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The public is invited to attend the 2017 Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artists Auditions on Saturday, February 11, at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd. in Elmhurst. Hours are from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 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 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., prepared by award-winning English chef Pearsey Tormey. The cost for the luncheon is \$22 per person; to make reservations 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 25 high school entrants who come from Elmhurst as well as many surrounding suburbs. Students will play music by a wide range of composers and for several different instruments, including violin, viola, cello, oboe, flute, clarinet, French horn, alto saxophone, and piano. Monetary awards are given to the four top performers; the first-place winner will perform with the ESO during its 2017-18 season.

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