



**The Royal Conservatory®**  
The finest instrument is the mind.

# Music is a Mind Builder

An introduction to  
The Royal Conservatory  
Certificate Program



# Developing Human Potential

Research shows that formal music education contributes to cognitive development.



The quality of a child's music education is linked to their academic achievement.

Elementary school students in higher quality music education programs saw a 20% improvement in standardized tests of English and math.

Source: Johnson, CM and Memmott JE, *Examination of Relationships between Participants in School Music Programs of Differing Quality and Standardized Test Results*, Journal of Research in Music Education (Winter 2006), Volume 54, Number 4



**BRAINS OF  
MUSICALLY  
TRAINED  
INDIVIDUALS:**

- Better memory and attention
- Improved brain structure and function
- Higher IQ

Learn more about the benefits of music education

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# The Benefits of Formal Music Education

Comprehensive musical training fosters creativity and helps students to achieve their intellectual and social potential. Parents have said that the study of music has helped their children in these ways:



# The Royal Conservatory of Music

For over 130 years, The Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) has been a leader in **developing human potential** through music education and the arts.

Our program is used by over 30,000 teachers to support 500,000 students across North America. More than **five million RCM alumni** have built careers in a wide range of fields, including music, medicine, law, journalism, and professional sports.



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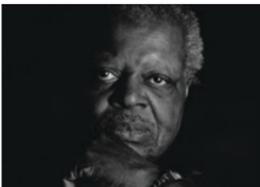
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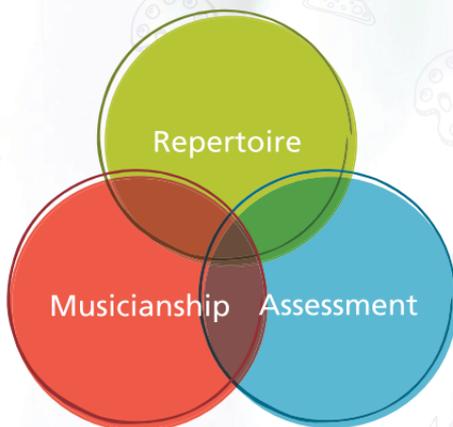
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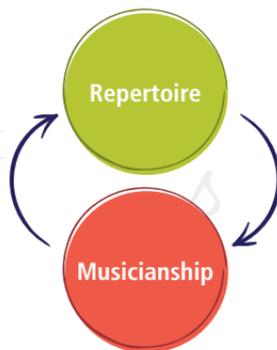
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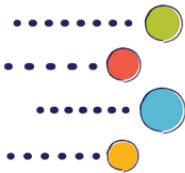
Designed by over a hundred of the leading teachers in North America, The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program is **recognized globally as a comprehensive and effective system of music study and assessment.** The Certificate Program consists of these three pillars:



# Why Study The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program?

Our program is recognized globally as the gold standard in music study. Our **integrated curriculum for over 20 instruments and voice**, incorporates inspiring repertoire from classical to contemporary, as well as musicianship skills encompassing technique, ear tests, sight reading and theory to **develop well-rounded musicians**.





With a focus on nurturing creativity and developing self-confidence, our program helps students to **progress at their own pace**, and consists of up to 12 levels of study designed to optimize their musical development.

At each level of the RCM Certificate Program, **students are supported** with accompanying publications and convenient and easy-to-use digital resources.



**Individual examinations**, delivered by one of our 350+ accredited and distinguished examiners, enable students to set goals, track their progress and **celebrate their accomplishments**.

For more information, visit  
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# Engaging Repertoire and Enhanced Musicianship

Our music selections have been thoughtfully chosen by leading North American teachers to inspire and encourage students at every level. RCM repertoire includes a variety of music from all style periods to provide a wide-ranging and progressively sequenced musical experience.

Musicianship includes ear tests, sight reading and theory, which increase music literacy. These are important to a student's musical journey and progression.



# A Complete System of Support

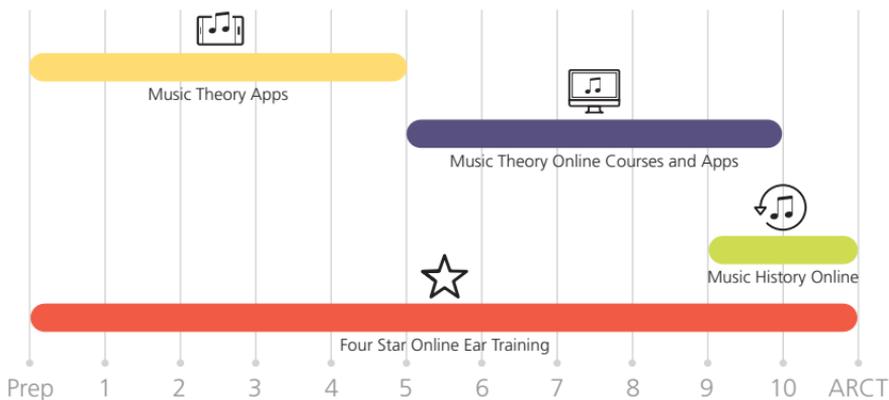
The Royal Conservatory has an extensive set of printed and digital resources that make it easy and convenient for students to learn our curriculum.

