



2024/25 SEASON CALENDAR

LETTER FROM THE CEO

As we step into the 2024/25 academic year, I am thrilled to share our vibrant season ahead. This year promises a rich tapestry of musical experiences, showcasing the extraordinary talent of our students and faculty.



This season, we are excited to present a diverse lineup that includes innovative ensembles, engaging masterclasses, and thrilling competitions. Our students will take center stage, demonstrating the skills and passion they've cultivated throughout the year. Additionally, our esteemed faculty will share their exceptional artistry, offering audiences a chance to experience the depth of talent that makes VAM truly special.

Whether you are a returning patron or new to our community, we look forward to welcoming you to our events and sharing in the joy of music together.

Musically yours,

Joseph Elworthy

President & CEO



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2024/25 FEATURED SERIES

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SERIES

The VAM Symphony Orchestra (VAMSO) is the flagship series of Vancouver Academy of Music's orchestral program, featuring our top-performing students in a professional-level setting. With four captivating performances each year, our young musicians take on iconic masterpieces that define the classical repertoire.



TCHAIKOVSKY & RACHMANINOFF

OCT 20, 2PM | KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE

OCT 27, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE

Ian Parker: conductor, piano



MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS

NOV 17, 2PM | KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE

NOV 24, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE

Ian Parker: conductor



TCHAIKOVSKY SYMPHONY NO. 5

FEB 09, 2PM | KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE

FEB 16, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE

Ian Parker: conductor | Allen Ding: piano



THE PLANETS

MAY 24, 7:30PM | KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE

MAY 25, 2PM | ORPHEUM THEATRE

Ian Parker: conductor | Jonathan Crow: violin

SEASON PASS ON SALE UNTIL OCT 15!

- All Four Concerts in One Purchase
- Consistent Seating
- Win one of three Stanley Tumblers



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 niki.wingyan@vam.ca

VAM FRIENDLY PHILHARMONIC, JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE SYMPHONY CONCERTO COMPETITIONS

Eligibility: Registered members of VAMFP, VAMJS & VAMIS

Application deadline: September 29 | **Competition date:** October 21

EDITH AND ESMOND LANDO GIFTED YOUTH COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM students 13 and under as of December 31, 2024

Application deadline: January 12 | **Competition date:** February 10

Winner's recital: March 2, 2PM

JEROLD GERBRECHT WOODWIND & BRASS COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM woodwind & brass students

Application deadline: January 26 | **Competition date:** February 24

YOUNG COMPOSERS' COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM composition students

Application deadline: January 12 | **Competition date:** April 5 finalist reading session with VAM Symphony Orchestra

PHYLLIS SALTER PIANO COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM piano students ages 26 and under

Application deadline: March 30 | **Competition date:** April 28

ALTO CLEF VIOLA FESTIVAL

Eligibility: VAM viola students

Application deadline: April 6 | **Competition date:** May 5



KAY MEEK COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM students age 14 and over as of May 13, 2025

Application deadline: April 13 | **Competition date:** May 12

BJORN & LORI HAREID CONCERTO COMPETITION

Eligibility: VAM students age 26 and under as of April 13, 2025

Application deadline: April 13 | **Competition date:** May 26-28

BARBARA CLAGUE FESTIVAL OF SONG

Eligibility: VAM voice students

Application deadline: May 4 | **Competition date:** June 1

ELSJE DE RIDDER ARMSTRONG CHAMBER MUSIC COMPETITION

Eligibility: Ensembles in VAM's chamber music program

Application deadline: May 11 | **Competition date:** June 14

Masterclass Series

Discover the Salon Series at VAM, where we proudly partner with Music in the Morning and the Vancouver Chamber Music Society to offer our students exclusive, complimentary masterclasses with renowned artists. This series provides a platform for our students to gain insights and mentorship from some of the most distinguished musicians in the industry.

For additional information on the Salon Series and to see the schedule of masterclasses, visit vam.ca/events or email us at niki.wingyan@vam.ca

PIANO TRIO: ANDREW WAN (VIOLIN) BION TSANG (CELLO) | ANTON NEL (PIANO)

Application Deadline: September 21

Masterclass Date & Time: October 5, 6-8pm; three simultaneous masterclasses (MOH, KRH, YER)

LOUIS LORTIE (PIANO)

Application Deadline: October 2

Masterclass Date & Time: October 23 5:30-7pm (KRH)

BARRY SHIFFMAN (VIOLIN)

Application Deadline: October 30

Masterclass Date & Time: November 20, 5:30-7pm (KRH)

SIMONE MCINTOSH (VOICE)

Application Deadline: November 27

Masterclass Date & Time: December 18, 5:30-7pm (KRH)

