join us to see if we're for you, then if you decide to stay, a small voice test will be carried out with our conductor to ensure you're singing the correct part.

SU Singers

susingers.susu.org

SuSingers is a non-audition choir that sings a range of musical styles from traditional to modern pop. Our welcome rehearsal is on Sunday 30th September from 7pm till 9pm in the Music and Management building room 1083. Committee members will meet you at the bus interchange from 18:40 wearing green hoodies.

SUSO - *Symphony Orchestra*

susoso.org.uk

SUSO, an entirely student-run and student-funded orchestra, comprises the most talented musicians at the University of Southampton – across all degree programmes – and performs a wide-ranging repertoire of large-scale orchestral works to a high standard. SUSO rehearse every Wednesday during term-time from 7.00pm-10.00pm and holds six concerts each year; please see below and 'Concerts' for information on this year's performances.



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