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NORTH SHORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF INAUGURAL NEW HORIZONS COMPETITION

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Long Island's most established community orchestra, **North Shore Symphony Orchestra**, is pleased to announce the winners of its newly created competition, **The New Horizons Composer Competition**. The competition, announced at the start of the 2017-2018, was created to recognize rising metropolitan New York area young composers between the ages of 18 and 30. Two outstanding works have been chosen: **Aura** was composed by 25-year old Suffolk County-based **Alan Hankers**. **No Longer There, But Here**, was composed by **Nicholas Hall**, from Nassau County. He is also 25 years old. The works will be performed by the NSSO on the June 3, 2017 concert.

Vlad Vizireanu, conductor and music director of the NSSO, said, "The level of the compositions was incredibly high for our inaugural competition. I was very pleased with the quality and artistic variety of our applications. The decision was a very difficult one, but I look forward to our future competitions and hope that NHCC will be a unique resource for young, aspiring composers throughout the New York area."

Also to be featured on this June's concert is the winning of the upcoming NSSO **Young Artist Award Competition**. The winner of this competition, for music students in grades 9-12 residing in Nassau and Suffolk counties, will be decided on April 23, 2017, following a full day of auditions. Rounding out the June 3, 2017 program will be Brahms' Symphony No.2 in D Major, Op.73.

For more information about the New Horizons Conducting Competition, the NSSO Young Artist Award Competition, or the North Shore Symphony Orchestra, please visit www.northshoresymphonyorch.org, or contact Susan DelGiorno at susandelg@gmail.com or Janice Chen at janicechen7@gmail.com.

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