PIANO TRIO & CLARINET: STEFAN JACKIW (VIOLIN) ARNOLD CHOI (CELLO) | HENRY KRAMER (PIANO) YOONAH KIM (CLARINET)

Application Deadline: December 28

Masterclass Date & Time: January 18, 6-8pm; four simultaneous masterclasses (MOH, KRH, YER, Studio 28)

**COULOIR DUO:
ARIEL BARNES (CELLO) | HEIDI KRUTZEN (HARP)**

Application Deadline: January 19

Masterclass Date & Time: February 7, 5:30-7pm (KRH); two simultaneous masterclasses (MOH, KRH)

ADRIAN FUNG (CELLO)

Application Deadline: January 22

Masterclass Date & Time: February 12, 5:30-7pm (KRH)

VIANO QUARTET (CHAMBER)

Application Deadline: February 12

Masterclass Date & Time: March 5, 5:30-7pm (KRH)

JON KIMURA PARKER (PIANO)

Application Deadline: February 19

Masterclass Date & Time: March 12, 5:30-7pm (KRH)

**KALLACI TRIO: YOOJIN JANG (VIOLIN)
HANNA LEE (VIOLA) | JOONHO SHIM (CELLO)**

Application Deadline: March 1

Masterclass Date & Time: March 22, 2-4pm; three simultaneous masterclasses (MOH, KRH, YER)



October

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, October 6, 1pm & 3pm

Mary Olson 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!

SCHUBERTIAD: ACADEMY CHAMBER PLAYERS

Sat, October 19, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Tickets and information at vam.ca/events

Experience the Timeless Beauty of Schubert as Vancouver Academy of Music's esteemed faculty presents "Schubertiade" – a concert dedicated to the genius of Franz Schubert.

Academy Chamber Players series showcases our faculty's exceptional professionalism and musical talent on stage beyond the classroom.



VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TCHAIKOVSKY & RACHMANINOFF

Sun, October 20, 2pm

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

Sun, October 27, 2pm

Orpheum Centre | Tickets and information at vamso.ca

Welcome the 2024/25 concert series with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra. This opening concert is a tribute to the power of romantic music, featuring the virtuosic 'Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini' by Rachmaninoff, with the renowned Ian Parker as both soloist and conductor, bringing a unique blend of passion and precision to the stage. Immerse yourself in a tapestry of romantic fervour, featuring works by Khachaturian and Tchaikovsky, that speak of heroism, love, and the beauty of the human spirit.



November

HALLOWEEN ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS

Sun, November 3

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Friendly Philharmonic: 2pm

Junior Symphony: 3pm

Intermediate Symphony: 4pm

Come, if you dare, and enter through the doors and join VAM's Friendly Philharmonic, Junior and Intermediate symphonies in a world of musical colours that brings scenery and stories to life, bound to bring excitement and suspense. An evening of musical adventure awaits – it might even have you dancing at the edge of your seat!

VANIER PARK SYMPHONY & ADULT STRINGS WINTER CONCERT

Mon, November 4, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

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

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, November 10, 1pm & 3pm

Mary Olson 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 AND YACP FALL RECITALS

Sun, November 10

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

YACP: 1:30pm

College: 3:30pm

Showcasing the highest level of education at VAM, the College Program Concert Series highlights exceptionally gifted high school students from the Young Artist Collegiate Program (YACP) and post-secondary students from our Music Performance Diploma and Artist Diploma programs.

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS

Sun, November 17, 2pm

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

Sun, November 24, 2pm

Orpheum Centre | Tickets and information at vamso.ca

Step into the heart of cinematic grandeur with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra. This captivating concert celebrates the genius of John Williams, whose scores have become the backbone of some of the most iconic films in history. Anticipate an afternoon filled with musical themes from celebrated movies such as 'Star Wars,' 'Indiana Jones,' 'E.T.,' and 'Jurassic Park,' among others. Join us for an afternoon where music and storytelling converge, bringing to life the legendary compositions that have defined a generation of cinema.



December

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM SOIRÉE

Sun, December 1, 1:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

One of VAM's fastest growing communities, the Adult Learning Program is a celebration of lifelong learning through music. Come hear a highlight of our adult learners in an evening gathering of music and conversation.

CHAMBER MUSIC PROGRAM CONCERT

Sun, December 1, 3:30pm

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 often described as conversation between friends.

ORCHESTRAL PROGRAM HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Sun, December 8

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Friendly Philharmonic: 2pm

Junior Symphony: 3pm

Intermediate Symphony: 4pm

Join VAM's Friendly Philharmonic, Junior, and Intermediate symphonies for some festive tunes and holiday favourites. The performance will also showcase one of our three Concerto Competition winners.

