



2023/24
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SEASON
CALENDAR

LETTER FROM THE CEO

There is much to look forward to this 2023/24 season. The introduction of new and additional classes, ensembles, and competitions at the Academy populate our event calendar in exciting ways.

Our youngest musicians form the Friendly Philharmonic Orchestra and they open the Koerner Recital Hall concert season with a musical adventure, bringing audience members along on the journey. Staples of the year include the beloved Strawberry & Tea series as well as the VAM Symphony Orchestra Orpheum Theatre series.

We are ready to embark on another wonderful year ahead, and look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces at events!

Musically yours,


Joseph Elworthy
President & CEO



2023/24 FEATURED SERIES

VAM Symphony Orchestra Series

The senior ensemble of VAM's Orchestral Program, comprising more than 100 students, presenting orchestral masterworks in Vancouver's iconic Orpheum Theatre, West Vancouver's Kay Meek Arts Centre, and a special presentation by the Whistler Chamber Music Society.

NEXT GENERATION BC

OCT 8, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE | **Ian Parker**: conductor, piano
Winners of VAM's Composition and Provincial Concerto Competitions

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

DEC 10, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE | DEC 17, 2PM | KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE
Ian Parker: conductor

TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 4

FEB 25, 2PM | KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE | MAR 3, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE
Ian Parker: conductor | **Merett Khamis**: piano

NEW WORLD SYMPHONY & RHAPSODY IN BLUE

MAY 25, 2PM KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE | MAY 26, 2 PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE
Ian Parker: conductor, piano | **Jens Lindemann**: trumpet

Tickets \$15 general, \$10 student/senior available at vamso.ca

VAM in the Community

FIREBIRD AND RACHMANINOFF'S PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2

Kay Meek Arts Centre presents VAM Symphony Orchestra with Ian Parker
Sun, November 5, 2pm | Tickets and info: kaymeek.com

Salon Series

SUNGWON YANG & ENRICO PACE (CELLO & PIANO)

Sun, November 5, 2pm | Koerner Recital Hall
Tickets and info: vancouverchambermusic.com

STEFAN JACKIW & KEVIN AHFAT (VIOLIN & PIANO)

Sun, March 10, 2pm | Koerner Recital Hall
Tickets and info: vancouverchambermusic.com

NEW ORFORD STRING QUARTET

Sun, May 19, 2pm | Koerner Recital Hall
Tickets and info: vancouverchambermusic.com

Competitions

VAM's annual competitions aim to identify the accomplishment of talented students and offer recognition for their hard work. Awards include opportunities to perform as soloist with one of VAM's orchestras and scholarships to assist students in advancing their musical studies. Students wishing for more information may visit vam.ca/events/competitions or email carrie@vam.ca.

VAM FRIENDLY PHILHARMONIC, JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE SYMPHONY CONCERTO COMPETITIONS

Eligibility: registered members of VAMFP, VAMJS & VAMIS

Application deadline: September 25 | **Competition date:** October 16

VAM VIVALDI COMPETITION

Eligibility: registered members of VAMSO

Application Deadline: September 25 | **Competition date:** October 16

EDITH AND ESMOND LANDO GIFTED YOUTH COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM students 13 and under as of December 31, 2023

Application deadline: January 15 | **Competition dates:** February 12 (competition), February 24 (winner's recital)

JEROLD GERBRECHT WOODWIND & BRASS COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM woodwind & brass students

Application deadline: January 29 | **Competition date:** February 26

BASSFEST COMPETITION

Eligibility: Bass students up to age of 18 as of March 4, 2024

Application deadline: February 5 | **Competition date:** March 4

PHYLLIS SALTER PIANO COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM piano students ages 26 and under

Application deadline: April 8 | **Competition date:** April 29

ALTO CLEF VIOLA FESTIVAL

Eligibility: VAM viola students

Application deadline: April 8 | **Competition date:** May 6

KAY MEEK COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM students age 14 and over as of May 13, 2024

Application deadline: April 15 | **Competition date:** May 13

ELSJE DE RIDDER ARMSTRONG CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

Eligibility: Ensembles in VAM's chamber music program

Application deadline: May 13 | **Competition date:** June 8

BARBARA CLAGUE FESTIVAL OF SONG

Eligibility: VAM voice students aged 18 or under as of January 1, 2024 | **Application deadline:** May 13

Competition date: June 9



October

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, October 1, 1pm & 3pm
Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join the VAM community in this monthly series that features students from a variety of programs celebrating all levels of musical learning.

