

University Centre Colchester (UCC)

Staff Profile

Name:	Rachel James
Job title/role:	Assistant Head of Schools for Digital Media, Music and Performing Arts
Subjects taught/administrative responsibilities:	<p>In addition to her administrative responsibilities as Assistant Head of School, Rachel lectures in music, film music, composition, arranging, musical direction and music education.</p> <p>Rachel also contributes to the BA (Hons) Education and PGCE programmes, as well as observing PGCE student's lessons.</p>
Qualifications and Membership of Professional bodies:	<p>BMus (Hons), University of Surrey MMus Composition for Screen, Royal College of Music MMus Composition, Guildhall School of Music and Drama PGCHEP, University of Essex Rachel is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA).</p>
Experience in Education:	<p>Rachel has a broad background in teaching, having taught for over 17 years in various establishments, from instrumental teaching in schools, such as Fulham Prep School to online courses, such as ThinkSpace Education, where Rachel managed programmes for 10 years. Rachel has taught undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as guest lectured in Sixth Form colleges and various universities.</p>

Biography and personal interests:

At the heart of Rachel's creative output is a focus on composition. She has worked with EMMY nominated composer Guy Michelmore in West Sussex and is now based in Essex. Rachel has composed music for several feature films, including, *Little Happiness*, which was nominated for Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor at the Orange Golden Film Awards. Orchestrations include video game *James Bond: Goldeneye*. Other compositions include publisher work by Faber Music, Guildhall Press and Sparten Press, which include works such as *Swelling Storm*, which is used as the undergraduate audition piece for saxophone at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Rachel has featured on Radio 3, with her music written for choreographer Yessica Lovbrand. Her compositional output includes working all over the world and she has conducted and recorded many times the City of Prague Philharmonic, as well as working in UK studios, such as Angel and Air Lyndhurst.

As an instrumentalist, Rachel has performed in several films as a session 'cellist and has a home recording studio.

Feature Films

Little Happiness - Composer - Director: Nihat Seven (2014)

Golden Orange Film nominee for Best Actor and Supporting Actor

Paris Ballet Suite - Score preparation / copyist (2014)

Bereavement - 'Cellist - Feature (2014)

Die Schöne Spionin - Score Programmer, Music Preparation & Score Producer - (2012)

Candle to Water - Composer - Feature - Director: Nihat Seven (2012)

Kenneth - Composer, Score preparation / copyist & Solo 'cellist (2012)

Weitergehen - Score programmer - Title Song for Feature (2012)

Wir wolten aufs Meer - Score programmer & score preparation / copyist (2012)

Der Mann mit dem Fagott - Score Programmer & score preparation / copyist (2011)

Mein kleines Herz - Score Programmer - Song for Feature (2011)

Screwed - Score preparation / copyist & solo 'cellist (2011)

Once I Was - Score preparation / copyist - European Feature - Warner (2010)

La Princesse de Montpensier - Score preparation / copyist - European Feature - Warner (2010)

Jackboots on Whitehall - Orchestrator & score preparation / copyist - Feature - McHenry Brothers (2010)

Impasse du Desir - Score preparation / copyist (2010)

Crash Down Hearts - Composer - Kovach Productions (2009)

Right Hand Drive - Music Editor (2008)

Total Hell - Composer - Director: Andy Wilton (2007)

Films

Wake - Composer - Director: Simon De Selva (2016)

The Creation - Composer - OBC (2015)

Naughty - Composer - Ksoll / Forder Productions (2013)

Journey Home - Composer - Director: Alex Campbell (2013)

A Shot in the Dark - Composer - Director: Oliver Wise (2011)

7 Miles From Bradford - Composer - Director: Lucy Ray (2011)

Jenny - Composer - ChixFlix Productions (2010)

Films cont.

