

August 1, 2018 To: Hampton Roads Area Music Teachers, Students and Parents From: Barbara Eger, Education Director, York River Symphony Orchestra

> Announcing the **18th Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition** Sunday, <u>November 18</u>, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA.

> Winning Performance with the York River Symphony Orchestra Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Mary T. Christian Auditorium at TNCC, Hampton, VA

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 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 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/YACC . Click on "Documents and Forms."

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

Interested applicants: please download and print the above-mentioned forms, and plan to allow at least a week for your teacher to write the recommendation. Mail materials by October 27.

The deadline for receipt of the application form, teacher recommendation letter and check to YRSO for \$25 is <u>October 31</u>. My home address is on application form.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at <u>bfeger@yahoo.com</u> or 757-267-2959. We look forward to making this yet another successful competition.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Eger, Education Director

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