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The public is invited to attend the 2016 Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artists Auditions on Saturday, February 13, at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd. in Elmhurst. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Those attending this free event may come and go throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon at Park Place from noon to 1:00 p.m. The cost for the luncheon is \$22 per person; reservations are due by February 3. Please call the ESO office at 630-941-0202.

Conducted by the Elmhurst Symphony Association in cooperation with the Elmhurst Kiwanis Club and the former Auxiliary of the ESO through its Eunice B. Sidener Scholarship, the annual Stanger Auditions were started in honor of the late Dr. Robert C Stanger, who was president of Elmhurst College, a Kiwanian, and president of the Elmhurst Symphony Association. The auditions provide an opportunity for outstanding high school instrumentalists to gain recognition for their efforts and compete for the opportunity to perform a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. Three judges will offer written comments to each of the high school entrants, who come from throughout the western suburbs. Students will play music by a wide range of composers and for several different instruments. Monetary awards are given to the four top instrumentalists; the first-place winner will perform with the ESO during its 2016-17 season.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Stanger Auditions to hear these talented young musicians perform. For more information call <u>630-941-0202</u> or visit <u>www.elmhurstsymphony.org.</u>