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Two H-F standouts performing in Rising Star Showcase Sunday

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Homewood-Flossmoor High School students Anya Brumfield and Isabel Weber will perform Sunday, April 17, as part of the 2016 Rising Star Showcase April hosted by the Friends of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra.

The program will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble Auditorium at Prairie State College.

Brumfield and Weber are among six high school students performing for the program.

Brumfield has been playing violin since the age of 10. She is the principal violinist in the H-F Viking and Symphonic Strings Orchestra, as well as principal violinist in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra's Debut and Concert Orchestras. She is currently a member of CYSO's top-level Symphony and Encore Chamber Orchestras.

Weber is the clarinet section leader for the H-F Symphonic Band and is a drum major for the Marching Vikings. She is currently the principal chair in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert Orchestra.

"As usual, the kids are phenomenal," said IPO board member and Friends President Dory Machtinger. "You will not believe your ears, and you will think to yourself: 'Wow, how can someone so young do this so well?'"

Proceeds from the concert benefit the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. This year's Rising Star Showcase is supported in part by donations from Miles and Peggy Ridgway, parents of former Rising Star performers Thomas and Elizabeth Ridgway, as well as Matthew Lipman, a former Rising Star turned professional musician.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling the IPO office at 708-481-7774. A limited number of tickets will be for sale at the door.

The Friends of the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra provides financial assistance and volunteer hours to IPO. The organization is being recognized as the 2016 Guild of the Year by the Illinois Council of Orchestras, due in part to its innovative projects, like the Rising Star Showcase.

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