



Vancouver Academy of Music

## Facility Rentals for Remote Exams

Music students in the Greater Vancouver Area may rent VAM's Koerner Recital Hall or Mary Olson Hall for their remote exams, with flexible and affordable options tailored to a variety of exam levels and durations. In addition to booking time to complete their remote exam in a premium space, students are also eligible to book additional time in their exam room to practice, rehearse with a collaborative pianist, and become familiar with the examination space. Students do not need to be registered at Vancouver Academy of Music to be eligible for exam rates, as long as proof is provided for registration in a remote examination offered by:

- Vancouver Academy of Music (VAM Performance Exams)
- Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM)
- Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM)
- London College of Music Examinations (LCME)
- Trinity College London (TCL)
- Any other recognized Examination Board

### VAM STUDENT RENTALS

While students do not need to be registered at VAM to qualify for the exam rental rates outlined in this document, rental rates may be waived for VAM students meeting the following eligibility criteria:

- The student must be registered at VAM for a minimum of 16 private lessons for the semester in which they take the exam
  - If the student is taking an exam during the summer, they must have registered for a minimum of 16 lessons for the previous Spring semester
- The above-stated lessons must be for the same instrument or area of study as their examination

Rental fees are defined as the fee for accessing VAM facilities and include use of the standard concert piano designated for that space. Other services, such as those listed underneath the heading of "Additional Fees" below, are not eligible to be waived.

While rental fees may be waived for eligible students, scheduling restrictions listed do apply in accordance with the student's exam length (see below, "Exam Rental Rates").

## EXAM RENTAL RATES

Exam length	Exam Rental Time	Exam Rental Cost (Koerner Recital Hall)	Exam Rental Cost (Mary Olson Hall)	Eligible Additional Time (added rental rates apply)
Up to 14 minutes	30 min	\$50	\$40	1 hour
15-29 minutes	45 min	\$75	\$60	1 hour
30-44 minutes	60 min	\$100	\$80	2 hours
45-59 minutes	75 min	\$125	\$100	2 hours
60-74 minutes	90 min	\$150	\$120	2 hours
75-89 minutes	105 min	\$175	\$140	2 hours
90+ minutes	Exam length plus up to 30 minutes of extra time, available in increments of 0.25 hours.	Rate of \$100/hr	Rate of \$80/hr	2 hours

**Exam Length** – students must provide proof of their official exam length as issued by the applicable Examination Board. Where applicable, maximum repertoire duration will be factored in place of official exam length.

**Exam Rental Time** – this rental time includes all activities immediately preceding and following the exam including, warm up, tuning, and take down, in addition to the exam itself. The venue must be fully vacated by the end of this time period.

**Exam Rental Cost** – this denotes the rental cost solely for the Exam Rental Times outlined in the above table. It does not include additional time.

**Eligible Additional Time** – students may book time in their examination room to familiarize themselves with the space, practice, and/or rehearse with a collaborative pianist. This time is available in increments of 0.25 hours up to the maximum durations indicated above at the rate of \$100/hr (Koerner Recital Hall) or \$80/hr (Mary Olson Hall). This additional time does not need to take place on the examination date, but must be used no earlier than 14 days prior and no later than the examination date. Any further rental time will be subject to VAM’s standard rental rates and terms (see [vam.ca/rentals](http://vam.ca/rentals)).

**Subject to venue availability** – While VAM administration will make every effort to accommodate the full amount of requested additional time, scheduling constraints do apply and availability is limited.

**Additional costs** – the above rates apply solely to the use of VAM space and include use of the standard concert piano designated for that space. Other services, such as piano tuning, staffing, and other areas outlined in VAM’s standard rental policies ([vam.ca/rentals](http://vam.ca/rentals)) are not included.

## **ADDITIONAL FEES**

Additional rates apply for:

- Piano tuning
- Staffing – technician and custodian
- Technical equipment
  - Depending on the nature of the remote exam and policies set by the Examination Board, recording might not be permitted. Should a student request access to VAM's recording equipment, they acknowledge that they are aware of the Examination Board's policies on recording and are not in violation thereof.

Regular rates apply for these services; please refer to [vam.ca/rentals](http://vam.ca/rentals) for more information and full details.

## **SCHEDULING**

- Students are required to submit proof of registration from their exam which includes the official exam length and, if held via live teleconferencing, the date and time.
  - If the student wishes to rent space for a VAM Performance Exam, they are required to have registered and paid for an exam but do not need to submit proof of registration or exam length. Students will be assigned an exam length based on their repertoire requirements and allocated the corresponding time for their exam rental.
  - If the exam is conducted by live videoconferencing (e.g., Zoom), students may be required to submit multiple scheduling options to the Examination Board before the exam date and time are confirmed. VAM will hold up to three dates/times for the student's use, with the understanding that the student will notify the office promptly when the exam date, time, and length are confirmed.
  - Maximum repertoire duration will be factored in lieu of official examination length where applicable, which may be the case with examinations assessed by video recording.

## **PAYMENT**

Rental space will not be confirmed until payment is received in full. This applies both to the exam rental and any additional time.

## **CONTACT US**

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