

# 2022 Rising Star Showcase

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Ellie Freeland, piano  
George Graefen, viola  
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Austin Moy, viola  
Eddie Nicholson, piano  
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**Albert M. Jackson – Emcee**

Director, South Holland Master Chorale

Violin Concerto in A Minor, Op. 104, Charles Auguste de Beriot

1st movement

**Shay Parchem**, violin

**Mark Sudeith**, piano

*Puck*, Op. 71 No. 3, Edvard Grieg

*L'Orage* "The Storm," Op. 109 No. 13, Johann Friedrich Burgmuller

**Ellie Freeland**, piano

*Trauermusik*, Paul Hindemith

**Austin Moy**, viola

**Mark Sudeith**, piano

"Batti, Batti, o bel Masetto," Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Don Giovanni*

"I Could Have Danced All Night," Frederick Loewe

*My Fair Lady*

**Geneviève Kubacki**, Soprano

**Sue Pawlak**, piano

Viola Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Karl Stamitz

Allegro

**George Graefen**, viola

**Mark Sudeith**, piano

*Liebesträume* No. 3, Franz Liszt

*Comrade Conrad*, Bill Evans

**Eddie Nicholson**, piano

Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64, Felix Mendelssohn

1st movement


**Rocco Greco**, violin

**Mark Sudeith**, piano

# About Our Performers


## **Ellie Freeland, 12, Piano**

Ellie's love for music began at a young age, and she started studying piano at the age of five. Her piano teachers have included Elaine Holwerda, Jason and Michelle Freeland, and she is excited to have recently begun studying with Evan Rea. Her love for music also includes studying the violin with Carl Johnston and singing in choir. In addition to her musical activities she is a member of the Hickory Creek Middle School cross country team, the Sharks swim team, and is an active member of her Girl Scout troop. In her spare time, Ellie loves to bake and read.




## **George Graefen, 18, Viola**

George is a senior at Lincoln-Way West High School and has been playing viola for seven years. He studies with Carl Johnston, who he thanks for teaching him and giving him this amazing opportunity! Outside of school, George also plays in the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. In his free time he reads comics and plays in bands with his friends.



## **Rocco Greco, 18, Violin**

Rocco currently plays in Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra's Philharmonic Orchestra and in Lincoln-Way West's string, symphony, and pit orchestras. He also recently performed in the ILMEA All-State Orchestra. Outside of orchestras, he plays in Guitar Studio ensemble and in a rock band. Rocco has been studying violin with Carl Johnston throughout high school. In college, he plans to major in Commercial Music so he can study music from many different angles such as performance, production, composition, and business. In his free time, he loves to produce music, ride rollercoasters and spend time with his friends.



## **Geneviève Kubacki, 15, Soprano**

Genevieve is the twelfth of thirteen children and has always enjoyed singing. Currently in her third year of vocal training under the tutelage of Anne Perillo, she attends Mary Help of Christians Academy. When she is not singing, she enjoys studying early twentieth century history and watching old movies and musicals.

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## **Austin Moy, 17, Viola**

Austin is a senior at Lincoln-Way Central, and studies with Carl Johnston; he has been playing viola for eight years. Currently co-principal violist in CYSO's Symphony Orchestra, Austin is also in the CORE Chamber ensemble and Lincoln-Way Symphony Orchestra. Recently, Austin has picked up violin in order to play in the pit for the LWCHS adaption of *Chicago*. He plans on majoring in biochemistry or applied mathematics in college and hopes to become a physician. In his free time, he enjoys writing poetry, swimming, and cracking jokes with his friends.

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## **Eddie Nicholson, 17, Piano**

Eddie, a junior at Lincoln-Way East High School, has been playing piano for over ten years. In 2022, Eddie was selected for the ILMEA All District Jazz Combo for his piano playing and as a Bass II singer in the ILMA All State Chorus. He is involved in Chorus, Musical Pit Band, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, and plays at community events and nursing homes to give back to his community. He is taking piano lessons from Mrs. Lee Mahieu for classical piano and Mr. Rea for jazz piano. He has begun voice lessons and is also learning to play the accordion. His middle and high school teachers Mr. Teare, Mr. Denty, Mr. Clark and Mr. Adams have nurtured Eddie's love of jazz percussion and music theory. Eddie is grateful for all the music educators who have worked with him throughout the years, as well as his entire family who lovingly support all of his musical endeavors.

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## **Shay Parchem, 15, Violin**

Shay is a sophomore at Lincoln-Way East High School and began playing the violin in fifth grade through a school program. Since then, Shay has been taught by Carl Johnston, attended ISYM and went to both District and State ILMEA. At school, she has been involved in orchestra, madrigals, and pit orchestra. Shay plans on continuing playing violin through college and perhaps majoring in biology.

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