

Job Posting: Guitar Instructor - Classical

Strings Department, Ann & George Nation Conservatory School of Classical Music

- Location:** Victoria Conservatory of Music, Westhills, Langford
- Compensation:** As independently contracted service providers, Victoria Conservatory of Music Faculty set their hourly studio rate in consultation with their respective department head, and according to the established Conservatory Tuition / Instructor Fee grid. Hourly compensation rates currently range from \$41.00 - \$60.50/hr.
- Application Deadline:** Applications assessed on an ongoing basis.
- Start Date:** September 2026, or as mutually agreed.
- How to Apply:** Please email a cover letter and resume, relevant supporting materials, and contact information for two references to:
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Located on the Ləkʷəŋən traditional territory, known today as the Songhees, Esquimalt, WSÁNEĆ (Tsartlip, Tseycum, and Tsawout) and Scia'new (Beecher Bay) Nations, the Victoria Conservatory of Music identifies Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Reconciliation among its Core Values and encourages applications from candidates of diverse backgrounds.

Job Description

As a member of a diverse and vibrant community of artist mentors within the Victoria Conservatory, this part-time faculty position offers the incumbent the opportunity to teach classical guitar to students of a variety of ages and levels at the Conservatory's Westhills location in Langford, while pursuing a professional career as a performer and/or recording artist.

The instructor will build and maintain an active teaching studio in classical guitar, guiding students toward becoming well-rounded musicians with solid technique, musicianship, and an appreciation for the classical guitar repertoire. The instructor will maintain regular communication with department leadership and faculty colleagues and contribute to a positive and supportive learning environment.

The instructor will have a strong desire to be part of a team of dedicated teachers and will encourage students to participate, as appropriate, in activities offered through the Conservatory, including masterclasses, performance classes, recitals, special events, and other performance opportunities. The instructor will support the Conservatory's recruitment efforts and work with the Department Head to develop opportunities and strategies that help build the classical guitar program at the Westhills location.

The successful candidate will be committed to meeting the musical and developmental needs of students and to working collaboratively with the Department Head and other faculty. The instructor will have the opportunity to contribute to the development of programming that supports both the artistic and pedagogical goals of the faculty and the musical and social development of students.

Qualifications and Requirements

Education, Professional Training and Acquired Skills:

- 4 years of postsecondary/advanced-level training (BMus) or the professional equivalent with recognized accredited teachers; preferably including having obtained a MMus or equivalent credential.
- Strong command of classical guitar technique, musicianship, and standard pedagogical approaches and repertoire.

Experience

- At least 2 years of recognized professional performing in the Classical field, including experience with solo, chamber and ensemble performance.
- At least 2 years teaching/coaching classical guitar students of a variety of ages and levels.
- Broad and fluent knowledge of standard classical guitar repertoire and instructional materials, from beginner to advanced levels, with the ability to demonstrate a level and standard of recognized expertise within this area.
- Experience preparing students for performances, examinations, auditions, competitions, or other musical goals is beneficial.
- Experience coaching chamber music or ensembles is beneficial but not required.
- Experience developing or recruiting students for a private teaching studio is beneficial.