

Vancouver Academy of Music  
**PERFORMANCE EXAMS**  
**& HONOUR SOCIETY**





# VAM PERFORMANCE EXAMS

Vancouver Academy of Music's Performance Exams are a celebration of the achievement and progress made during the course of the academic year. Students are invited to a performance opportunity that includes guidance from distinguished music educators of the Vancouver area. Eligible participants are those age 5-17 enrolled in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which they perform in the exam.

## OPEN TO STUDENTS OF ALL LEVELS

VAM Performance Exams are inclusive of all levels. There are no restrictions on works performed regarding difficulty; students are encouraged to work with their instructor to determine which repertoire selections are best to help them achieve their own personal goals. Any level may be completed regardless of whether or not the student participated in exams for the preceding levels. Exams will be evaluated and scored on the basis of the student's performance in relation to the demands of the chosen repertoire and will include written commentary from the examiner.

## VAM HONOUR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

For students age 13-17, Performance Exams may be completed in conjunction with volunteer hours for induction into the VAM Honour Society, in recognition of the student's musical accomplishments and impact on the community at large.

Students inducted into VAM Honour Society based on the results of Spring 2019 Exams will hold valid membership until August 31, 2020.

# LEVELS

## JUNIOR PERFORMANCE EXAMS

### Pre-requisites:

Students age 5-8 as of May 1, 2019 enrolled in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which they perform.

### Exam requirement:

Two contrasting works with a combined duration of 10 minutes or less. Students must provide their own accompanist.

### Junior Exam Levels:

Age 5	Junior Class 1
Age 6	Junior Class 2
Age 7	Junior Class 3
Age 8	Junior Class 4 and <i>Junior Performers' Certificate (includes recognition trophy)</i>

## INTERMEDIATE PERFORMANCE EXAMS

### Pre-requisites:

Students age 9-12 as of May 1, 2019 enrolled in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which they perform. *Completion of previous levels is not required.*

### Exam requirement:

Three contrasting works with a combined duration of 15 minutes or less. Students must provide their own accompanist.

### Intermediate Exam Levels:

Age 9	Intermediate Class 1
Age 10	Intermediate Class 2
Age 11	Intermediate Class 3
Age 12	Intermediate Class 4 and <i>Intermediate Performers' Certificate (includes recognition plaque)</i>

## SENIOR PERFORMANCE EXAMS

### Pre-requisites:

Students age 13-16 as of May 1, 2019 enrolled in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which they perform. *Completion of previous levels is not required.*

### Exam requirement:

Three contrasting works with a combined duration of 25 minutes or less. Students must provide their own accompanist.

### Senior Exam Levels:

Age 13	Senior Class 1
Age 14	Senior Class 2
Age 15	Senior Class 3
Age 16	Senior Class 4 and <i>Senior Performers' Certificate (includes framed award)</i>

## ADVANCED SENIOR PERFORMERS' CERTIFICATE

### Pre-requisites:

1. Enrollment in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which the student performs.
2. Student must be in their graduating year of high school

### Exam requirement:

A 45- to 60-minute recital that is open to the public and adjudicated by the student's primary private teacher. Students must provide their own accompanist.

# VAM HONOUR SOCIETY

Vancouver Academy of Music Honour Society recognizes VAM's community-minded students who complete upper-level performance exams in combination with volunteer hours.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of any of the following levels:
  - a. Class 1-4 of Senior Performance Exams
  - b. Advanced Senior Performers' Certificate  
*(please refer to previous page for list of requirements for each level)*
2. A minimum of 16 volunteer hours completed between September 1 and May 31 of the academic year with a purpose to serve the community as demonstrated through the Honour Society Application form (available online at [vam.ca](http://vam.ca)). Forms are due to the office on May 31, 5:00pm.

## LEVELS

Age 13	Senior Class 1 with Honours
Age 14	Senior Class 2 with Honours
Age 15	Senior Class 3 with Honours
Age 16	Senior Class 4 and <a href="#">Senior Performers' Certificate with Honours</a> <i>(includes framed award)</i>
Graduating year of High School	<a href="#">Advanced Senior Performers' Certificate with Honours</a> <i>(includes framed award)</i>

## SCORING

DISTINGUISHED	Student demonstrates an exceptionally high level of musicianship, accuracy, and artistry in addition to well-developed stage deportment.
EXCELLENT	Student is very well prepared and performs chosen repertoire with few technical inaccuracies and a strong level of musicianship.
SATISFACTORY	Student has adequately prepared the chosen repertoire.
INCOMPLETE	Incomplete preparation of chosen repertoire (no award issued)

## EXAMINERS

Exams at the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior levels will be conducted by a qualified music educator who does not teach at VAM. Candidates for the Advanced Senior Performers' Certificate will be adjudicated by their primary private teacher. All students will receive written feedback.

## FEES

Junior Exams: \$40

Intermediate Exams: \$50

Senior Exams: \$60

Advanced Senior Performers' Certificate: \$80

## DATES

Registration period : January 1 - April 1, 2019

Examination period: May 13-24, 2019

Deadline for Honour Society Application Form: May 31, 2019

## TO REGISTER

Register online at [vam.ca/exams](http://vam.ca/exams)



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