



2026/27

PROGRAMS

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WELCOME TO THE

Vancouver Academy of Music

Founded in 1969, VAM has fostered a love of learning and musical excellence for generations of aspiring musicians. As we begin the 2026/27 year, we're excited to continue our growth by introducing new programs and expanding existing ones to meet our community's increasing demand.

Visit us in-person or online at vam.ca and discover VAM's offerings:

- Numerous performance and competition opportunities
- Exclusive access to complimentary masterclasses with world-renowned visiting artists
- Orchestra and small ensemble programs to hone your musicianship skills
- Flexible payment options and bursary support
- Innovative programming to support musical development at any stage of life

In the spirit of inclusivity, there is something for everyone at the Academy—from early childhood to adulthood. We invite you to step through our doors and discover the joys of music.

With heartfelt melodies,
Joseph Elworthy
VAM President & CEO



2026/27 SEMESTER DATES:

September 8: First Day of Instruction

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (building closed)

October 12: Thanksgiving (building closed)

November 11: Remembrance Day (building closed)

December 21 – January 3: Winter Break (building closed on **December 24-28**,
December 31- January 3)

February 15: Family Day (building open for private lessons only)

March 15 – March 28: Spring Break (building open)

March 26: Good Friday (building closed)

March 28: Easter Sunday (building closed)

March 29: Easter Monday (building open & office closed)

May 24: Victoria Day (building open for private lessons only)

June 30: Academic Year Ends

BUILDING HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9:00am-10:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-10:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am-10:00pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-1:30pm

Sunday: Closed

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To Register:

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Click "See Subjects"
3. Select a Course & Register

Got Questions?

For any registration questions or inquiries, please contact the Director of Enrolment at nicole@vam.ca.

Private Lessons

VAM's faculty roster contains internationally recognized educators and Vancouver's leading performers providing expert instruction for all ages and skill levels. VAM lesson packages provide flexibility allowing scheduling at the mutual convenience of the student and teacher.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Bassoon	Guitar	String Bass
Cello	Harp	Trombone
Clarinet	Music Theory & History	Trumpet
Composition	Oboe	Ukulele
Early Music Education	Percussion	Viola
Flute	Piano	Violin
French Horn	Saxophone	Voice

Lesson Fees: from \$88 per hour

Adult Learning Lesson Fees: from \$80 per hour

Department Head Lesson Fees: from \$97 per hour

*Students wishing to register for fewer than 18 lessons per semester must obtain permission from their private teacher.



Chamber Music

Often described as a *conversation between friends*, find out why chamber music is regarded as the pinnacle musical experience as you perform masterpieces under the expertise of VAM’s distinguished faculty.

VAM’s Chamber Music Program offers flexibility of scheduling allowing you to choose the number of classes:

Maximum 16 classes per term: with options for more in the Spring term

Custom package: * number of classes to be decided with the instructor



CHAMBER MUSIC

VAM’s chamber music program is the perfect opportunity for young musicians to experience the communal nature of making music, developing the essential skills of communication and collaboration.

Recommended for: Ages 10+, Suzuki 4+/RCM 6+

Class Time: to be scheduled at the mutual convenience of the teacher and students

Class Fees Per Student: from \$46 per hour per student

ADULT CHAMBER MUSIC: PLAY WITH THE PROS

A unique ensemble experience, each chamber group in Play with the Pros will consist of one member of VAM’s faculty, where you can enjoy the benefits of mentorship and collegiality that come from performing with a professional musician.

Recommended for: Adult learners

Class Time: to be scheduled at the mutual convenience of the teacher and students

Class Fees Per Student: from \$46 per hour per student

Ensembles

From early childhood to adult learning, VAM is an inclusive learning environment that explores the transformative power of music. Our proven programs and methods have produced some of Canada's most acclaimed musicians and generations of music lovers.

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CHILDREN'S HARP ENSEMBLES

Join VAM's Harp Ensemble for children and explore a wide range of repertoire, including much-loved classics, movie and animation soundtracks, and more.

Director/Instructor: Rosanna Chiu | **Co-Director:** Joy Yeh

Recommended for: Harp students of all levels

Class Time: Thursdays, 5:45-6:45pm (8 classes per term)

Annual Fee: \$480

ADULT HARP ENSEMBLE

Join VAM's Harp Ensemble for adults and explore classical and popular arrangements. Focusing on harp techniques and ensemble playing skills in a supportive group setting.

