



VICTORIA
CONSERVATORY
OF MUSIC



Department of Postsecondary Studies



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WHY CHOOSE THE VCM?

The Victoria Conservatory of Music has been advancing generations of successful international performing artists and teachers for over fifty years. The professional training delivered by the VCM's Department of Postsecondary Studies offers multiple accredited pathways to a successful career in the music industry - as a performer, teacher, collaborator, creator, producer, and music technology specialist. For over 45 years the VCM has partnered with Camosun College as its Music Department. No matter where you want to go, we know how to get you there.



ARTIST FACULTY

We play what we say. Our VCM's faculty of artist-mentors is **one of the finest and most diverse groups of talent in Canada**. With international careers and many prestigious industry awards, our teachers can be heard performing throughout Victoria, Canada and the world. Their real-world approach to learning is backed up by successfully active performance careers. **They know best how to guide you to achieve your best.**

PROGRAMS

The VCM's Department of Postsecondary Studies offers a challenging, wide array of courses in **Classical, Contemporary, and Music Technology**. Students perform in regular masterclasses with world-famous artists and take advantage of many customizable program options. Everything we do focuses on helping you achieve your highest performance potential. All our postsecondary programs are **accredited for university transfer** in support of your continuing education.



SMALL CLASS SIZES

With an average class size fewer than 15 students, **VCM students have more one-on-one attention from their instructors**. Teachers get to know each student individually and, in many instances, customize instruction according to student needs. Students meet and, often, develop lasting relationships within an intimately-connected and supportive musical community.





FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We support your talent and financial investment. This year, the VCM provided over \$65,000 in entrance and continuing scholarships for students enrolled specifically in the Music Performance Diploma or Music Creativity and Performance Foundations Certificate programs, as well as over **\$90,000 in general VCM scholarships**. Diploma students also have access to Camosun College's scholarship and bursary program. Per capita, the VCM provides more entrance support than many universities and other arts institutions.

LOCATION-LOCATION-LOCATION

The VCM is located in the heart of downtown Victoria, the exquisitely beautiful capital city of British Columbia. Breathtaking natural surroundings, mild weather, and an unsurpassed rich quality of life, Victoria was voted in the **Top 10 Friendliest Cities in the World** and **#2 of the Top 20 Best Small Cities in the World**. Inspiration comes from every direction.

UNIQUE PERFORMANCE VENUES

Built in 1890, our stunningly-handsome building is one of our most valuable resources and one of Canada's finest performance venues and heritage sites. The VCM is home to **three individually unique performance venues** including the **Alix Goolden Performance Hall**, which showcases performances from the early music to rock concerts.





OUR PROGRAMS



DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Our comprehensive two-year university-accredited Diploma provides professional foundations and enhanced performance skill development. The Diploma in Music Performance offers a full-time program with unparalleled access to acclaimed industry professionals.

With Contemporary and Classical streams, this **ground-breaking program challenges musicians of all genres** through a common first year and a specialized second year that is intense, musically diverse, and performance-driven. Rounded out with essential theory, history, ear training, workplace, and technology skills, the **Diploma in Music Performance is designed to meet the needs of the 21st century professional musician.**



MUSIC CREATIVITY & PERFORMANCE FOUNDATIONS

A one-year course for those intending to pursue music at the postsecondary level, and who may require additional learning. With a focus on performance theory, music creativity, and performance practice, students will master the foundational elements of their chosen area of musical study. Students receive intensive one-to-one studio instruction on their principal instrument with the goal of introducing them to new repertoire, enhancing their practicing skills and technical fluency, exploring creative expression, and developing excellence in many aspects of performance.





OUR PROGRAMS

CERTIFICATE IN MUSIC TECHNOLOGIES

We offer a fully-online music technology certificate, a series of seven courses which may be taken part-time over three semesters through Camosun College. Study basic software and hardware technologies and explore practical applications of technologies, gaining fluency with the four pillars of music technology required by today's music workplace; Digital Notation and Scoring, Digital Audio Workstation and Sequencing, Software Instruments, and Recording, Mixing and Sound Editing. Student feedback to this program has been nothing short of excellent.

Apply by June 2 to start in September. **Two applications are required, starting with the VCM.**

APPLY TODAY!