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NEXT GENERATION BC

Sun, October 8, 2pm | Orpheum Theatre
Tickets and info at vamso.ca

Come for the season opening concert with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra, featuring winners of the Bjorn & Lori Hareid Provincial Concerto and Young Composers competitions. To start the season off with a bang, the performance will end with dances from Stravinsky's *Firebird*. Don't miss this afternoon of music, spotlighting the talents of the next generation of musicians.

CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM CONCERT

Sat, October 21, 7pm
Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Featuring various groups from VAM's Chamber Music Program, join these young musicians as they present an evening of the intimate side of music-making and demonstrate why this format is akin to a conversation between friends.

HALLOWEEN ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

Sat, October 28
Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Friendly Philharmonic: 5:30pm
Junior Symphony: 6:30pm
Intermediate Symphony: 7:30pm

Come, if you dare, and enter through the doors and join VAM's Pre-Junior, Junior and Intermediate symphonies in a world of musical colours that brings scenery and stories to life, bound to bring excitement and suspense. Don't forget to dance with a marionette or two.



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November

YACP FALL RECITAL

Fri, November 3, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

VAM's Young Artist Collegiate Program (YACP) gives musically exceptional high school students a head start into college-level studies through intensive development of academic and performance skills. As they take to the stage and perform, come for an evening concert to celebrate the talents and gifts of these young, budding musicians.

VAM IN THE COMMUNITY

FIREBIRD & RACHMANINOFF'S PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2

Sun, November 5, 2pm

Kay Meek Arts Centre

Tickets and info at kaymeek.com

Delight in this season opening concert with Stravinsky's *Firebird* heralding the arrival of a new beginning. To follow, Maestro Ian Parker effortlessly takes on both roles of conductor and piano soloist with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra, performing Rachmaninoff's intense yet beloved *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Get your tickets now to enjoy an afternoon of thrilling music.

SALON SERIES

SungWon Yang & Enrico Pace (cello & piano)

Sun, November 5, 2023, 2pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Tickets and info at vancouverchambermusic.com

A Co-Presentation with Vancouver Chamber Music Society. Immerse yourself in exquisite chamber music performances, interactive "Meet the Artist" sessions, and educational masterclass programs featuring world-class musicians.

VANIER PARK SYMPHONY & ADULT BEGINNER STRINGS WINTER CONCERT

Mon, November 6, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join VAM's adult orchestras in their calendar year-end concert, featuring works by Mozart, Dvorak, Verdi, and more.

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, November 12, 1pm & 3pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join the VAM community in this monthly series that features students from a variety of programs celebrating all levels of musical learning.

COLLEGE FALL RECITAL

Fri, November 17, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Showcasing the highest level of education that VAM offers, the College Program Concert Series spotlights the post-secondary students of VAM's Music Performance Diploma and Artist Diploma programs.

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM SOIRÉE

Tue, November 28, 7:30pm

Mary Olson Hall | Free Admission

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December

ORCHESTRAL PROGRAM HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Sat, December 2

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Friendly Philharmonic: 5:30pm

Junior Symphony: 6:30pm

Intermediate Symphony: 7:30pm

Join VAM's Friendly Philharmonic, Junior, and Intermediate symphonies for some festive tunes and holiday favourites, featuring works by Pachelbel, Tchaikovsky, Corelli, Bach and more. The concerts also feature three of our Concerto Competition winners.

VAM IN THE COMMUNITY

VAM CHAMBER ORCHESTRA THE FOUR SEASONS

Sun, December 3, 5pm | Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Tickets: whistlerchambermusic.ca

A chamber orchestra comprising members of VAM Symphony Orchestra perform this seasonal favourite in a special presentation by Whistler Chamber Music Society.

YACP WINTER RECITAL

Fri, December 8, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

VAM's Young Artist Collegiate Program (YACP) gives musically exceptional high school students a head start into college-level studies through intensive development of academic and performance skills. As they take to the stage and perform, come for an evening concert to celebrate the talents and gifts of these young, budding musicians.

