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The Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artists Concerto Audition for the 2017-18 season will be conducted by the Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Symphony Association in cooperation with the former Auxiliary of the Elmhurst Symphony Association through its Eunice B. Sidener Scholarship on February 17, 2018, at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, [149 W. Brush Hill Rd.](#) in Elmhurst. The yearly Stanger Audition provides an opportunity for outstanding high school orchestral instrumentalists and pianists to grow as musicians, gain recognition for their efforts preparing for the Audition, and compete for the opportunity to perform a concerto movement with the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra. The winner of this event will appear as a soloist with the ESO during its 2018-19 subscription season and will also receive a \$400 award from the Kiwanis Club. Second- and third-place winners receive monetary awards from the Kiwanis Club, and the fourth-place winner receives the Sidener Scholarship award; all three winners are invited to perform for local community groups.

Applications for the Stanger Audition must be postmarked by January 5, 2018; the application fee is \$40. Twenty-five eligible applicants will be chosen to perform, based on the postmark date of the application form. Each entrant is given 10 minutes to perform a selection; performances are evaluated by three judges who will provide written comments and suggestions. Application forms can be downloaded from the ESO website www.elmhurstsymphony.org; click on Education. For further information please call the ESO office at (630) 941-0202.

Photo: 2016-17 Stanger winner Aditi Prakash, violist, will perform at the ESO's May 5, 2018 subscription concert.

