



September 20, 2025

To: Hampton Roads Area Music Teachers, Students and Parents

From: Adrienne Vaughn, YACC Committee Chair of the York River Symphony Orchestra

**Announcing the 23rd Young Artists Concerto Competition**  
**Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA**  
Winning Performance(s) with the York River Symphony Orchestra  
at the February Concert.

*Thanks to the Hadden Memorial Scholarship Fund, the orchestra will award a scholarship to the winner(s) after their performance(s).*

The York River Symphony Orchestra is a peninsula-based community orchestra of professional and amateur musicians, who have joined together to perform. Each year we present a four concert series with occasional 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 request your help in passing information about the Young Artists Concerto Competition (YACC) on to qualified musically-talented students that you teach or know. The competition is open to students ages 12 to 21 who live or study in the Hampton Roads area, including the Williamsburg area. We encourage talented, interested string (including guitar), woodwind, brass, percussion, 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 at [www.yrso.org/YACC](http://www.yrso.org/YACC) under "Documents and Forms."

**Music teachers:** please distribute these documents 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 ask your teacher to write the recommendation.

The deadline for receipt of the application form, teacher recommendation letter, and payment to YRSO for \$25 is **Monday, November 3, 2025**. Please make sure anything arriving by US Mail is postmarked **on or before Friday, October 31st**. The mailing address is on the application form. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at [personnel@yrso.org](mailto:personnel@yrso.org) or text 757-810-0927.

We look forward to making this yet another successful competition!

Respectfully,  
Adrienne Vaughn  
YACC Committee Chair,  
York River Symphony Orchestra