

Online Learning Plan: Choral Program

About VAM Online Learning Plans

In the unprecedented and unpredictable times of COVID-19, Vancouver Academy of Music's first priority is the health and safety of its community. VAM will continue to monitor the ever-evolving situation closely in all its stages and follow the advice of public health authorities.

During the course of the current public health crisis, VAM is anticipating the need to intermittently close its facilities, partially and/or fully, until the provincial authorities declare the final stage of BC's restart plan. Our series of Online Learning Plans aim to inform our students and families that VAM is prepared for a variety of scenarios moving forward. Tailored individually to each program, each Plan outlines the scope and content of remote instruction, to be employed at any time that it is not safe to offer in-person instruction.

Online Learning Plan for Choral Program

Online sessions will be available for VAM's four choirs:

- Kits Point Chorale (grades 2-6)
- Raincity Chorus (grades 7-11)
- Schola Cantorum (experienced singers ages 16+)
- Vanier Park Voices (ages 18+)

The curriculum for 45-minute weekly online activities will include:

- Group warm-ups and vocal technique
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- Small group/section Zoom sessions, including call/response instruction and chain singing
- Virtual Choir Projects within ensembles, multiple VAM choirs, or even collaborations with other choirs in the community. Singers will record part(s) individually at home which will be compiled together to form a virtual performance.
- Choral music/literature appreciation and performance analysis
- Musicianship for singers, including Solfege, aural skills, and sight-singing techniques
- Diction lessons for different languages
- **Contact Cassie Luftsprung, Director of Choral Studies, for Zoom class schedule (cassieluftsprung@vam.ca)**

Remote online instruction will be available to any student who has internet connection, a device such as a computer or tablet, a webcam and microphone.