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

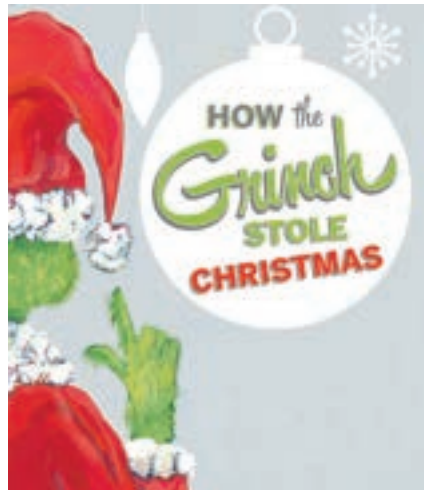
Sun, December 10, 2pm

Orpheum Theatre | Tickets and information at vamso.ca

Sun, December 17, 2pm

Kay Meek Arts Centre | Tickets and information at kaymeek.com

Join the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Ian Parker, for an extraordinary concert experience that traverses the realms of holiday cheer and classical brilliance. This seasonal enchantment showcases the iconic music of Albert Hague's beloved holiday classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, followed by Vivaldi's timeless masterpiece, *The Four Seasons*. Immerse yourself in a captivating journey through contrasting musical landscapes that celebrate both the whimsical and the profound. Don't miss this delightful fusion of yuletide merriment and virtuosic artistry!



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January

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, January 21, 1pm & 3pm
Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join the VAM community in this monthly series that features students from a variety of programs celebrating all levels of musical learning.

VAM CHAMBER PLAYERS BIZARRE LOVE TRIANGLE

Sun, January 28, 2pm
Koerner Recital Hall
Tickets \$35 general, \$20 student/senior

Join VAM's faculty members as they present an afternoon of music that is at times full of joy and vigour, and other times of love and yearning, highlighting the love triangle between music power-couple Robert and Clara Schumann and their friend Johannes Brahms.



February

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, February 11, 1pm & 3pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join the VAM community in this monthly series that features students from a variety of programs celebrating all levels of musical learning.

COLLEGE WINTER RECITAL

Fri, February 16, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

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EDITH AND ESMOND LANDO GIFTED YOUTH COMPETITION WINNER'S RECITAL

Sat, February 24, 7pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

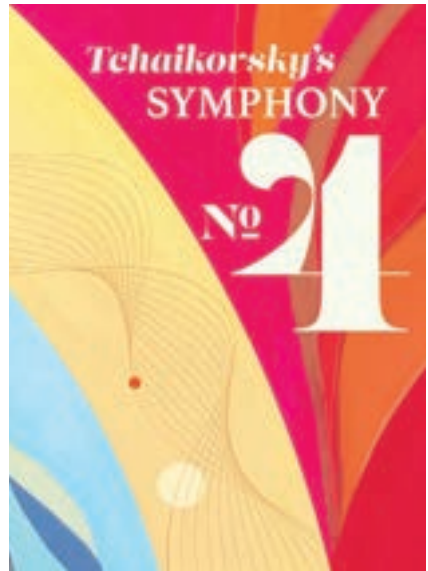
Named after two outstanding arts advocate and humanitarian, the Edith and Esmond Lando Gifted Youth Competition opens doors for the next generation. Eight talented students aged 14 and under are selected from the competition to receive tuition scholarships and perform in this winner's concert.

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 4

Sun, February 25, 2pm

Kay Meek Arts Centre | Tickets and info at kaymeek.com

Embark on a captivating musical odyssey with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra, under the masterful baton of Maestro Ian Parker. The concert begins with the exhilarating *Overture to Candide* by Bernstein, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. Join us as the wondrously talented pianist, Merett Khamis, winner of the prestigious Kay Meek Competition, takes center stage for Prokofiev's thrilling *Piano Concerto No. 3*. To conclude this extraordinary voyage, immerse yourself in the depths of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*. Brace yourself for an afternoon of virtuosity, emotion, and musical brilliance.



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March

ORCHESTRAL PROGRAM SPRING CONCERTS

Sat, March 2

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Friendly Philharmonic: 5:30pm

Junior Symphony: 6:30pm

Intermediate Symphony: 7:30pm

Celebrate the spring season and brighter days with VAM's Friendly Philharmonic, Junior, and Intermediate symphonies with works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Khachaturian, and more, also featuring winners of the VAMFP, VAMJS, and VAMIS Concerto Competition.

