



Vancouver Academy of Music

Calendar of Events

2012-2013



Barbara Clague Festival of Song

Sunday March 10, 2:00

VAM is honoured to present the inaugural Barbara Clague Festival of Song. Barbara Clague was an outstanding humanitarian and passionate advocate for the arts and social justice who lived her life with joy and curiosity. Most of all, Ms. Clague loved people – this love was frequently expressed by Barbara’s beautiful singing voice. The Barbara Clague Festival of Song will spotlight talented vocalists 18 years of age and under, providing tuition scholarships for all selected finalists. This annual event is a marvelous opportunity to hear emerging vocalists and pay tribute to the memory of an exceptional Canadian.



Jerold Gerbrecht Winds and Brass Competition

Sunday March 10, 2:00pm

For 38 years Jerold Gerbrecht served as Music Director of the Vancouver Academy of Music. Mr. Gerbrecht’s vision and dedication is responsible for VAM’s global reputation as a first-tier music education institute. The Jerold Gerbrecht Winds and Brass Competition honours Mr. Gerbrecht’s legacy at VAM and also pays tribute to his long tenurship as Principal Trumpet of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.





Joseph Elworthy,
VAM Executive Director

Welcome to VAM!

Located at scenic Vanier Park at Kits Point, VAM is BC's largest and most established music school. From Early Childhood to Adult Learning, VAM has delivered world-class music education to students of all ages and abilities for over 44 years.

VAM is a place of vibrancy where the inspiring nature of the performing arts is explored as a means of better understanding the human condition. For those who are familiar with the ethos of VAM and our students, the practical impact of music and the performing arts is immediate: it enhances communication, serves as a tool for personal development, leads to better academic achievement, and provides a sense of belonging and community.

In addition to our primary function as a centre of music education, VAM also acts as a central hub for concerts and cultural events. I encourage you to leaf through this brochure and take advantage of the numerous events produced at VAM – orchestra, opera, ballet, chamber music, recitals, master classes – most of which are offered free-of-charge as an opportunity to enrich your family's cultural experience. VAM is also proud of our long-standing collaborative partnership with Music In the Morning, a venerable Vancouver institution that presents world-class artists on the stage of VAM's Koerner Recital Hall (they even serve you tea and sandwiches!)

VAM's goal is to provide a comprehensive music education at the most affordable price. Come learn how VAM's Bonus Class program provides unparalleled value and the freedom to select your own musical pathway. Register today, be a part of VAM's legacy of excellence - let your musical journey begin!

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Executive Director

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Thank you for your support!



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Friday, September 7, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

German Romantic Repertoire: Brahms' Liebeslieder

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Wednesday, September 26, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning Composers & Coffee Series

Exploring the Bach Cello Suites with Joseph Elworthy (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, September 12, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Thomas Wiebe Cello Master Class

Co-presented with Music in the Morning (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, September 30, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Van Django Jazz Workshop

Open to all VAM students

- Orchestra Rehearsal Room

Wednesday, September 12-14, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

Art of Time Ensemble (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, September 30, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Desmond Hoebig Cello Master Class

Co-presented with the Vancouver Cello Club

- Orchestra Rehearsal Room

Sunday, September 23, 2:00pm

Strawberry & Tea

Student Concert Series

- Koerner Recital Hall



Sunday, September 30, 7:00pm

**Van Django
Live at VAM**

VAM is thrilled to welcome Van Django as our first resident jazz ensemble. Canada's premier gypsy jazz band swing into VAM for this can't-miss show before heading off to China for the Nanjing Jazz Festival.

- Koerner Recital Hall.
\$20 Adults / \$10 Students & Seniors at the door



Wednesday, October 10-12, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

Judy Loman, harp; Monica Whicher, soprano (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall



Friday, October 12, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

Puccini's La Bohème

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Wednesday, October 31, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning Composers & Coffee Series

Adventures in Baroque Performance with Tamara Bernstein

(www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, October 21, 2:00pm

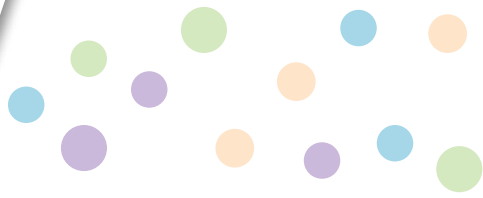
Strawberry & Tea Concerts

Looking for a Sunday outing for the entire family? Combine an afternoon stroll at scenic Vanier Park with a cultural pit-stop at VAM for our new monthly series, Strawberry and Tea Concerts. Come hear VAM's emerging musical talents of all ages perform in a one hour concert that is topped off with a serving of tea, strawberries and clotted-cream!