Director/Instructor: Rosanna Chiu | **Co-Director:** Joy Yeh

Recommended for: Harp students of all levels

Class Time: Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm (4 classes per term)

Annual Fee: \$370



ALDO PARISOT CELLO ENSEMBLE

Led by VAM's President & CEO / Cello Division Chair Joseph Elworthy, students will collaborate in cello ensemble rehearsals and performances as members of the Aldo Parisot Cello Ensemble.

Director/Instructor: Joseph Elworthy

Recommended for: Cellists RCM Level 6 to ARCT

Class Time: Saturdays, 9:00-10:15am

Annual Fee: \$850

STRADIVARI PLAYERS

Stradivari Players is an advanced, conductor-less string orchestra guided by Joseph Elworthy, President & CEO of the Vancouver Academy of Music and Professor & Division Chair of Cello. The ensemble performs two distinct programs each year, each featuring a commissioned premiere and a soloist from within the ensemble or VAM faculty.

Director/Instructor: Joseph Elworthy

Recommended for: Ages: 13-24 | RCM Level: 10+ (violin/viola/cello/bass)

Class Time: Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15pm

Annual Fee: \$950

AMATI PLAYERS

Amati Players is an intermediate-level string ensemble that nurtures young musicians with a focus on collaboration and artistic development. The group performs two exciting programs each year, including a commissioned premiere and a featured soloist from within the ensemble and VAM faculty.

Director/Instructor: Joseph Elworthy

Recommended for: Ages: 9-13 | RCM Level: 7+ (violin/viola/cello/bass)

Class Time: Tuesdays, 4:45-6:15pm

Annual Fee: \$865

Early Music Education

The Smart Start Program, designed by the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) combines music, movement, and play to enhance early childhood development. It offers play-based classes filled with diverse songs and activities in multiple languages, all supported by extensive neuroscience research from the RCM Neuroscience Centre, dedicated to exploring the connection between music and the mind.

Instructors: Chloé Hurst (Department Head), Caroline Jang, Stella Chen

RCM SMART START: 0-12 MONTHS

Infants explore their musical world from an early age, and our classes start with movement, singing, and play. Each session includes a greeting song, gentle bouncing games, finger plays, and movement activities, concluding with lullabies.

Recommended for: 0-12 months for babies who are under 1 years old for the majority of semester

Class Dates & Times: (with parent/guardian participation)

- **Tuesdays:** 11:30am-12:15pm
- **Wednesdays:** 12:00-12:45pm
- **Fridays:** 3:00-3:45pm

Semester Fees: \$380 + \$30 material fee



RCM SMART START: 12-24 MONTHS

As infants grow into toddlers, their musical abilities and needs develop as well. This class works with toddler's ever-expanding cognitive skills through rich and engaging musical activities with the child and caregiver. Activities focus on topics such as musical memory, creative artistic play, and active imitation.

Recommended for: 12-24 months for babies 1 year old for the majority of the semester

Class Dates & Times: (with parent/guardian participation)

- **Tuesdays:** 10:30-11:15am
- **Wednesdays:** 10:00-10:45am
- **Fridays:** 2:00-2:45pm
- **Sundays:** 1:00-1:45pm

Semester Fees: \$380 + \$30 material fee

RCM SMART START: 2 YEARS OLD

At age 2, children are beginning to develop more complex cognitive skills that will aid them later in life. These classes focus on cognitive skills relevant to music, such as sustaining attention, remembering songs, and recognizing perceptual cues.

Recommended for: toddlers who are 2 years old for the majority of the semester

Class Dates & Times: (with parent/guardian participation)

- **Tuesdays:** 12:30-1:15pm | 3:00-3:45pm
- **Wednesdays:** 11:00am-11:45am
- **Sundays:** 12:00-12:45pm

Semester Fees: \$380 + \$30 material fee



RCM SMART START: 3 YEARS OLD

By age 3, children's basic cognitive skills are in place. Smart Start is designed to work with these cognitive skills through activities such as recognizing musical patterns, focusing on the most important aspects of music, and understanding connections across artistic representations.

