

## What is RCM?

The Royal Conservatory of Music is an internationally recognized curriculum that focuses on developing and advancing technical skills and repertoire. This regulated curriculum offers up to 12 levels of graduating difficulty and is tested by certified examiners who undergo extensive continuous training to maintain a consistent standard of grading.

Testing is offered at designated locations twice annually in May/June and Nov/Dec. Practical exams require demonstration of technical, performance, ear training, and sight reading skills. Exams are graded on a scale of 0 -100, with 60+ being passing. Upon passing an exam, a certificate is awarded to show completion.

A theory curriculum with regulated exams is also available to RCM students as a separate event. These exams are also offered only at designated testing centers by certified examiners.

All exams cost a fee starting at \$60 for early levels and increase marginally by level up to \$100 for advanced levels.

Students who are enrolled in the RCM program will still be able to participate in all HMA recitals. RCM students will be expected to keep regular practice logs to stay accountable to themselves and their instructors.

In addition to maintaining consistent performance progression, the Royal Conservatory of Music curriculum will help develop time management skills, self-discipline, motivation, and personal growth!

# Royal Conservatory of Music at Harmony Music Academy

- **Annual commitment (48 weeks)**
  - \$35 per lesson
  - + \$45 annual book/resources fee
  - \$1725 total annual cost**
  - (Payment may be divided into 5 installments of \$345)
- **Parents will be responsible for exam fees.**

Exams may be taken at any of the designated times (offered twice annually) depending on the student's preparedness. Students should aim to test once annually, but at higher levels, may need more time to properly prepare. In that case, students may test every 18 months, or even every 24 months if necessary.
- **Technical skills workshops are available.**

We intend to schedule several group workshops throughout the year to give students the opportunity to get extra practice or catch up if normal lesson time is not sufficient. Depending on the length, intensity, and timing of these workshops, some will be free of charge, others will be an additional cost.
- **Students must be accepted before enrolling.**

Students can be recommended by their instructor based on performance, consistency, and discipline – OR – Superior ratings from previous Federation Festival critiques will be accepted. A consultation will need to be scheduled with management prior to official registration.