Callous - Composer - Director: Mark Haggarty (2010)
Boiler - Composer - Short Film - Ksoll / Forder Productions (2009)
London Flirt - Composer - Director: Andreas Ksoll (2007)
Dr. Valentine - Composer - Director: Andreas Ksoll (2006)
Don't Cry - Composer - Short Film /Choreography - Diablo Dance Company (2005)

Animation

The Woodlies - Additional Music Composer & Music Editor - Feature Animated TV Special (2012)
Roberto - Composer - Short Animation - Director & Animator: Laura Marion James (2010)
Planet Hulk - Orchestrator & score preparation / copyist - Feature Animation - Marvel / Lionsgate (2009)
Hulk versus Thor - Orchestrator & score preparation / copyist - Feature Animation - Marvel / Lionsgate (2008)
Next Avengers - Orchestrator & score preparation / copyist - Feature Animation - Marvel / Lionsgate (2008)
Jip - Composer - Short Animation - Director & Animator: Laura Marion James (2007)
El mio - Composer - Short Animation - Director & Animator: Laura Marion James (2006)
Five o'clock Shadow - Composer - Short Animation - Director: Malcolm Lamont (2004)

TV/Shows

Subtle Shift of Learning - Composer - Feature Live Show - Director: Stephanie Sosa / Dreams in Overalls (2016)
Drawing Bible Connections - Composer - Pilot TV Series (6 episodes) - Director: Stephanie Sosa (2015)
The Jungle Book: Season 2 - Additional Music Composer & Music Editor - 52 x 11 mins Animated TV Series - Disney / DQ Entertainment (2013)
The Woodlies - Additional Music Composer & Music Editor - 26 x 24 mins Animated TV Series(2011)
The Jungle Book - Additional Music Composer & Music Editor - 52 x 11 mins Animated TV Series - Disney / DQ Entertainment (2010)
The Davincibles - Additional Music Composer & Music Editor - 52 x 12 mins Animated TV Series - Taffy Cartoons (2010)

Commercials/Adverts/Branding Logos

Baking Video - Composer - Promotional Video - Naturally Sweet Treats (2017)
Hippocrates - Composer - Advert - Purposeful Films (2017)
Lifegive Become Logo - Composer - Branding Logo - Purposeful Films (2016)
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Hippocrates Logo - Composer - Branding Logo - Purposeful Films (2016)

Zana Juice - Composer - Advert - Purposeful Films (2016)
Lumiere - Composer - Advert - Purposeful Films (2016)
Lumier Logo - Composer - Branding Logo - Purposeful Films (2016)
Supplements - Composer - Advert - Purposeful Films (2016)
Edurobo - Composer - Commercial - Director: Kranthi Kumar (2015)
Miami Church - Composer - Advert - Diamond Studios Productions (2013)
Gloriana - Score Programmer - 2012 Olympics Pitch Song (2012)
Denise Health - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions(2012)
High Definition Bride - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions (2012)
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	<p>Commercials/Adverts/Branding Logos cont. WBAActive - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions (2011) National Trust: Sheffield - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions(2010) National Trust: Uppark - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions (2010) National Trust - Composer - Cinema Trailer - Raising Awareness Productions (2010) National Trust: Petworth - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions (2010) National Trust: Nymans - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions (2010) National Trust: Standen - Composer - Advert - Raising Awareness Productions (2010) Unicef Anthem - Score preparation / copyist - Unicef Advert (2009)</p> <p>Documentaries Grace - Composer - Documentary - Director: Stephanie Sosa (2015) Congo School - Composer - Documentary - Director: Stephanie Sosa (2015) Prince - Composer - Documentary - Director: Stephanie Sosa (2015) St Mary The Virgin - The First 900 Years - Composer - Feature Documentary - Director: Noel Adamson (2008)</p> <p>Games James Bond: Goldeneye - Orchestrator & score preparation / copyist - Video Game (2010)</p>
Professional practice / research interests:	For a full list of Rachel's filmography, please see her website links and IMDb.
Link to personal (professional) website:	web: www.musicbyracheljames.com music: https://soundcloud.com/racheljames-composer/sets/showreel IMDb: http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3129387/
Publications/consultancy/knowledge transfer:	Interviews for Radio 3 and performances of compositions. Performances of compositions in major venues, including Queen Elizabeth Hall and Wigmore Hall. Rachel has performed at the Wigmore Hall and the unplugged acoustic stage at the O2 with singer/songwriter Caroline Harrison.
Current projects:	Currently Rachel is scoring a UK cinematic feature film.