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The public is invited to attend the 2020 Dr. Robert Stanger Young Artists Audition on Saturday, February 15, at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Rd. in Elmhurst. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those attending this free event may come and go throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon at the church from noon until 1:00 p.m. For reservations call the ESO office at 630-941-0202; the cost is \$18.

Conducted by the Elmhurst Symphony Association and sponsored by the Elmhurst Kiwanis Club and the former Auxiliary of the ESO through its Eunice B. Sidener Scholarship, the annual Stanger Audition was 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 audition provides 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 16 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, string bass, flute, and piano. Monetary awards are given to the four top performers; the first-place winner will perform with the ESO during its 2020-21 season.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Stanger Audition to hear these talented young musicians play. For more information call the ESO office or visit www.elmhurstsymphony.org.

Photo: Pianist Justin Chang, 2019 Stanger Audition winner

