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To: Hampton Roads Area Music Teachers, Students and Parents

From: Mary Dillon, Committee Chair, York River Symphony Orchestra

Announcing the
21st Young Artists Concerto Competition

Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 514 S. Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA.

Winning Performance(s) with the York River Symphony Orchestra
on March 17, 2024 at 3:00pm
at the United Jewish Community Center of the Virginia Peninsula
401 City Center Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606

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 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, 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 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 November 6th, 2023. Please make sure anything arriving by US Mail is postmarked on or before November 4th. My home address is on application form. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at mary.dillon@wjccschools.org or 757-291-0730. You may also contact co-chair Barbara Eger at (757) 418-9515 or at bfeger@yahoo.com. We look forward to making this yet another successful competition!

Respectfully,
Mary Dillon, Committee Chair
York River Symphony Orchestra