

CONCERTO COMPETITION 2025

Welcome to one of the most exciting competitions that occurs once every two years and provides a unique opportunity for aspiring musicians to perform as soloist with the VAM Symphony Orchestra. The Bjorn & Lori Hareid Concerto Competition is categorized into instrument and is open to any student who studies at VAM.* A \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to one winner in each category.

**Featured soloists of VAMSO's 2025/26 season are ineligible to apply.*

Application deadline: April 13, 2025, 11:59pm

Competition dates: May 26-28, 2025

**Students will receive notice of their specific time slot following the application deadline.*

Instrument Categories

- Category A: piano
- Category B: strings
- Category C: open (woodwinds, brass, harp, percussion, voice, guitar, etc.)

Repertoire

Instrumentalists: Any movement or work for solo instrument and orchestra, with cuts made to shorten tutti passages. Works must be a minimum of RCM Level 10 or equivalent, and a maximum of 15 minutes in length.

Singers: A selection of songs from an orchestrated song cycle, a multi-movement work, concert arias, a selections of opera arias, or repertoire approved by the Voice Department Head. Maximum two selections for movements or arias from different works, with a total duration of up to 15 minutes.

Adjudication

An adjudication committee will choose one winner from each category to perform as a soloist with the VAM Symphony Orchestra. Written commentary will be supplied for each entrant.

Competition Rules

1. Applications must include a non-refundable registration fee of \$60 made payable to the Vancouver Academy of Music.
2. Eligible students have been enrolled in VAM private lessons since the beginning of the academic year for the instrument with which they compete;
3. The competition phase will be closed to the public with the exception of the parents/guardians and teacher of the student performing; No audio or video recording is permitted.
4. By submitting an application, students and their parent/guardian understand that any recording resulting from the winner's performances with VAM Symphony Orchestra may be used for VAM promotional purposes.

To apply

Complete the form on the back page or apply online at: vam.ca.

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Application Form

Deadline: April 13, 2025, 11:59pm

Name: (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____

Address: (Number and Street) _____

(City) _____ (Prov.) _____ (Postal Code) _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Instrument: _____

Name of Private Music Teacher: _____ Pianist: _____

The student and their parent/guardian understand that, if the student is selected for a scholarship award, they must provide the student's Social Insurance Number to VAM in accordance with CRA regulations.

Work to be performed

Composer: _____

Title: _____

Duration, after tutti cuts: _____

For singers preparing multiple works, include all here or attach more information on a separate sheet of paper (only one application form necessary).

By signing below, the contestant agrees to observe and abide by the rules, regulations, and restrictions as stated in this document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Remember, your completed file must contain:

1. Completed application form
2. Non-refundable registration fee of \$60

Mail your completed file to: Niki Hung, Programs Coordinator

Vancouver Academy of Music | 1270 Chestnut St, Vancouver, BC V6J 4R9

For Office use only

Application fee included: by cash _____ by cheque _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____