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 4

Sun, March 3, 2pm | Orpheum Theatre
Tickets and information at vamso.ca

Embark on a captivating musical odyssey with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra, under the masterful baton of Maestro Ian Parker. The concert begins with the exhilarating *Overture to Candide* by Bernstein, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. Join us as the wondrously talented pianist, Merett Khamis, winner of the prestigious Kay Meek Competition, takes center stage for Prokofiev's thrilling *Piano Concerto No. 3*. To conclude this extraordinary voyage, immerse yourself in the depths of Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*. Brace yourself for an afternoon of virtuosity, emotion, and musical brilliance.

VANIER PARK SYMPHONY & ADULT BEGINNER STRINGS SPRING CONCERT

Mon, March 4, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join VAM's adult orchestras in their spring concert, featuring works by Schubert, Strauss, and more.

SALON SERIES

Stefan Jackiw & Kevin Ahfat
(violin & piano)

Sun, March 10, 2pm | Koerner
Recital Hall | Tickets and info
at vancouverchambermusic.com

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Sat, March 16, 7pm

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STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, April 7, 1pm & 3pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

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VAM CHAMBER PLAYERS PARIS IN SPRING

Sat, April 13, 7pm | Koerner Recital Hall
Tickets \$35 general, \$20 student/senior

Walk along the streets of France and take in the sights, sounds, and music of a trio of well-known French composers, Ravel, Faure and Debussy. Their compositions span the late-Romantic to early-Modern and Impressionistic styles.

COLLEGE SPRING RECITAL

Fri, April 19, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

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NEW WORLD SYMPHONY
Rhapsody in Blue



STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, May 5, 1pm & 3pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

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ALDO PARISOT CELLO ENSEMBLE AND CHILDREN'S HARP ENSEMBLE JOINT SPRING CONCERT

Sun, May 5, 7pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Following yet another successful joint concert last year, these two ensembles are back to present an evening of music sure to delight. The cellists and harpists are ready to show you just how varied the family of string instruments can be.

CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM CONCERT

Sat, May 18, 7pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Featuring various groups from VAM's Chamber Music Program, join these young musicians as they present an evening of the intimate side of music-making and demonstrate why this format is akin to a conversation between friends.



SALON SERIES

NEW ORFORD STRING QUARTET

Sun, May 19, 2pm | Koerner Recital Hall | Tickets and info at vancouverchambermusic.com

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VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NEW WORLD SYMPHONY & RHAPSODY IN BLUE

Sat, May 25, 2pm | Kay Meek Arts Centre
Tickets and info at kaymeek.com

Sun, May 26, 2pm | Orpheum Theatre
Tickets and info at vamso.ca

It's the season finale with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra as they present the timeless masterpiece, Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9*, "From the New World". Immerse yourself in its lush melodies, echoing the spirit of exploration and the wonders of the American landscape. Joined by the brilliant trumpet virtuoso Jens Lindemann, and Maestro Ian Parker on piano, this concert will transport you through time, showcasing the richness of classical and jazz influences that continue to inspire generations. Don't miss this unforgettable exploration of the "New World" through the power of music.

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June

VAM ORCHESTRAL FESTIVAL

Sun, June 2 | Orpheum Theatre
Tickets \$5 general at vam.ca/events

**Friendly Philharmonic, Junior,
& Intermediate Symphony: 11am**
**Vanier Park Symphony
& Adult Beginner Strings: 3pm**

Join a multitude of VAM's orchestras and ensembles in a day of musical celebration. In the morning, the VAM Friendly Philharmonic, Junior, and Intermediate symphonies present works Strauss, Verdi, Holst, and more, also featuring the 2023/24 Grand Prize Winners of the Concerto Competitions. In the afternoon, VAM's adult ensembles the Vanier Park Symphony and the Adult Beginner Strings embody the joy of lifelong learning and perform works by Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, and a variety of other composers, featuring conductor and pianist Ian Parker as soloist for Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 5*.

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM SOIRÉE

Tue, June 4, 7:30pm
Mary Olson Hall | Free Admission

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BARBARA CLAGUE FESTIVAL OF SONG

Sun, June 9, 2pm
Koerner Recital Hall | Free admission

A humanitarian, social justice and cultural champion, Barbara Clague was dedicated to the arts and, most importantly, people. The Barbara Clague Festival of Song was established in her honour to nourish up-and-coming young singers and their talents. Join us for an afternoon of song and music – this is a marvellous opportunity to hear emerging singers and pay tribute to the memory of an exceptional Canadian.



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