Recommended for: children that are 3 years old for the majority of the 1st semester

Class Dates & Times: (parent/guardian participation is recommended)

- **Wednesdays:** 1:00-2:00pm
- **Fridays:** 4:00-5:00pm
- **Saturdays:** 10:00-11:00am

Semester Fees: \$465 + \$30 material fee



RCM SMART START: 4 YEARS OLD

By age 4, children's basic cognitive skills are in place. Smart Start is designed to work with these cognitive skills through activities such as recognizing musical patterns, focusing on the most important aspects of music, and understanding connections across artistic representations.

Recommended for: children that are 4 years old for the majority of the 1st semester

Class Dates & Times: (parent/guardian participation is recommended)

- **Saturdays:** 1:15-2:15pm
- **Sundays:** 2:00-3:00pm

Semester Fees: \$465 + \$30 material fee



MUSICIANSHIP FOR KIDS

Musicianship for Kids will explore every aspect of music from musicianship (beginner theory), composers from around the world, music history, to the fine detail of the notes, rhythms and instruments that make up our musical landscape.

Recommended for: Ages 5-6

Class Dates & Times:

- **Thursdays:** 5:15-6:15pm
- **Saturdays:** 2:15-3:15pm

Semester Fees: \$465



Music with Friends: Classes for Ages 3-6

VAM's *Music with Friends* is a place where children ages 3-6 can explore the joys of creativity, collaboration, fun, and imagination as they embark on the journey of learning a new instrument. These classes are designed for the young child eager for their first experience with an instrument in a pressure-free environment and will equip them with the tools to succeed in future musical studies, personal growth, and social development.

- Learn the fundamentals of music reading and ear training
- Establish strong essentials of holding the instrument, posture, and movement
- Build a foundation for private lessons and ensemble performance

Annual Classes:

PIANO PUPS

Find a loyal companion in the piano as your child builds a love of music for years to come. Always ready to play, Piano Pups will introduce your child to keyboard geography and technique with fun and interactive repertoire.

Instructor: Teresa Bowes, Manuela Chao, Janna Berg

Recommended for: Ages 3-6

Class Dates & Times:

Ages 3-4:

- Tuesdays: 4:00-4:45pm
- Fridays: 4:00-4:45pm
- Saturdays: 9:00-9:45am

Ages 5-6:

- Tuesdays: 4:45-5:30pm
- Fridays: 4:45-5:30pm
- Saturdays: 9:45-10:30am

Semester Fee: \$380



VIOLA BUNNIES

Hop on a musical adventure and explore the viola! The alto voice of the string family is a beloved choice for our long-eared bunny buddies, who will be your child's guide as they develop technical skills and play their first repertoire.

Instructor: Isabelle Roland

Recommended for: Ages 3-6

Class Dates & Times:

- **Saturdays:** 10:45-11:30am

Semester Fee: \$380

FLUTE KITTENS

These cute kitties will introduce your child to the elements of 'purrformance' through the flute. This class will focus on creating a strong foundation of effective breath control, tone development, and musicianship.

Instructor: Thomas Law

Recommended for: Ages 3-6

Class Dates & Times:

- **Saturdays:** 9:00-9:45am

Annual Fee: \$380

HARP HAMSTERS

This class is sure to turn the wheel of inspiration in young ones eager to start a new adventure! Our cheeky friends glide into the basics of the harp, developing musical and social skills in an engaging group setting.

Instructor: Miya Otake

Recommended for: Ages 3-6

Class Dates & Times:

- **Sundays:** 10:15-11:00am

Annual Fee: \$380

VIOLIN DUCKIES

This class 'fits the bill' perfectly for young ones eager to start a new adventure! Our feathered friends of the pond dive into the basics of the violin, developing musical and social skills in an engaging group setting and equipping your child for success both in and out of the classroom.

Instructor: Jonathan Na

Recommended for: Ages 3-6

Class Dates & Times:

- **Saturdays:** 9:45-10:am

Semester Fee: \$380

CELLO CUBS

Enjoy the rich, warm tones of the cello with our cuddly baby bears in this introduction to one of the low-sounding members of the string family. Cello Cubs will develop technical and performance skills that will provide a platform for lasting musical success.

