



YRSO  
York River Symphony Orchestra

*Young Artist Concerto Competition*

*March 11, 2012, Mary T. Christian Auditorium  
Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton*

*The Winners' Concert*



*The man that hath no music in himself,  
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,  
Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils;*

William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*, V, i.

On Sunday, December 4, 2011, the YRSO held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Young Artist Concerto Competition. Ten young musicians, violinists, violists, a cellist, a flutist and a pianist assembled together with their accompanists, family, teachers and friends to present their talents to a panel of three judges. The competition was intense, and at the close, the judges selected the two young artists we welcome here today: Jamie Agee of Tappahannock and Hannah Kristi Whitlock of Hampton, both violinists.

Neither is in danger of succumbing to “treasons, stratagems or spoils.”



Jamie Agee

Each young artist has an abundance of music in herself. (We must forgive W.S. for not using “inclusive language” in the 16<sup>th</sup> century...)

We wish Hannah and Jamie all success in their future life and career; we look forward to being able to welcome them back to some future concert as a featured soloist in a complete concerto!

It is a win-win situation: playing with the young soloists also gives the orchestra members a positive feeling of contributing to the development of the musicians of the future, which inspires them to give that “little extra something” to the performance.



Hannah Kristi Whitlock

Many people contribute a great deal of time and effort to make a successful Competition: the players, their family, their teachers. There are also the members of the YRSO who came along on Competition Day to help everything run smoothly: Alex Bezrukov, Barbara Eger, Christine Evans, Laurel Glasco, Jeraldine Herbison, Barbara Morgan, Eric Reiff, Pat Shields and Gary Smith. Thanks are also due to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Hampton for use of their facilities and for their friendly cooperation. And let us not forget the judges: Olga Kravets, Diane Nolan and Robert Rubinstein for their highly professional service to the Competition.

Finally, a new development this year is a post-concert reception hosted by the newly-formed Orchestra League. Everyone is cordially invited to come along and have the opportunity to meet the soloists, enjoy each others’ fellowship and sample delicious hors d’oeuvres from *La Bodega!*

David Evans  
YRSO Board Vice President  
& Education Director

## About the Competition

It was near the beginning of this century and millennium, that then-conductor and Music Director, Ann Argodale, introduced the practice of, from time to time, selecting young local soloists to perform in concert with the orchestra. From this beginning, the concept of the Young Artist Concerto Competition was developed and the volunteer post of Education Director was established. Past Directors who have steered the Competition through the decade include: John Lenwell, Jeraldine Herbison and Gary Smith.

Throughout the Competition's history, contestants have come from all orchestral divisions: strings, woodwind, brass, (not yet, I believe, percussion...), in addition to piano and voice.

Looking to the future, our plans are already under way for the 12<sup>th</sup> Competition (see the notice on the back page). A change from previous years is that the date of the Competition has been moved forward a month to the beginning of November. This is an attempt to avoid the conflicts which have in the past plagued competitors, accompanists and judges due to the imminence of the holiday season. Information about the Competition is on the Web at: [www.yrso.org/YACC](http://www.yrso.org/YACC) together with some details, photos and audio files of the 2010 and 2011 Competitions.



*Musick has Charms to sooth a savage Breast,  
To soften Rocks, or bend a knotted Oak,*

William Congreve, *The Mourning Bride*, I, i.



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announces the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Young Artist Concerto Competition

2:00 pm – Sunday, November 4, 2012

First Presbyterian Church

514 S. Armistead Ave.

Hampton, VA 23669

Winner(s) will perform in concert with the  
*York River Symphony Orchestra*  
in the Mary T. Christian Auditorium  
Thomas Nelson Community College

Applications due Friday, October 12, 2012

Download forms at  
[www.yrso.org/YACC/documents.html](http://www.yrso.org/YACC/documents.html)

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