- Koerner Recital Hall



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Friday, November 2, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

Beethoven's 9th Symphony

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Wednesday, November 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Colin Carr Cello Master Class

(Co-presented with Music In The Morning)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, November 14-16, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

Colin Carr, cello (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Saturday, November 17, 2:00pm

Strawberry & Tea

Student Concert Series

- Koerner Recital Hall

Thursday, November 22-24, 7:30pm

Opera Scenes Performances

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday November 25, 2:00pm

Opera Scenes Performances

- Koerner Recital Hall



Sunday, November 18, 7:30pm

**VAM Symphony Orchestra,
Beethoven 9th Symphony**

Join us for a blockbuster all-Beethoven program featuring the VAM Symphony Orchestra performing the Ode to Joy Symphony with the Vancouver Bach Choir and soloists from the Vancouver Opera Young Artist Program. The first half of the concert will mark the return of three of VAM's most successful recent alumni, Naomi Woo (Yale University), Jonathan Chan (Guildhall School), and Jonathan Lo (Juilliard School) performing Beethoven's Triple Concerto for piano, violin and cello.

- Orpheum Theatre



Sunday, December 2, 2:00pm

VAM Quartet

Four of Vancouver's most esteemed musicians - Nicholas Wright, Jason Ho, Marcus Takizawa, and Joseph Elworthy - join forces to create the newly formed VAM Quartet. All four members are prominent VAM faculty members actively involved in instructing chamber music, orchestral studies, and individual lessons. Come and hear this ensemble's premier performance featuring music of Haydn, Ravel, and Beethoven.

- Koerner Recital Hall

Thursday, December 6, 7:30pm

VAM Junior Symphony & Intermediate Symphony Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall

Friday, December 7, 7:30pm

VAMSO Concert

Aeromancy by Jocelyn Morlock for Orchestra and Two Solo Cellos – Ariel Barnes and Joseph Elworthy, soloists

- Koerner Recital Hall

Friday, December 7, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

Handel's Messiah

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Saturday, December 8, 12:00pm

Brass & Horn Ensemble Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, December 9, 2:00pm

Ballet Demo

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, December 12-14, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

Artists of the Royal Conservatory ARC Ensemble
(www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, December 16, 2:00pm

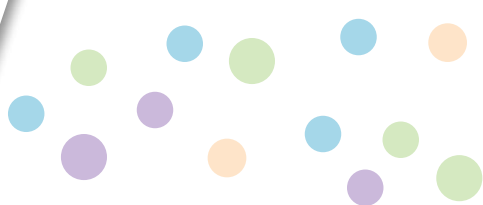
Strawberry & Tea

Student Concert Series

- Koerner Recital Hall



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Wednesday, January 9-11, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

The Cecilia String Quartet & Georgy Tchaidze, piano

- Koerner Recital Hall



Friday, January 11, 9:30-11:30

**Musical Masterpieces:
One Act Operas,
Gianni Schicchi and Il Pagliacci**

Come in from the cold and warm up to an informative discussion about two operatic gems by Puccini and Leoncavallo. Musical Masterpieces is VAM's new Music Appreciation program that features a once-a-month presentation of a seminal piece of music. The class is led by Chloe Hurst - a member for VAM's Theory Department and professional soprano - who will explore the musical, social, and historical factors that result in a musical masterpiece. Have a listen, and let's discuss over coffee, tea and goodies!

