



September 7, 2014

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

For the past thirteen years, the York River Symphony Orchestra has sponsored the **Young Artists Concerto Competition** to select talented young artists for an opportunity to perform in concert with a symphony orchestra.

The purpose of this letter is to ask your cooperation by passing information about the Competition on to qualified musically-talented students that you teach or know. Please urge them to submit the required materials before the deadline, Friday, November 7, 2014. Enclosed is a copy of an entry form and information sheets together with a flyer for the Competition.

Would you please post the flyer in a prominent place, to inform and remind those young people who might be interested in participating in November? If possible, could you please also copy and distribute application forms and information sheet to interested string (including guitar), woodwind, brass, percussion, piano, or vocal students. I will send you additional copies of documents if you would contact me either by phone 412-760-2566 or via e-mail: [janmusique@icloud.com](mailto:janmusique@icloud.com). Documents may also be downloaded from the Orchestra's web-site at [www.yrso.org/competition](http://www.yrso.org/competition). Please feel free to call or e-mail if you would like additional information.

The York River Symphony Orchestra is a member of the Cultural Alliance of the Greater Hampton Roads. One of our chief missions is to provide affordable cultural enrichment and entertainment to the Hampton Roads area. We are a peninsula-based community orchestra composed of professional and amateur musicians who for many reasons have joined together to perform. Each year we present a four concert series with some extra performances for special events.

Focusing on "the arts" as it becomes an endangered species for our young, our goals are, to showcase young people who elect to pursue the higher forms of musical performance, to provide school students with complimentary tickets to concerts, and to present outstanding youth performance groups in pre-concert showcases.

Thank you for your help; we look forward to making this yet another successful competition. Again, please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Jan D. Cotmon, Education Ditector  
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