

YOUNG COMPOSERS' COMPETITION 2027

Vancouver Academy of Music presents its 6th Young Composers' Competition, providing a platform for students to experience the art of composition with the ultimate prize of having their work performed at the Orpheum Theatre by the VAM Symphony Orchestra.

Award: A scholarship award of \$2,000 will be awarded to the First Prize winner toward 2027/28 VAM tuition.

Performance Dates: Finalists will be chosen for a reading session on April 10, 2027, 2pm. The top three compositions will be read by VAM Symphony Orchestra during a rehearsal in Spring 2027, with the first prize piece to be performed during VAM Symphony Orchestra's 2027/28 season.

Eligibility

VAM's Young Composers' Competition is open to any student who is studying composition at VAM.

Scores submitted must have the composer's identifying information removed.

Eligible works are five minutes or shorter in duration and follow the following orchestration guidelines*:

2 Flutes | 2 Clarinets | 2 Oboes | 2 Bassoons | 4 French Horns | 2 Trumpets | 3 Trombones | Timpani
1 Percussion | 1 Harp | 1 Piano | Strings

**Works must be orchestrated for, at minimum, a complete string orchestra. All other instruments are optional.*

**Works with a soloist are not eligible.*

Non-refundable Application Fee: \$75

Deadlines

Application deadline: January 11, 2027

Finalists notified: on or before February 12, 2027

Parts due to Orchestra Manager: March 13, 23:59pm

To apply

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

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Application Form

Deadline: January 11, 2027, 11:59pm

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

Address: (Number and Street) _____

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

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

- ☐ 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.

Composition

Title: _____ Duration: _____

Application Checklist

All of the following must be received by **January 11, 2027**

1. Completed application form.
2. One copy of full score with composer's identifying information removed (anonymous)
3. Non-refundable registration fee of \$75

Applications may be submitted to the Vancouver Academy of Music office or sent by mail to:

Vancouver Academy of Music

Attn: Niki Hung

1270 Chestnut St

Vancouver, BC V6J 4R9

For Office use only

Application fee included: by cash _____ by cheque _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____