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, January 13, 2:00pm

Bjorn & Lori Hareid Senior Secondary Competition Recital

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, January 20, 2:00pm

Strawberry & Tea

Student Concert Series

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, January 23, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning Composers & Coffee Series

I Got Rhythm: The Songs of George Gershwin with Rob Kapilow

(www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall



Saturday, January 26, 10:00am-5:00pm

Vanier Park Winter Wander

Come explore the cultural and historical treasures of Vanier Park: VAM, Bard On The Beach, Museum of Vancouver, Space Centre, Maritime Museum and City of Vancouver Archives (\$5 admission, 16 and under - free)



Friday, February 1, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Music

Dvořák's 9th Symphony, *From the New World*

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Sunday, February 3, 2:00pm

Phyllis E. Salter Competition

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, February 10, 2:00pm

Edith Lando Gifted Youth Scholarship Recital

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, February 13-15, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

Latitude 41 Trio

(www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, February 17, 2:00pm

Strawberry & Tea

Student Concert Series

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, February 20, 5:00pm-8:30pm

La Fayette String Quartet Chamber Music Workshop

- Koerner Recital Hall

Thursday, February 21, 7:30pm

String Quartets of the 2nd Viennese School, Lafayette String Quartet Molinari String Quartet

(\$25 Adults | \$10 Seniors & Students at the door. Series pass for \$65 and adult single tickets available online at www.musiconmain.ca or www.ticketstonight.ca

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, February 24, 2:00pm

Suzuki Piano Achievement Levels Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall



Monday, February 25, 11:00am-1:00pm

VAM Symphony Orchestra

Wagner, Jocelyn Morlock and Dvořák Symphony #9

Dvořák's Ninth Symphony, *From the New World*, is one of the beloved masterpieces in the symphonic repertoire. Come feel the youthful energy of Maestro Dala and his orchestra as they present this orchestral gem. Also on the program is the BC premier of Jocelyn Morlock's *Aeromancy* for two solo cellos and orchestra. This performance is being recorded live for the Naxos label, and will feature the familiar sounds of VAM cello faculty members Ariel Barnes and Joseph Elworthy.

- Orpheum Theatre



Friday, March 1, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

Bach Mass in B minor

• Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Sunday, March 3, 9:30am-2:00pm

Suzuki Achievement Levels Concert

• Koerner Recital Hall

Thursday, March 7, 7:00pm

**VAM Junior Symphony & Intermediate Symphony
Concerto Concert**

• Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, March 10, 2:00pm

Barbara Clague Festival of Song

• Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, March 10, 3:00pm -4:30pm

Van Django Jazz Workshop

Open to all VAM students

• Orchestra Rehearsal Room

Wednesday, March 13, 11:00am

**VAM's Chamber Music Institute,
Vancouver Women's Musical Society Concert**

• Unitarian Church of Vancouver (49th & Oak)

Wednesday, March 13-15, 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

Music from Banff. Timothy Chooi, violin; Andrés Diaz, cello; Barry Shiffman, viola;

Jeanie Chung, piano (www.musicinthemorning.org)

• Koerner Recital Hall

March 14-16, 7:30pm, March 17, 2:00pm

**VAM Opera Studio,
Scenes Performances**

Members of VAM's Opera Studio reflect the passion and commitment of Opera Studio Director, David Meek. A variety of scenes from cherished opera favorites are presented in this professional-caliber production. Scenes Performances is an excellent opportunity to introduce the genre of opera to younger musicians as well as those less familiar with the art form.

• Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, March 17, 2:00pm

**VAM Intermediate Symphony,
Burnaby Clef Society Concert**

• Shadbolt Centre for the Arts

Wednesday, March 27, 10:30am-12:00pm

**Music in the Morning
Composers & Coffee Series**

Opera Stars of Tomorrow – What Makes them Shine?

With Nancy Hermiston, Director, UBC Opera

(www.musicinthemorning.org)

• Koerner Recital Hall

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Friday, April 5, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

Bizet's *Carmen*

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Friday, April 5, 7:30pm

VAM Chamber Music Competition

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, April 7, 2:00pm

Strawberry & Tea

Student Concert Series

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, April 14, 2:00pm

Leslie Dala & Joseph Elworthy Duo Recital

Sonatas for Cello and Piano by Brahms

- Koerner Recital Hall

Wednesday, April 17-19 10:30am-12:00pm

Music in the Morning

St. Lawrence String Quartet (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, April 21, 2:30pm

