



# VAM Performance Exams Spring 2021 Session

*Open to music students of the Greater Vancouver Area*

Registrations accepted until **May 10**

Video submissions due **May 17**

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.

## 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.

## Remote & In-Person Exams

- All non-recital levels are held remotely. They can be filmed at home, at VAM, or any venue of the student's choice. Piano accompaniment is recommended.
- Recital levels are held as an in-person exam in VAM's Koerner Recital Hall. *For Spring 2021, recitals must be held as private events, with attendance limited to the adjudicator and a small number of family members.*

## Venue Rentals for Remote Exams

A special, exam-specific rental rate is available for students who wish to use VAM's Koerner Recital Hall or Mary Olson Hall as a remote exam venue. Students registered in VAM private lessons may be eligible to have their rental fee waived, subject to requirements listed online.

When renting VAM space for remote exams, a set amount of additional time is available for the student to practice, rehearse with a pianist, and become familiar with the examination space. Additional time may be used up to 14 days prior to the exam and is subject to venue availability. The amount of additional time is assigned commensurate with the examination length.

For full details on venue rentals for remote exams, visit [vam.ca/rentals](http://vam.ca/rentals)

## Spring 2021 Deadlines

Registration deadline: May 10, 11:59pm

Deadline to submit videos: May 17, 11:59pm

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

# Submitting Videos for Remote Exams

After completing registration and payment, 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 video submission deadline.

## Exam Scoring

<b>Distinguished</b>	Student demonstrates an exceptionally high level of musicianship, accuracy, and artistry in addition to well-developed stage deportment.
<b>Excellent</b>	Student is very well prepared and performs chosen repertoire with few technical inaccuracies and a strong level of musicianship.
<b>Satisfactory</b>	Student has adequately prepared the chosen repertoire.
<b>Incomplete</b>	Incomplete performance of chosen repertoire (no award issued).

# Levels

## Junior Performance Exams (Remote)

**Eligibility:** students aged 5-8 as of May 1, 2021.

**Exam requirement:** two contrasting works with a combined duration of 10 minutes or less. *Piano accompaniment recommended.*

**Exam 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 (Remote)

**Eligibility:** students aged 9-12 as of May 1, 2021. *Completion of previous levels is not required.*

**Exam requirement:** three contrasting works with a combined duration of 15 minutes or less. *Piano accompaniment recommended.*

**Exam 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 (Remote)

**Eligibility:** students aged 13-16 as of May 1, 2021. *Completion of previous levels is not required.*

**Exam requirement:** three contrasting works with a combined duration of 25 minutes or less. *Piano accompaniment recommended.*

**Exam 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 (In-Person)

### Eligibility:

- Age 17 as of May 1, 2021, or in their graduating year of high school, and,
- Registered in at least 16 VAM private lessons in the Spring 2021 semester for the instrument on which they perform.

**Exam Fee:** \$80

**Exam requirement:** 45 to 60 minutes of any repertoire the student chooses. *Piano accompaniment 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;
- For Class 4 only: registered in at least 16 VAM private lessons in the Spring 2021 semester for the instrument on which they perform.

### Exam Level

### Requirements & Fees

Adult Learning Class 1 (Remote)

Requirement: two contrasting works with a combined duration of 10 minutes or less.\*

Fee: \$40

Adult Learning Class 2 (Remote)

Requirement: three contrasting works with a combined duration of 15 minutes or less.\*

Fee: \$50

Adult Learning Class 3 (Remote)

Requirement: three contrasting works with a combined duration of 25 minutes or less.\*

Fee: \$60

Adult Learning Class 4 (In-Person)

Requirement: 45- to 60-minute recital of any repertoire the student chooses. *Piano accompaniment required.*

Fee: \$80

*\*Piano accompaniment recommended.*

# 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, or
  - b. Advanced Senior Performer's Certificate.
3. **One** of the two following:
  - a. A minimum of 16 volunteer hours completed between September 1 and May 31 of the academic year, **or**;
  - b. Two written essays to questions provided in the Honour Society Application Form.
4. Honour Society Application Form completed and submitted to the VAM office on or before May 31, 11:59pm.

## 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> )