Instructor: Judy Lou

Recommended for: Ages 3-6

Class Dates & Times:

- **Sundays:** 1:00-1:45pm

Semester Fee: \$380





Mary Buckerfield White

Choral Program

Exploring repertoire from all regions, periods, and genres, VAM's choirs perform at the highest level in a joyful and exploratory learning environment. Singers will experience a comprehensive rehearsal approach, incorporating elements such as ear training based on RCM requirements, ensemble musicianship, historical context of the repertoire, physics of sound and singing, music theory, and individual coaching in vocal technique.



VANIER PARK VOICES

Vanier Park Voices is a welcoming and vibrant adult choir for singers of all experience levels – whether you're new to singing or returning after years away. We'll explore a rich and varied repertoire that includes classical gems, folk tunes, musical theatre favourites, and a few songs in the popular genre.

Recommended for: Ages 18+

Class Time: Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm

Annual Fee: \$650

KITS POINT CHORALE

Our choir is a fun and welcoming place for young singers of all experience levels. We'll explore a wide variety of musical styles—from classical and folk music to musical theatre and even a splash of 1950s pop! Singers will learn to sing in unison, two-part harmony, and even try a bit of three-part singing as the term progresses.

Recommended for: Ages 6-12

Class Time: Saturdays, 1:00-2:00pm

Annual Fee: \$650



Orchestral Program

Performing in a symphony orchestra is an exhilarating experience that teaches essential life-skills such as communication, respect, and working together as a team. VAM's Orchestral Program is comprised of four ensembles that strike a balance between excellence and enjoyment.

Placement Auditions: are required for all levels. For information on audition requirements, visit vam.ca/auditions.

Orchestra Manager: Loren Ma (loren@vam.ca)



WONDER PHILHARMONIC LEVEL 1

VAM Wonder Philharmonic Level 1 is the ideal starting point for young string players who are new to ensemble music. This program emphasises foundational skills, such as playing in time with others, basic bowing techniques, postures, and listening within an orchestral setting. Students are introduced to the joy of making music together in a fun, encouraging environment. Repertoire includes simple 2-4 parts pieces, folk songs, and thematic music to build ensemble confidence and musical imagination.

Conductor: Caitlin Wong

Recommended for: Age 6-11 ; Strings Only; Level: Beginner (Orchestra Level 1-2.5); Suzuki 2-4/RCM 1-3

Class Time: Saturdays, 9:00-10:00am

Annual Fee: \$724

WONDER PHILHARMONIC LEVEL 2

VAM Wonder Philharmonic Level 2 is designed for young musicians who have acquired basic proficiency on their instruments and are ready to explore the fundamentals of orchestral performance. With the addition of wind players, students learn to balance sound across instrument families, follow conductor and coaches, and play in multi-parts arrangements.

Conductor: Alana Chan

Recommended for: Age: 8-14; Strings and Winds Only; Level: Early

Intermediate (Orchestra Level 2-3.5); Suzuki 4-5/RCM 4-6

Class Time: Saturdays, 10:15-11:30am

Annual Fee: \$808

INTERMEDIATE SYMPHONY

VAMIS is a full orchestra experience for students who are ready to develop deeper orchestral fluency. The ensemble tackles standard symphonic repertoire, and light classical pops, offering a broad musical education. Emphasis is placed on score awareness, harmonic understanding, and independent musicianship.

Conductor: Ian Parker

Recommended for: Age: 13-17; Full Orchestra; Level: Intermediate to advanced (Orchestra Level: 3.5-5); Suzuki 6-7/RCM 6-9

Class Time: Saturdays, 11:45am-1:30pm

Annual Fee: \$934

VAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

VAMSO offers a pre-professional orchestral experience for advanced young musicians. Members study and perform full-length works from the standard repertoire, develop nuanced interpretative skills, and engage in ensemble leadership. The program stimulates the rigor of professional rehearsals, encouraging students to think critically, lead within their sections, and interpret music with stylistic awareness.

Conductor: Ian Parker (Music Director & Principal Conductor)

Recommended for: Age: 14-18; Full Orchestra; Level: Advanced (Orchestra Level: 5-6+); Suzuki 8+/RCM 10+

Class Time: Saturdays, 2:00-5:00pm

Annual Fee: \$1,045

RCM Music Theory & History

Join our comprehensive Theory and History Program, designed to fast-track your success in RCM examinations. With both in-person and remote course offerings, we provide the perfect opportunity to prepare, register, and complete your theory exams throughout the school year.



