



The Symphony School
of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra

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To whom it may concern:

Upon special invitation, this student has been chosen to perform with the Valley Conservatory String Ensemble as the pre-concert entertainment for the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concerts on Thursday, February 23, 2023. We do hope that this student can be excused from school on February 23rd.

Fourth graders from all over North Alabama will be attending these concerts to learn about the symphony. They will get to experience a marvelous symphonic tour tailored for children, featuring the full orchestra in the music of Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 in D, op. 36 and *The Composer Is Dead, A Who Dunit Mystery For Orchestra*, music by Nathaniel Stookey and text by Lemony Snicket. It's a fabulous way to introduce young people to the instruments of the orchestra when paired with the dazzling, larger-than-life puppetry of Huntsville M.E.T.

This is a rare opportunity for young musicians to perform on the same program with a professional orchestra. We are excited about this well-deserved opportunity for these young musicians to perform on the Mark C. Smith Concert Hall Stage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon Hicks".

Sharon Hicks
Director of Education
Huntsville Symphony Orchestra