The deadline for first-round admission entrance scholarship consideration is **January 27**. Two applications are required, starting with the VCM, along with a theory assessment, transcripts, two letters of reference, and application and assessment fees. Recommendation for acceptance is by audition only. Auditions take place in mid-February and early April, exclusively through online video submission. We like questions; call us and we'll walk you through it.

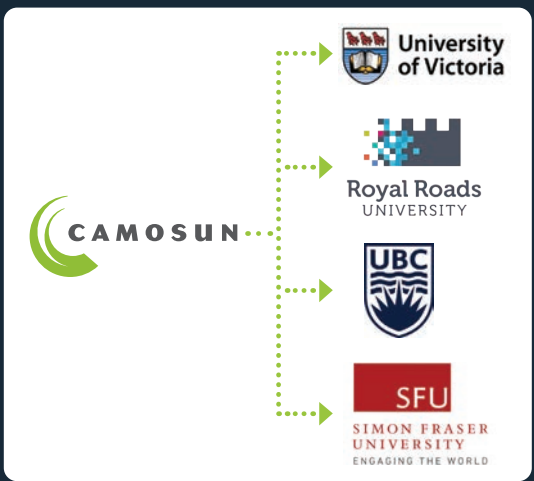
APPLICATION / AUDITION DEADLINES

- Round 1 January 27 / February 17
- Round 2 March 24 / April 14
- Round 3 June 2 / June 23

BC TRANSFER GUIDE

Where to after our Diploma? The province of British Columbia has established the easy-to-use BC Transfer Guide, which allows students to plan their transition from one Postsecondary institution to another.

You can study one to two years at the Victoria Conservatory of Music and transfer your credits to another university to finish your bachelor's degree and beyond. Our students have gone on to complete major degree programs across Canada and the US.





ABOUT CAMOSUN



LARGEST PUBLIC COLLEGE IN BC



160 PROGRAMS



19,000 STUDENTS



80 NATIONALITIES

For almost 50 years, the Victoria Conservatory of Music has proudly represented Camosun College as its Music Department. Camosun is the largest public college in British Columbia, serving approximately 19,000 learners a year in certificate, diploma, bachelor's degree, and continuing education.

Each year Camosun welcomes over 1,200 Indigenous students from First Nations, Metis, and Inuit groups, and over 2,100 international students from more than 80 countries. The college welcomed its first student in 1971 and adopted the name "Camosun", a local Lkwungen (Songhees) First Nation name meaning "where different waters meet and are transformed." Today it offers over 160 innovative programs to help meet the needs of students and communities in Victoria and beyond.

Being a part of Camosun offers our students great services and access to facilities, as well as individual support, care and attention not found in most post-secondary institutions. Our students also have access to Camosun College general scholarship and bursary programs, as well as scholarships available for students enrolled specifically in the Diploma in Music Performance or Music Creativity and Performance Foundations programs.

For more information about Music Programs with Camosun College and the Victoria Conservatory of Music, visit:

- camosun.ca/learn/programs/music-performance
- vcm.bc.ca/program-areas/postsecondary



PRIDE IN OUR ALUMNI

The Victoria Conservatory of Music Department of Postsecondary Studies is proud of its 2,500+ alumni around the world.



Richard Margison
GRADUATED 1979
*Critically acclaimed
opera singer*



Alison Miller
GRADUATED 2011
*Principal Flute with the
Saskatoon Symphony*



Elise Boulanger
GRADUATED 2014
*Member of
The Blooming,
who performed at
the 2018 Junos*



Noah Monckton
GRADUATED 2016
*Singer/Songwriter/
Bassist. Lead singer
of The High Loves,
winners of the
2019 John Lennon
Songwriting Contest*



Peter Ransford
GRADUATED 2018
*Member of
Pink Floyd cover-band
Pigs and Norwegian
folk metal band
Winter's Reach*



Jenny Lou
GRADUATED 2018
*Broadway music writer
in Nashville Tennessee*



Michael Wilford
GRADUATED 2018
*Active musician with
Old Soul Rebel and
Sarah Osborne*



Jaimey Hamilton
GRADUATED 2021
*Singer/Songwriter,
emerging pop-
country artist*

CONTACT US

The Victoria Conservatory of Music wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Songhees, Esquimalt, W̱SÁNEĆ and Beecher Bay Nations, on whose traditional territories we are privileged to work, create, and perform.



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