Our **award-winning repertoire publications** feature our most engaging musical selections for each level of study.

Our **comprehensive suite of digital tools** focus on musicianship to develop well-rounded musicians:

- **Music Theory Apps** put a fun spin on learning the building blocks of music at the beginner levels.
- **Music Theory and History Courses** provide students with the knowledge needed to succeed at the Intermediate and Advanced levels.
- **Four Star** improves ear training skills at all levels through engaging, interactive musical activities.

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# Tracking Progress

RCM examinations assess both performance and musicianship skills.

## The Benefits of Examinations

- Build self-confidence
- Encourage goal setting
- Provide a national standard for students to track their progress
- Promote well-rounded musical training

## What to Expect at an Examination

- An objective assessment of the student's skill for that level
- A friendly yet professional atmosphere
- Personalized feedback and marks available online within a few weeks

## PERFORMANCE

Students are evaluated on the performance of repertoire from a wide range of eras and styles, as well as etudes or vocalises and orchestral excerpts for string, brass, and wind instruments.

## MUSICIANSHIP SKILLS

Sight reading and ear training ensures that students develop the skills to learn music independently. Knowledge of music theory is assessed at the Intermediate and Advanced levels only.

For resources to help prepare for examination day  
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## TIPS FOR SUPPORTING MUSIC STUDY

### Students and Parents:

- Create time for consistent, dedicated practice
- Collaborate with your teacher to establish achievable short- and long-term goals
- Celebrate success and accomplishments!

# Recognizing Achievement

Certificates, Diplomas, Awards, and High School Credits

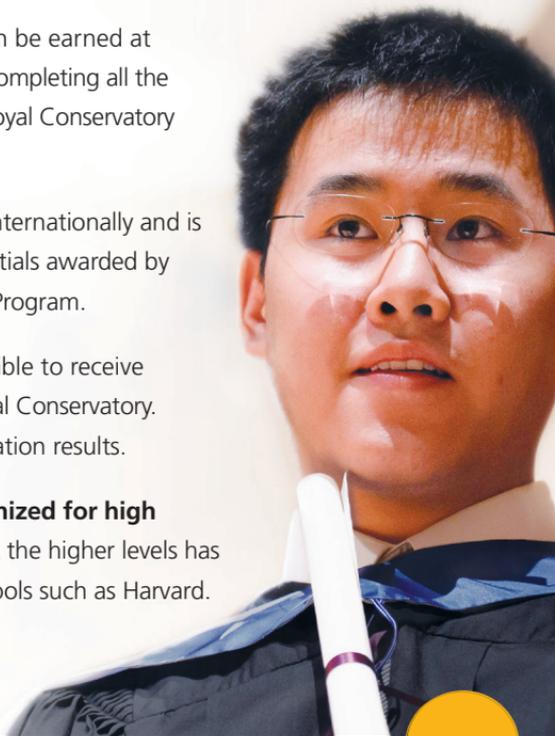
A **Certificate of Achievement** can be earned at each level of study by successfully completing all the requirements for each level of The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program.

The **ARCT Diploma** is recognized internationally and is one of the highest academic credentials awarded by The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program.

All examination candidates are eligible to receive **Gold Medal awards** from The Royal Conservatory. These awards are based on examination results.

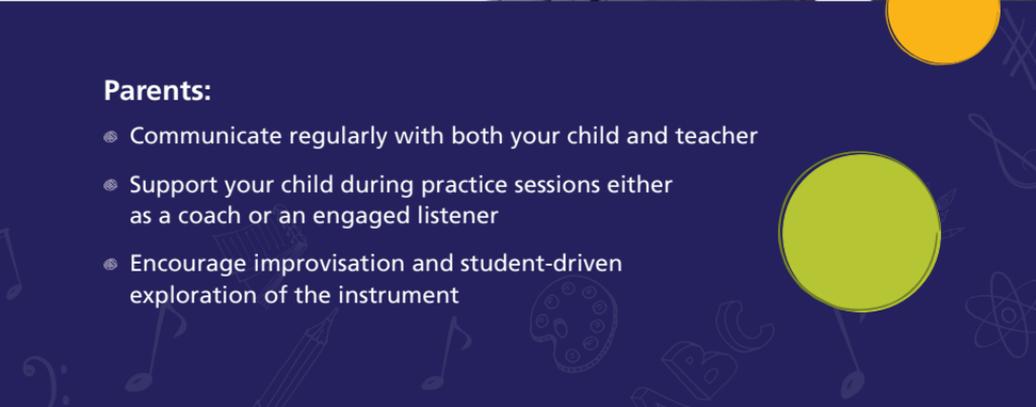
RCM examinations are often **recognized for high school credits**, and achievement at the higher levels has bolstered college admissions to schools such as Harvard.

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## Parents:

- Communicate regularly with both your child and teacher
- Support your child during practice sessions either as a coach or an engaged listener
- Encourage improvisation and student-driven exploration of the instrument



# Start Your Journey Today

## with The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program



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