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ELMHURST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES STANGER AUDITION WINNERS

The winners of the Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artists Auditions for 2015 have been announced by the Elmhurst Symphony Association. Held on February 7 at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, the competition showcased 16 outstanding high school musicians from many of the western suburbs. Special thanks go to this year's judges, Joanne May (Elmhurst College), Jennie Brown (Wheaton College), and James MacDonald (Columbia College), who spent many hours listening to and critiquing these spectacular young performers, choosing four winners:

First Place: Joshua Brown, Violin
Carmen Fantasie, Franz Waxman
9th Grade, Home schooled
Teacher: Almita and Roland Vamos

Second Place: Jamie Zhang, Violin
Concerto No. 4, Finale, Henri Vieuxtemps
9th Grade, Naperville Central High School
Teacher: Nan Zhou/Sooka Wang

Third Place: Steven Song, Violin
Violin Concerto in D Major, Mvmt 3, Tchaikovsky
10th Grade, Neuqua Valley High School
Teacher: Gerardo Ribeiro

Fourth Place: Corey Chung, Piano
Concerto No. 27, B flat Major, KV 595, Mvmt 3, Mozart
9th Grade, Neuqua Valley High School
Teacher: Pawel Checinski

The Stanger Competition first-place winner, Joshua Brown, will perform with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra at a subscription concert during its 2015-16 season. Other winners will perform for Kiwanis and other local groups in the next few months

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