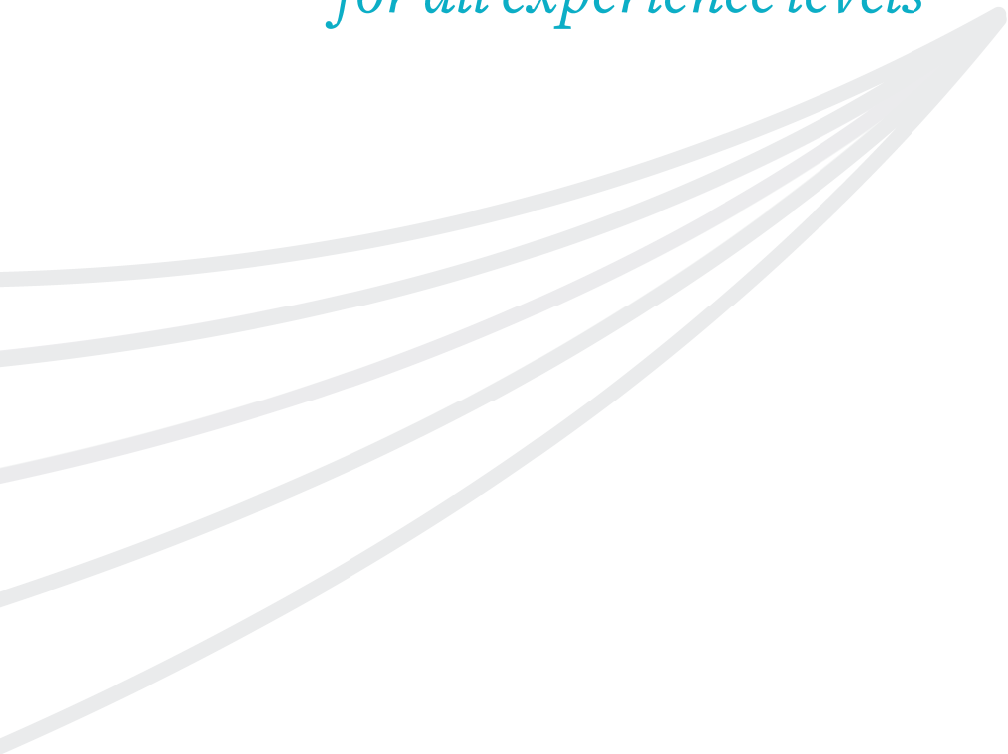




Spring 2020 Session

Performance Exams

*Age 5 to Adult Learning,
for all experience levels*



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 performance opportunities that include guidance from distinguished music educators of the Vancouver area. Eligible participants are those aged 5 and older enrolled in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which they perform in the exam.

For Ages 5 to Adult, 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

Students aged 13-17 taking Senior Performance Exams may submit 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 2020 Exams will hold valid membership until August 31, 2021.

Levels

Junior Performance Exams

Pre-requisites: students aged 5-8 as of May 1, 2020 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 when applicable.

Fee: \$40

Junior Exam Levels:

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

Intermediate Performance Exams

Pre-requisites: students aged 9-12 as of May 1, 2020 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 when applicable.

Fee: \$50

Intermediate Exam Levels:

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

Senior Performance Exams

Pre-requisites: students aged 13-16 as of May 1, 2020 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 when applicable.

Fee: \$60

Senior Exam Levels:

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

Advanced Senior Performer's Certificate & Graduation Recital

Pre-requisites:

1. Enrollment in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which the student performs.
2. Student must be age 17 as of May 1, 2020, or in their graduating year of high school

Fee: \$80

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 when applicable.

Adult Learning Performance Exams

Pre-requisite: enrollment in VAM private lessons for the instrument on which the student performs.

Age:

- Ages 17 and older, or;
- Any student who has completed the Advanced Senior Performer's Certificate & Graduation Recital

Exam Level

Requirements & Fees

Adult Learning Class 1	Requirement: two contrasting works with a combined duration of 10 minutes or less Fee: \$40
Adult Learning Class 2	Requirement: three contrasting works with a combined duration of 15 minutes or less Fee: \$50
Adult Learning Class 3	Requirement: three contrasting works with a combined duration of 25 minutes or less Fee: \$60
Adult Learning Class 4	Requirement: A 45- to 60-minute recital open to the public and adjudicated by the student's primary teacher Fee: \$80

Exam 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 performance of chosen repertoire (no award issued).

Examiners

Standard (non-recital) exams will be conducted by a qualified music educator who does not teach at VAM*. Candidates registering for a recital will be adjudicated by their primary private teacher. All students will receive written feedback.

**Ability for assessment by an external adjudicator may vary depending on instrument category and the student's availability during the assigned days below.*

2019/20 Dates

Registration period : January 1 - March 11, 2020

Examination period: May 11-22, 2020

- Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass: May 11-15
- Piano: May 19-22
- Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Harp: May 11
- Guitar: May 19
- Voice: May 21
- Adult (all instruments): May 14

Deadline for Honour Society Application Form: May 31, 2020

Registration

Register online at vam.ca/exams.

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 Performer's Certificate
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). Volunteer hours are not required to be music-related activities. 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 Senior Performer's Certificate with Honours (<i>includes framed award</i>)
Graduating year of High School	Advanced Senior Performer's Certificate with Honours (<i>includes framed award</i>)

