

9th ANNUAL

ALTO CLEF FESTIVAL

The Vancouver Academy of Music Alto Clef Festival is designed to identify talented viola students and afford them recognition and financial assistance. One adjudicator external to VAM will evaluate contestants with \$3,000 in total scholarships awarded for 2026/27 VAM tuition.

Application deadline: April 6, 2026, 11:59pm

Competition dates: May 4, 2026

**Students will receive notice of their specific time slot following the application deadline.*

Eligibility

Eligible students are those registered in private lessons with a viola teacher at Vancouver Academy of Music since the beginning of the academic year.

Categories

Junior: up to 9 years old, as of May 4, 2026

Intermediate: 10 to 12 years old, as of May 4, 2026

Senior: 13 years old and older, as of as of May 4, 2026

Competition Rules

1. Applications must include a non-refundable registration fee of \$60 made payable to the Vancouver Academy of Music.
2. Applicants must prepare one work with a maximum duration of 10 minutes, performed by memory.
3. Students must provide their own pianist.
4. A copy of the music must be provided for the adjudicator (photocopies permitted).
5. The competition will be closed to the public with the exception of the parents/ guardians and teacher of the student performing; No audio or video recording is permitted.
6. The chosen winners will receive scholarships toward 2026/27 VAM tuition.
7. By submitting an application, students and their parent/guardian understand that any recording resulting from the festival may be used for VAM promotional purposes.

To apply

Complete the form on the back page or apply online at: vam.ca.

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Application Form

Deadline: April 6, 2026, 11:59pm

Name: (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____

Address: (Number and Street) _____

(City) _____ (Prov.) _____ (Postal Code) _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Private Music Teacher: _____ Pianist: _____

- ☐ The student and their parent/guardian understand that, if the student is selected for a scholarship award, they must provide the student's Social Insurance Number to VAM in accordance with CRA regulations.

Work to be performed

Composer: _____

Title: _____

Movement (if applicable; please include number and title, *e.g.*, *I. Allegro*): _____

Duration: _____

By signing below, the contestant agrees to observe and abide by the rules, regulations, and restrictions as stated in this document.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Remember, your completed file must contain:

1. Completed application form
2. Non-refundable registration fee of \$60

Mail your completed file to: Niki Hung, Programs Coordinator

Vancouver Academy of Music 1270 Chestnut St | Vancouver, BC V6J 4R9

For Office use only

Application fee included: by cash _____ by cheque _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____