VOCAL THEATRE HOLIDAY CONCERT: 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Sun, December 15, 2pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Experience 'A Christmas Carol' in a unique Radio Drama format, blending Dickens' classic with a WWII narrative. Enjoy Victorian Christmas carols such as "Joy to the World" and "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," performed by VAM's talented voice department, directed by Robyn Driedger-Klassen with support from Meaghan Chenowsky.

ALDO PARISOT CELLO ENSEMBLE & JUNIOR CELLO SEMINAR FALL CONCERT

Sun, December 15, 6pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join us for an evening featuring the Aldo Parisot Cello Ensemble with advanced players and the newly launched Junior Cello Seminar showcasing our junior talent. Experience the richness and captivating range of the cello family.

WINTER BREAK BUILDING SCHEDULE

Building Closed on the following:

- Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)
- Dec 25 (Christmas Day)
- Dec 26 (Boxing Day)
- Dec 28 and 29
- Dec 31 (New Years Eve)
- Jan 1 (New Years Day)
- Jan 4-5

Building Open on the following:

- Dec 23
- Dec 27
- Dec 30
- Jan 2



January

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, January 19, 1pm & 3pm

Mary Olson Hall | Free Admission

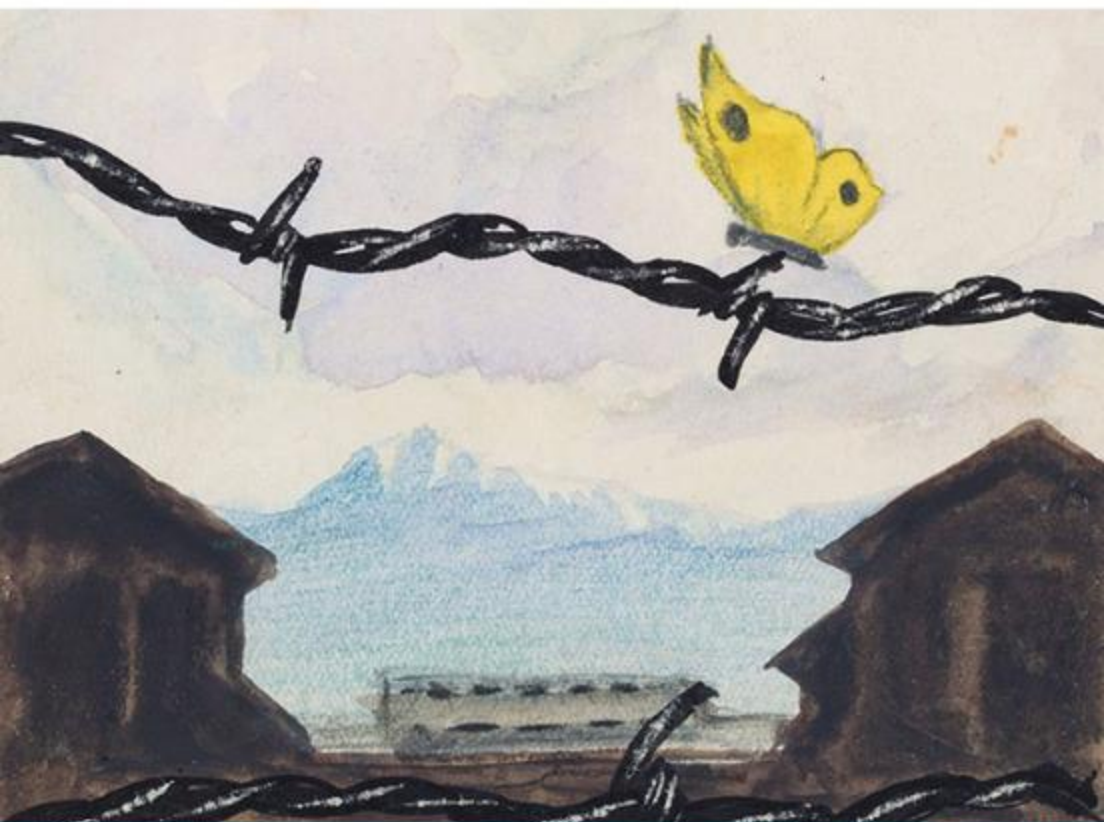
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SONGS OF THE WASTELAND

Sun, January 26, 2pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Tickets \$10 general, \$5 students/senior available at vam.ca/events

This musical drama is the journey of Renia Perel - a story of tragedy, survival, hope, and healing. Echoing fragments of Jewish tradition and culture in 20th-century Europe. *Songs of the Wasteland* is dedicated to Holocaust Remembrance and honouring those who risked their welfare for the Jewish people. This production features VAM faculty members in collaboration with leading Vancouver musicians.