IN-PERSON THEORY:

BEGINNER THEORY

For students with little to no theory experience in order to prepare to enroll in RCM Grade 5 theory in the future. This class will take place in the Piano Lab where every student will have their own Clavinova. No prior piano experience is required.

Instructor: Janna Berg

Recommended for: Students with no theory experience

Class Dates & Times: Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm | **Semester Fees:** \$500

RCM HARMONY 9 & 10

This course is designed to prepare students for their Level 9 and 10 RCM Harmony exam requirements under the guidance of an RCM examiner. Students will explore chord function, melody writing, chorale settings, analysis, and more throughout this full-year course, culminating in the in-person RCM exam in May.

Instructor: Daniel Marshall

Recommended for: those who have completed the RCM Theory 8 exam and online preparatory course (provided by the instructor)

Class Times & Fees:

- **Harmony 9:** Saturdays, 9:00-10:15am | \$595 / Semester Fee
- **Harmony 10:** Saturdays, 10:15-11:30am | \$595 / Semester Fee

RCM GRADE 9 AND 10 HISTORY

This course is designed for motivated students who wish to complete their Level 9 and 10 RCM History requirements through engaging live instruction supported by supplementary online resources.

Instructor: Daniel Marshall

Recommended for: Ages 13+

Class Dates & Times: Saturdays, 2:00-2:30pm

Semester Fees: \$715

RCM ARCT HISTORY

This course is intended for dedicated students completing the ARCT History requirement, with concentrated study of the Romantic and Modern periods. Advanced in-person lectures are reinforced by structured assignments, including pre-recorded content, analytical writing, and online assessments. This course will prepare students for the online ARCT History exam.

Instructor: Daniel Marshall

Recommended for: those who have completed their History 10 exam

Class Dates & Times: Saturdays, 11:45am-1:15pm

Semester Fees: \$715

ADULT THEORY & EAR TRAINING

VAM's Adult Theory & Ear Training introduces students to the fundamental skills of music reading, theory, ear training, and appreciation.

Instructor: Taka Shimojima

Recommended For: Adults who are interested in developing a strong foundation of musicianship

Class Dates & Times:

- **Level I:** Saturdays, 1:45-2:30pm | \$275/ Semester Fee
- **Level II:** Saturdays, 2:30-3:15pm | \$275 / Semester Fee

ONLINE THEORY:

RCM THEORY 5-8

Explore our remote theory offerings designed to fulfill the requirements for RCM examinations, available in an online formats across various levels by the end of each semester.

Instructor: Tiffany Lee

Recommended for: Students looking to build a solid foundation and work towards their RCM theory requirements.

Class Times & Fees:

Fall Term: September-December 2026

- **RCM 5:** Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm | \$595 / Semester Fee
- **RCM 6:** Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm | \$695 / Semester Fee
- **RCM 7:** Fridays 5:00-6:00pm | \$695 / Semester Fee
- **RCM 8:** Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm | \$695 / Semester Fee





RCM THEORY AND HISTORY 9 - ARCT

Explore our remote RCM History offerings designed to fulfill the requirements for RCM examinations, available in an online formats across various levels by the end of each semester.

Fall Term: September-December 2026

Spring Term: January-May 2027

Instructor: Tiffany Lee

Recommended for: Successful completion of RCM Theory 8 Exam and minimum age of 12 years old (at time of registration)

Class Times & Fees:

- **Harmony 9:** (Fall Term) Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm | Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30pm | \$597.50 / Semester Fee
- **History 9:** (Fall Term) Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm | \$995 / Semester Fee
- **Harmony 10:** (Fall Term) Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm | \$1,195 / Annual Fee
- **History 10:** (Spring Term) Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm | \$995 / Semester Fee
- **ARCT Harmony:** (Fall Term) Fridays, 7:00-8:00pm | (Spring Term) Fridays, 5:00-6:00pm | \$625 / Semester Fee



Young Artist Collegiate Program (YACP)

VAM's Young Artist Collegiate Program (YACP) is designed to give musically exceptional high school students a head start into college-level studies. Students will study under the inspirational direction of some Vancouver's leading instructors and will have opportunities to perform in many situations giving them valuable insight into the life of a professional musician.

