



Welcome to The Royal Conservatory

The Royal Conservatory provides a recognized national standard of musical success through an effectively sequenced course of study from beginner to advanced levels. The program inspires excellence through individual student assessments and allows students to understand progress in relation to others across the country. It also supports teachers with high-quality and innovative resources. All students in Canada deserve the opportunity to celebrate their musical achievements nationally.

Join the growing community of teachers, students, and families who are discovering the benefits of The Royal Conservatory as it enriches their lives!

“The Program requires perseverance and diligence, and what parent doesn’t delight in seeing their child grow in those virtues through music? We surely do!”

RENEE AND JOHN, PARENTS



THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC STUDY FOR YOUR CHILD

- Numerous studies report on the benefits of music study in increasing children’s ability to learn and excel.
- Practicing a musical instrument has been linked to higher standardized test scores in children and youth and to increased earning potential in adulthood.
- College admission officers recognize the value of engagement with music in developing time management skills and creativity.

THE BENEFITS OF THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY FOR YOUR CHILD

- The Royal Conservatory’s structure motivates students to excel and progress.
- The Royal Conservatory’s comprehensive approach supports holistic musical development and fosters a life-long love and understanding of music.
- The examination experience includes your child in a national system of accomplishment and reward.



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A Guide for Students and Parents

The finest instrument is the **mind.**



HOW CAN YOUR CHILD GET STARTED WITH THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY?

- If your child does not yet have a teacher, you can visit our website for a directory of schools and teachers that are involved with The Royal Conservatory. If your child's teacher is not yet using The Royal Conservatory program, ask the teacher to visit our website to find out more about The Conservatory.
- Official publications to support The Royal Conservatory, including music and materials for developing musicianship, are available through our online bookstore (bookstore.rcmusic.ca) and at music retailers across the country.
- Work with your child's teacher to develop a plan of study and determine when your child will be ready for his or her first examination. There are four examination sessions each year, occurring in December/January, April (piano only, no theory), May/June, and August.
- Registering for an examination is easy. Visit our website at rcmusic.ca to set up an account. Registration typically takes place approximately 2–3 months prior to each session. Specific registration and examination dates are available on our website.

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What is an Examination?

A **practical examination** evaluates your child's performance of repertoire, studies/etudes, and technical and musicianship skills – in other words, your child's practical proficiency with music.

A **theory examination** evaluates your child's understanding of rudiments, harmony, counterpoint, analysis, and music history.

The study of these subjects plays an essential role in developing musicianship and performance skills.



Find out more at rcmusic.ca

- Check examination dates, deadlines, and fees
- Register for an examination
- Confirm registration status
- View examination results

What to Expect at an Examination

1. A practical examination is a one-to-one session with an examiner. During the examination your child will be asked to play repertoire, as well as studies/etudes he or she has prepared as part of the technical requirements. Your child will also be assessed on his or her musicianship skills appropriate for their grade. Musicianship skills include sight singing or clapping/tapping passages, identifying intervals, and playing a sight reading selection.
2. A theory examination is a written test that takes place in a formal classroom setting.
3. Examinations are conducted at specific locations, called examination centres. These may be local music schools, music instrument dealerships, community centers, or other community institutions in your area. A list of examination centre locations can be found on our website.
4. The Royal Conservatory's examiners are highly trained, professional performers and teachers from across North America. All examiners complete an extensive training program before joining the College of Examiners. Annual professional development continues throughout the examiner's career to ensure consistent examination standards are being upheld for all students.
5. Results of your child's examination will be available to you online two to six weeks after the examination is completed. Log in to your account to view your child's marks and the examiner's comments. This information is also available to your child's teacher.
6. Following the successful completion of an examination, your child will be awarded a certificate. Top students in each grade and discipline will receive Gold Medals.

JOIN THE ROYAL CONSERVATORY COMMUNITY!

Excellence, achievement, motivation, performance, recognition ... these are only a few of the positive results that teachers, students, and families gain through participation with The Royal Conservatory.

Join us.