"One Spring" by Karl Robert Bodek and Kurt Conrad Löw
Yad Vashem Art Museum, Jerusalem

February

COULOIR DUO MINI CONCERT

Fri, February 7, 7:00pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Experience the captivating blend of cello and harp as the acclaimed Couloir duo, featuring Ariel Barnes and Heidi Krutzen, brings 21st-century art music to life in an intimate mini concert.

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TCHAIKOVSKY SYMPHONY NO. 5

Sun, February 9, 2pm

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

Sun, February 16, 2pm

Orpheum Centre | Tickets and information at vamso.ca

Join us for an afternoon with the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra as we present Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, a journey through the emotional landscapes of one of classical music's greatest masterpieces. Experience the sweeping melodies and dramatic depth of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, along with a performance by Kay Meek Competition winner Allen Ding. Don't miss this blend of historical mastery and youthful virtuosity, promising an afternoon of beauty and talent.

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, February 23, 1pm & 3pm

Mary Olson Hall | Free Admission

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March

EDITH AND ESMOND LANDO GIFTED YOUTH COMPETITION WINNER'S RECITAL

Sun, March 2, 2pm

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 preliminary round to receive tuition scholarships and perform in this winner's concert.

ORCHESTRAL PROGRAM SPRING CONCERTS

Sun, March 9

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Friendly Philharmonic: 2pm

Junior Symphony: 3pm

Intermediate Symphony: 4pm

Celebrate the spring season and brighter days with VAM's Friendly Philharmonic, Junior, and Intermediate Symphonies, featuring works by Brahms, Rimsky-Korsakov, Wagner, and more. The performance will also showcase one of our three Concerto Competition winners.

VANIER PARK SYMPHONY & ADULT STRINGS SPRING CONCERT

Mon, March 10, 7:30pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join VAM's adult orchestras in their spring concert, featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Saint-Saëns, Wagner and more.



April

YOUNG COMPOSERS COMPETITION READING SESSION

Sat, April 5, 2pm

Mary Olson Hall | Open to Public
(limited seating available)

VAM Symphony Orchestra brings new works to life, written by the finalists of VAM's 2025 Young Composers' Competition.

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

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MUSIC OF TWILIGHT ACADEMY CHAMBER PLAYERS

Sun, April 13, 2pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Tickets and
information at vam.ca/events

Experience a program that explores the rich and evocative moments of twilight, where day transitions into night, through some of the most captivating chamber works ever composed.

The Academy Chamber Players series showcases our faculty's exceptional professionalism and musical talent on stage beyond the classroom.

EASTER WEEKEND BUILDING SCHEDULE

Building Closed on the following:

- Apr 18 (Good Friday)
- Apr 20 (Easter Sunday)

Building Open on the following:

- Apr 19
- Apr 21 (Easter Monday)

**Office will remain closed from Apr 18-21*

STRAWBERRY & TEA STUDENT CONCERTS

Sun, May 4, 1pm & 3pm

Mary Olson Hall | Free Admission

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VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA THE PLANETS

Sun, May 24, 7:30pm

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

Sun, May 25, 2pm

Orpheum Centre | Tickets and information at vamso.ca

Join the Vancouver Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra for the season's grand finale! The afternoon opens with Mendelssohn's beloved Violin Concerto, featuring the exceptional Jonathan Crow, concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. We then embark on Holst's epic suite, 'The Planets', exploring the mystique of the solar system, with each movement offering a unique musical depiction of the planets' astrological characters. Don't miss this thrilling conclusion to our concert series, where Mendelssohn's timeless beauty meets the grandeur of Holst's cosmos!

JOY YEH HARP FACULTY RECITAL AND VAM CHILDREN'S HARP ENSEMBLE

Sat, May 31, 7pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join us for an enchanting evening featuring VAM's Children's Harp Ensemble alongside a faculty solo recital by Joy Yeh. Witness the incredible talent of our students and enjoy Joy Yeh's captivating solo performance in a delightful half-program that promises to inspire and entertain.



June

BARBARA CLAGUE FESTIVAL OF SONG

Sun, June 1, 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.

ALDO PARISOT CELLO ENSEMBLE & JUNIOR CELLO SEMINAR SPRING CONCERT

Sun, June 1, 6pm

Koerner Recital Hall | Free Admission

Join us for an evening featuring the Aldo Parisot Cello Ensemble with advanced players and the newly launched Junior Cello Seminar showcasing our junior talent. Experience the richness and captivating range of the cello family.

VAM ORCHESTRAL FESTIVAL

Sun, June 8

Orpheum Theatre | Tickets \$5 general at vam.ca/events

Friendly Philharmonic, Junior and Intermediate Symphonies: 11am

**Vanier Park Symphony,
Adult 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 by Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, Saint-Saëns, and more.

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 Mendelssohn, Beethoven, and a variety of other composers, featuring conductor and pianist Ian Parker as soloist for Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4.

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