In this advanced and intensive program, students will take college-level courses in the areas of theory, history, ear training, composition, and orchestration in addition to private lessons and ensembles. Credits are part of the Music Performance Diploma program at VAM's S. K. Lee College and may in some circumstances count as credit toward a Bachelor of Music degree.



Eligibility Requirements: High school students entering grades 8 through 12 with a proven record of exceptional musical achievement.

Annual Tuition: \$4,860 (scholarships and bursaries available to fund up to 85% of tuition)

Administrative Fee: \$85

Application Deadline: May 15

For more information, visit **college.vam.ca**



Adult Learning Program (ALP)

VAM is a place of inspiration and exhilaration for adult learners. Whether you are rediscovering the trumpet ‘under the bed’ or are taking on a new challenge, VAM’s diverse faculty has the expertise to support your musical journey.



PRIVATE LESSONS

VAM’s faculty roster contains internationally recognized educators and Vancouver’s leading performers providing expert instruction for all ages and skill levels. VAM lesson packages provide flexibility of scheduling, allowing students to select the number of desired lessons.

Single-semester package: 18 lessons

Half-semester package: 9 lessons

Minimum package: 4 lessons

Trial: 1 lesson

Custom package: number of lessons to be decided with the teacher

Adult Learning Lesson Fees: from \$80 per hour

Department Head Lesson Fees: from \$90 per hour

GROUP LESSONS (LEVEL I)

If you are curious and interested in learning how to play a new instrument, come join VAM's adult group classes! In these introductory courses, you will be introduced to the violin, cello, piano, or guitar and receive support in developing proper technique in a small group setting.

Instructors: Jonathan Na (violin); Luci Barz (viola); Alex Cheung (cello); Manuela Chao (piano); Alec Pearson (guitar)

Recommended For: Beginner adult students with little to no experience

Class Times & Fees:

Fall Term: September-December 2026

- **Violin:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Viola:** Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Cello:** Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Piano:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Guitar:** Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm | \$375 / Semester Fee

Winter Term: January -May 2027

- **Violin:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Viola:** Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Cello:** Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Piano:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Guitar:** Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee

Full Year: September 2026-May 2027

- **Cello:** Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45pm | \$375 / Semester Fee



GROUP LESSONS (LEVEL II)

These classes are a continuation of the adult group classes for violin, cello, and guitar, and are suitable for those with some previous experience.

Instructors: Jonathan Na (violin); Alex Cheung (cello); Alec Pearson (guitar)

Recommended For: Continuing students of Adult Group Violin, Cello, and Guitar programs, or violinists, cellists, and guitarists with previous experience

Class Times & Fees:

Fall Term: September-December 2026

- **Violin II:** Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Cello II:** Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Guitar II:** Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm | \$375 / Semester Fee

Winter Term: January -May 2027

- **Violin II:** Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee
- **Guitar II:** Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm | \$375 / Semester Fee

ADULT THEORY & EAR TRAINING

VAM's Adult Theory & Ear Training introduces students to the fundamental skills of music reading, theory, ear training, and appreciation.

Instructor: Taka Shimojima

Recommended For: Adults who are interested in developing a strong foundation of musicianship

Class Dates & Times:

- **Level I:** Saturdays, 1:45-2:30pm | \$275/ Semester Fee
- **Level II:** Saturdays, 2:30-3:15pm | \$275 / Semester Fee

ADULT STRINGS I

Adult Strings Level I is a non-performing group that focuses on fostering confidence in reading music, acquiring fundamental ensemble skills, and enhancing technique.

Instructor: Luci Barz | **Recommended For:** RCM prep to level 1

Class Times: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm | **Fees:** \$150 per session

Schedules:

- **Session 1:** September - November
- **Session 2:** November - December
- **Session 3:** January - March
- **Session 4:** April - May

ADULT STRINGS II

Adult Strings Level II is tailored for adults with some experience playing their instrument, reading music, and participating in an ensemble. This string ensemble focuses on advancing sight-reading skills, technique, and ensemble cohesion through reduced versions of beloved classical pieces.

Instructor: Luci Barz | **Recommended For:** RCM level 2-4

Class Times: Tuesdays, 7:45-8:45pm | **Fees:** \$150 per session

Schedules:

- **Session 1:** September - November
- **Session 2:** November - December
- **Session 3:** January - March
- **Session 4:** April - May

ADULT STRINGS III

Adult Strings III is an intermediate string ensemble designed for adults with previous experience playing in an ensemble. This ensemble explores advanced reduced arrangements of masterpieces, focusing on enhancing musical depth and ensemble proficiency.

