



# VANCOUVER POPS

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## WELCOME TO THE VANCOUVER POPS

We are delighted to have you join us this term! As always, we have new, fun, exciting, and challenging things planned for all of you. My name is Tom, and as the Artistic Director of the VPOPS Society, I'd like to welcome you to the VPOPS family. I know there will be many unfamiliar faces, but don't be shy—introduce yourself, ask for people's names, and get their phone number or email. It's going to be handy to have a practice buddy throughout the term.

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### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Symphony Pops: Monday 8-10  
 Concert Choir: Monday 6-8  
 Chamber Choir: Thursday 8-10  
 String Orchestra: Saturday 1:30-3  
 Classes: Violin, Viola, Cello, Singing.  
 (See website for specific times)

### SECTIONAL SCHEDULE:

Sept 17, 5pm: Sopranos/Altos  
 Sept 17, 7pm: Strings/Percussion  
 Sept 24, 5pm: Tenor/Bass  
 Sept 24, 7pm: Brass  
 Oct 1, 5pm: Soprano/Altos  
 Oct 1, 7pm: Winds  
 Oct 15, 5pm: Tenor/Bass  
 Oct 15, 7pm: Strings/Percussion  
 Oct 22, 5pm: Soprano/Altos  
 Oct 22, 7pm: Brass  
 Oct 29, 5pm: Tenor/Bass  
 Oct 29, 7pm: Winds  
 Nov 5, 5pm: All Voices  
 Nov 5, 7pm: Strings/Percussion

### TEAMWORK AND MORALE

You are all gifted and talented in your own ways. However, to produce a musically coherent performing ensemble, it takes hard work and commitment from all its members. **We attend rehearsals for each other, we arrive punctually for each other, and we practice privately for each other.**

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Rehearsals are scheduled every week (except long weekends) and **attendance is mandatory**. In the event that you cannot make a rehearsal, please, text, email, or call your section leader and the director about your absence.
- All members are **required to diligently learn their part and practice at home (2-4 hours each week privately)**. If you need help, *please book your free coaching session in the first 6 weeks.*
- Sectional Rehearsals are on rotating schedule on Sundays between 5-9pm.
- **Concerts are extremely important** for all members. It is essentially a group presentation in which *everyone* needs to do their best throughout the term to put on a great performance.
- **Cell phones are not to be used in rehearsal or performance**. If you need to attend to an emergency, please take it outside.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Everyone is responsible for putting away their own music stand and chair after each rehearsal. Also be respectful of other people's instruments and be careful not to trip over them.

**RECORDINGS:** All sample and practice recordings are linked at [www.vancouverpops.com/repertoire](http://www.vancouverpops.com/repertoire)

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Connect on our Facebook pages **Vancouver Orchestra Club**. You can also find us on **YOUTUBE @VanOrchestraClub** and **INSTAGRAM @OrchestraClub**. These are all great places to see and share photos and videos with one another.

**VOLUNTEER:** There are plenty of places to lend a helping hand. For example: Sheet Music Organization, Snack Preparation, Registration, Studio Clean Up, Video Crew, Audio Crew. Please let us know if you're interested in joining a volunteer committee. We truly appreciate your time and help invested into this organization.

### AUDITIONS

All new members need to submit their 2 solo excerpts and 5 sight reading excerpts by September 15 for seat assignment and placement  
 New singers will be assessed live for vocal range at the first rehearsal  
 Solo vocal parts will be auditioned live on Sunday September 24 at 3pm.  
 See: [www.vancouverpops.com/requirements](http://www.vancouverpops.com/requirements) for full details

### VPOPS FEES, REGISTRATION, AND POLICIES

\$500 - Three Term Package  
 \$200 - Single Term  
 \*\*\*50% off second ensemble or class\*\*\*  
 \$25 - Late registration fee  
 \$15 - Sheet Music Deposit - All music must be returned by end of concert, in good condition and not heavily marked.

Each term includes weekly rehearsals, sectional practice, sheet music, concert production, and 2 hours of free private coaching with director(s)  
 \*Registration fees can be refunded only within the first 14 days.

### "HOLLYWOOD MEETS BROADWAY" @ CHAN CENTRE, UBC

November 26th, 2017, Sunday at 3-5pm  
 Featuring the VPOPS Symphony and Concert Choir

### YULE DUEL

December 7th, 2017, Thursday at 6:30-7:30pm  
 Featuring the VPOPS Concert Choir and Chamber Choir

### SHANNON OAKS SENIOR HOME PERFORMANCE

December 14th, 2017, Thursday at 6:30-7:30pm  
 Featuring the VPOPS Concert Choir and Chamber Choir

### SYMPHONY POPS - FALL 2017

Star Trek: Into Darkness  
 Back to the Future  
 The Mummy Returns  
 Polar Express

### CHAMBER CHOIR - FALL 2017

Light in the Hallway  
 Can't Help Falling In Love  
 TBA

### CONCERT CHOIR - FALL 2017

Les Miserable: One Day More, Look Down, Do You Hear the People Sing, At the End of the Day  
 Mary Poppins: Spoonful of Sugar, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Chim Chim Che-ree, Step in Time, Let's Go Fly a Kite

### SOLOS - FALL 2017

Bring Him Home, Empty Chairs, On My Own, I Dreamed a Dream  
 Practically Perfect, Feed the Birds

"MUSIC CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, BECAUSE MUSIC CAN CHANGE PEOPLE."