

2026 ELSJE DE RIDDER ARMSTONG

CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

The Vancouver Academy of Music Elsjé de Ridder Armstrong Chamber Music Competition is designed to identify young talented students and afford them recognition and financial assistance. Students will be adjudicated by one distinguished musician external to VAM, with \$2,750 total scholarship awards available for 2026/27 VAM tuition.

Application deadline: May 19, 2026, 11:59pm

Competition dates: June 13, 2026 *

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

Audition

Selection of groups to compete will be made based on the following:

- Recommendation by VAM faculty coach, who has delivered three or more hours of coaching to the group in the current academic year, by submitting a recommendation letter to Niki Hung (niki.wingyan@vam.ca).

Eligibility

Ensembles of 3-8 members registered in VAM's chamber music program.

Categories

Categories are determined by the average age of the group members:

- Junior: up to 13
- Senior: 14 and older

Competition Rules

1. Applications are subject to a non-refundable registration fee of \$60, per group, made payable to the Vancouver Academy of Music.
2. Chamber groups will be required to prepare one work for a maximum of 10 minutes.
3. The full score must be submitted to the adjudicator (photocopies permitted).
4. The competition is open to the public. No audio and video recordings is permitted.
5. The adjudicator retains the right to withhold any prize if, in their opinion, it is not merited. All decisions made by the adjudicator are final and without appeal.

To apply

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

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Work to be performed

Composer: _____ Title: _____

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

Coach: _____

Ensemble Members

By signing below, all contestants agree to observe and abide by the rules, regulations, and restrictions as stated in this document.

Full Name: _____ Contact Email: _____

Instrument: _____ Signature: _____

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- ☐ 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.

Please attach separately, if needed, the information of any additional members.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Non-refundable registration fee of \$60, per group, submitted in full
- ☐ Recommendation by VAM coach sent by email to niki.wingyan@vam.ca