



VAM Online Performance Exams Spring 2020 Session

Open to music students of the Greater Vancouver Area

Registrations accepted until **May 13**

Video performances due **May 19**

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 an online performance opportunity that includes guidance from distinguished music educators.

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 private 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.

Spring 2020 Deadlines

Registration deadline: May 13, 11:59pm

Deadline to submit videos: May 19, 11:59pm

Deadline for Honour Society Application Form: May 31, 11:59pm

Submitting your videos

After completing registration and payment, please prepare your video ensuring that each repertoire selection is completed in one take and that the student is clearly audible and visible. Upload your video to a file sharing platform of your choice (e.g., Dropbox or Google Drive) so that the file can be shared by a link, or if there are multiple files, that there is access to the folder by a link that contains all the files.

After submitting registration and payment, the student will be placed into a category based on their age and receive a follow-up form by email. Students will provide the link to their performance using this second form. It is not necessary to send the performance immediately following registration, provided that it is received by the May 19 deadline.

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).

Levels

Junior Performance Exams

Eligibility: students aged 5-8 as of May 1, 2020.

Exam requirement: two contrasting works with a combined duration of 10 minutes or less. *Piano accompaniment is not required.*

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

Eligibility: students aged 9-12 as of May 1, 2020. *Completion of previous levels is not required.*

Exam requirement: three contrasting works with a combined duration of 15 minutes or less. *Piano accompaniment is not required.*

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

Eligibility: students aged 13-16 as of May 1, 2020. *Completion of previous levels is not required.*

Exam requirement: three contrasting works with a combined duration of 25 minutes or less. *Piano accompaniment is not required.*

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

Eligibility: Age 17 as of May 1, 2020, or in their graduating year of high school

Fee: \$80

Exam requirement: 45 to 60 minutes of any repertoire the student chooses. *Piano accompaniment is not required.*

Adult Learning Performance Exams

Eligibility:

- Ages 17 and older, or;
- Any student who has completed VAM's 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: 45 to 60 minutes of any repertoire the student chooses.*

Fee: \$80

**Piano accompaniment is not required.*

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. Registration in VAM private lessons
2. Completion of any of the following levels:
 - a. Class 1-4 of Senior Performance Exams
 - b. Advanced Senior Performer's Certificate
3. 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.

Note: if COVID-19 has prevented the applicant from completing planned volunteer hours, please contact Daniel Marshall, VAM Director of Programs (programs@vam.ca).

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>)