Suzuki Festival Concert

- Orpheum Theatre

Thursday, April 25, 7:30pm

VAM Junior Symphony & Intermediate Symphony Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall



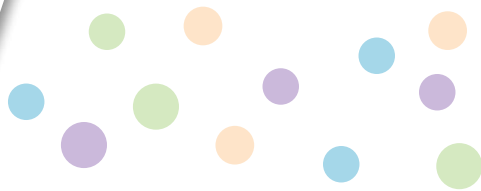
Sunday April 28, 2:00pm

VAM Showcase at the Orpheum Theatre

Come see all that VAM has to offer - ballet, opera, virtuoso soloists, three VAM orchestras - in this performing arts celebration. The 2013 VAM Showcase will have a particularly international flavor as the VAM Symphony Orchestra shares the stage with the world-renowned Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra (HKCO) to celebrate the launching of a new educational partnership between VAM and HKCO.

- Orpheum Theatre





Friday, May 3, 9:30am-11:30am

Let's Talk About Musical Masterpieces

Stravinsky's Rite of Spring

- Room #23. \$20 per person. For reservations: admin@vam.ca

Friday, May 3, 7:30pm

Orff Demonstration

- Koerner Recital Hall

Saturday, May 4, 9:00am-5:00pm

VAM Open House

VAM's Open House is a perfect opportunity to get a sneak-peak glimpse at VAM classes and programs while enjoying the carnival mood of this family event: balloons, face-painting, instrument petting zoo, savory treats and goodies. VAM's Open House marks the first day of registration and is the ideal time to sign-up for classes and enjoy the Early Bird registration discount.



Sunday, May 5, 2:00pm

Music in the Morning Family Music

Metales M5 (www.musicinthemorning.org)

- Koerner Recital Hall

Friday, May 10, 7:30pm

VAMSO Concerto Competition

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, May 12, 2:00pm

Mother's Day Tea Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, May 12, 7:00pm

Mark Fewer & Friends

- Koerner Recital Hall

Monday, May 13, 7:30pm

Kodaly Demo

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, May 19, 2:00pm

Jerold Gerbrecht Winds & Brass Competition

- Koerner Recital Hall

Saturday, May 25, 2:00pm

Group Piano Year-End Recital

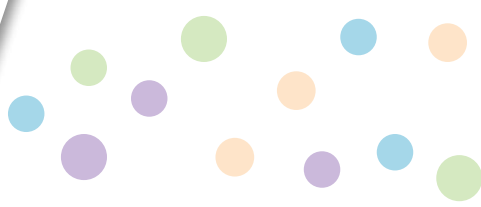
- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, May 26, 2:00pm

VAM String Quartet Concert with Amanda Chan

Brahms Piano Quintet

- Koerner Recital Hall



Saturday, June 1, 12:00pm

Brass, Horn, & Percussion Ensembles Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall

Sunday, June 2, 2:00pm

Kay Meek Competition

- Koerner Recital Hall

Friday, June 7, 7:30pm

Brass Quintet Concert

- Koerner Recital Hall

Saturday, June 22, 11:00am

Ballet Demonstration

For over 40 years VAM has provided exceptional ballet training. The Ballet Demonstration documents the various stages of development for VAM's aspiring dancers and highlights a year's worth of dedication and commitment.



JUNE

Mark Fewer Residency: May 6-12

Mark Fewer returns to inspire and share his unbridled passion with VAM students. Professor of Violin at McGill University and former VSO concertmaster, Mark Fewer is the epitome of a modern musician, comfortable in all musical genres - Classical, Jazz, Improv, and Fiddling. Once again, the culminating event of the residency will be a concert: Mark Fewer & Friends. Based on last year's sold-out performance, be prepared to expect the unexpected!

Awards and Honours:

VAM provides a diverse range of opportunities to earn awards and honours:

- Kay Meek Competition
- Edith Lando Gifted Youth Competition
- Phylis E. Salter Piano Competition
- Bjorn & Lori Hareid Senior Secondary Competition for Strings, Piano, Winds/Brass
- Jerold Gerbrecht Winds and Brass Competition
- Barbara Clague Festival of Song
- VAM Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition
- VAM Intermediate Symphony Piano Competition
- VAM Chamber Music Competition

