



September 12, 2016

To: Hampton Roads Area Music Teachers, Students and Parents
From: Barbara Eger, Education Director, York River Symphony Orchestra

Announcing the 16th Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition
Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at
First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA.
The winner(s) will perform with the orchestra on March 5, 2017
at the Mary T. Christian Auditorium at TNCC, Hampton.

The York River Symphony Orchestra is a peninsula-based community orchestra of professional and amateur musicians, who for many reasons have joined together to perform. Each year we present a four concert series, and some extra performances for special events. One of our extended goals is to showcase talented young musicians, and give them a chance to perform with a symphony orchestra.

The purpose of this letter is to ask teachers' cooperation by passing information about the Competition on to qualified musically-talented students that you teach or know. The competition is open to students ages 12-21 who live or study in the Hampton Roads area. We encourage talented, interested string (including guitar), woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, or vocal students to apply. A flyer, rules and procedures, and an application form can be downloaded from the competition section of the orchestra website www.yrso.org/competition. Click on "Documents and Forms."

Music teachers: please copy and distribute the information sheet with competition rules and procedures, plus the application form to interested students you recommend, and write an appropriate letter of reference for those who choose to apply.

Interested applicants: please download and print the above-mentioned forms, and give the teacher you are asking at least a week to write the recommendation.

Applications, including form, check to YRSO for \$25, and teacher recommendation, should be sent to my home address (on application form), to arrive by due date November 8.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at bfeger@yahoo.com or 757-267-2959.

We look forward to making this yet another successful competition.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Eger, Education Director
York River Symphony Orchestra