THE MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HAMPTON ANNOUNCES the 24th ANNUAL YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS COMPETITION WINNERS RECITAL

Sunday, February 27 at 3 PM

The four winners of our competition held on February 20, will perform in recital at First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Victoria and Armistead Avenue. The concert is open and free to the public. Come and hear some beautiful music from these busy teens as they show their musical talent with much help from our excellent area music teachers. A reception honoring the artists will follow.

Elizabeth Armistead, age 15, from Chesapeake, is co winner of the Keyboard Division and has studied under Alisa Bohon and Suzanne Guy. She is in the 10th grade at the Grassfield/Governor's School and has attended summer keyboard camps. Elizabeth has entered and placed in local, state piano competitions, winning the Doris Sahr competition twice. She will receive a \$ 500 US. Saving bond, given in memory of Marty Otte, pianist and teacher, by Dr. Ray Otte of Hampton.

Victoria Brinkley, age 17, from Williamsburg, is winner of the Vocal Division and has studied singing since age 11. Her teacher is Phaedra McNorton. She also plays the piano, saxophone, harp, guitar, and euphonium. She is a senior at Lafayette High and has been accepted by the School of Music at Belmont University in Nashville. She plans to pursue a career in contemporary Christian music, and has participated in band and vocal camps and competitions, winning many prizes. Her accompanist will be Cathy Combs and she will receive a \$ 500 U.S. Saving bond donated by Ann and Bob Phillips of Hampton.

Angela Kanna, age 17, of Williamsburg, is co winner of the Keyboard Division and has studied with Alisa Bohon and Suzanne Guy. She is a home schooled 12th grader who has entered many competitions and also enjoys biology, history, creative writing, and interior design. She will receive a \$ 500 U.S. Saving bond donated by Sturgis Caulking Co. of Hampton.

BRENDON ELLIOTT, age 16, of Newport News, is our Grand Prize Winner and his violin teacher is Virginia Symphony's Concert Master, Vahn Armstrong. He is in the 11th grade at Menchville High School, and has won first place in 3 Richmond Symphony competitions and been a featured soloist with them, The York River Symphony, The Symphony of the Mountains, and Peninsula Youth Orchestra. Brendon has won many competitions and has performed on the National radio show 'From the Top'. He aspires to be a top African American violinist after music school. He travels with the Elliott family Quartet. His accompanist will be Oksana Lutsyshyn. He will receive a \$ 1000 U.S. Saving Bond given by Old Point National Bank of Hampton

The Young Performing Artists Competition, now in its 24th year, is sponsored by the Memorial Concert Series and is part of the music ministry at First Presbyterian Church. Sharing God's gift of music with the community has been our goal since 1979. Several hundred young singers, instrumentalists, and pianists have honed their musical talent and lessened their stage fright at our church, and this year 15 competed. Inquires may be directed to the church at 722 - 0006 or on line at the website, www.firstpreshampton.com Submitted by Bob Howard, chairman.