Instructor: Luci Barz | **Recommended For:** RCM level 4-6

Class Times: Mondays, 6:15-7:15pm | **Fees:** \$150 per session

Schedules:

- **Session 1:** September - November
- **Session 2:** November - December
- **Session 3:** January - March
- **Session 4:** April - May

VANIER PARK SYMPHONY

Strike up new friendships and refine your technical skills in a vibrant ensemble that offers mentorship and a supportive group environment! Led by conductor Ian Parker and a team of faculty player-coaches, VAM's adult orchestra explores the performance practice of seminal masterpieces, fostering a deeper understanding of their musical significance.

Instructor: Ian Parker

Recommended For: Intermediate to advanced adult string and wind players (no audition required)

Class Times: Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm | **Fees:** \$225 per session

Schedules:

- **Session 1:** September to November
- **Session 2:** January to March
- **Session 3:** April to May

ADULT HARP ENSEMBLE

Join VAM's Harp Ensemble for adults and explore classical and popular arrangements. Focusing on harp techniques and ensemble playing skills, it is a small supportive group setting for harpists to exchange ideas and build friendships. Beginners are welcomed! The ensemble participates in events such as the VAM Harp Fest, and the Adult Learning Program Soirée Concert.

Director/Instructor: Rosanna Chiu | **Co-Director:** Joy Yeh

Recommended For: Harp students of all levels

Class Times: Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm (4 classes per term)

Semester Fee: \$185

ADULT STRINGS WORKSHOP

The Adult Strings Workshop is designed to develop fundamental orchestral and ensemble skills that are useful to musicians at a variety of playing levels. Through a combination of practical exercises, ensemble playing, and selected repertoire, participants will explore the musical and technical skills involved in playing effectively as part of an orchestra.

Director/Instructor: Luci Barz

Recommended For: RCM Prep level or above (Adult Strings I, II & III members)

Class Times: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:45pm (September session; January Session; March Session)

Semester Fee: \$130

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Registration and School Policies

REGISTRATION: Register online at **vam.ca**; tuition must be paid in full upon registration to secure enrolment. Please note, unpaid registrations risk forfeiting their place to another participant.

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Payment may be made online or in person. We accept cash, cheque, debit, and credit card payments. A \$35 service charge will be applied to any returned cheques.

PRIVATE LESSONS: Lessons are offered:

- During the full academic year (36 weeks) + Optional summer lessons
- Scheduling is decided based on the mutual convenience of the teacher and student
- A trial lesson may be scheduled based on the hourly lesson fee rates



LESSON ATTENDANCE:

- 1. Student Absences:** Where a lesson is missed by a student and at least 24 hours' notice is provided, a make-up lesson may be offered at the teacher's discretion, subject to scheduling considerations and studio availability. Teachers are not obligated to provide make-up lessons.
- 2. Instructor Absences:** If an instructor is absent, every effort will be made to reschedule the lesson at a time that is suitable for both the instructor and student. If the instructor is unable to make up a lesson, the student will receive a refund or credit to be applied to future lessons or classes.

MINIMUM ENROLMENT: Courses listed in this brochure may not be available if they do not meet the minimum requirement of enrolment.

CHANGING INSTRUCTORS: It is highly recommended that students do not change instructors during the middle of a term. In such cases, the CEO must grant approval before any transfer can be made.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS:

- 1. Group Classes:** No refunds will be issued after the fourth week of class instruction. Refund schedule: 90% refund after 1 week, 80% after 2 weeks, 65% after 3 weeks and 40% after 4 weeks. All notices of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Director of Enrolment within the first four weeks of the term.
- 2. Private Lessons:** If a student wishes to withdraw from private lessons during the summer session, two weeks' notice is required both to the Instructor and the Director of Enrolment.
- 3. Registration/Material Fees:** Non-refundable.

BURSARIES: VAM is grateful to its many donors who have provided funds to help students in need of financial assistance. Please visit **www.vam.ca** for bursary application information, or email nicole@vam.ca.

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- Security cameras located in interior hallways and exterior doorways
- Private security patrol





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