

Alex Langlois, 15, Piano

Currently a freshman at Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort, Alex has played the piano for six years and plays the harpsichord and violin. He takes lessons from Dr. Elena Doubovitskaya and has been part of the Merit Conservatory of Music for two years. Alex has been chosen to play the harpsichord with Conductor Nicholas Kramer and the Music of the Baroque. When not playing instruments, he sings with his high school chorus and the LW Madrigals.

Liam Viebach, 15, Piano

Liam attends Lincoln-Way West High School in New Lenox and has been playing piano for seven years. He has been studying with Evan Rea for the past four years. Liam composes for piano and was the state representative for the Music Teachers National Association composition contest. Liam also participates in the LW Marching Band, LW Indoor Drumline, Jazz Band, and the Symphonic Orchestra.

Anna Maria D'Ortenzio, 22, Voice

A senior at DePaul University, Anna Maria is studying Theatre Arts and Classical Voice Performance. When not singing, she enjoys directing and currently directs *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, which will premiere at The Greenhouse Theater in May. Anna Maria would like to thank her longtime voice teacher, Anne Perillo, whom she has studied with since the age of four.

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First held in 2009, leaders in organizing the Rising Star Showcase were the late Helen Silvia and Dory Machtinger. The event was first held at Prairie State College and in later years moved to Flossmoor Community Church. In that time, at least 75 volunteers have given their valuable time to help highlight many of the most talented youngsters from the South Suburbs.

2024 Rising Star Showcase

Albert M. Jackson - Master of Ceremonies

Former Director, South Holland Master Chorale

LILIA ABRAMCZYK, cello

Concerto No. 1 in a minor, Op 33 (Mvt 1: Allegro non troppo)

Camille Saint-Saëns

AARON ALEXANDER, french horn

Jazz Suite for Horn: John Coltrane, Wayne Shorter, Chick Corea

1. Giant Steps 2. Infant Eyes 3. Spain

arr. Aaron Alexander

EVANGELIA IRAKLIANOS, violin

Concerto No 1 in A minor, BWV 1041, movement I and II

Johann Sebastian Bach

LIAM VIEBACH, piano

The Trojan Suite: 4 Movements: The Queen of Sparta, The Abduction of Helen, The Ten Years War, and The Fall of Troy

Liam Viebach

NATHANIAL HOCH, cello

Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Hob VIIIb/1 (Mvt 1: Moderato)

Franz Joseph Haydn

CAROLYN CANTY, violin

Israeli Concertina (1973) 3 parts: Hava-Hatikva, Nocturne, Fantasia-Recitative

George Perlman

ALEX LANGLOIS, piano

Waltz in E Minor

Frédéric Chopin

ANNA MARIA D'ORTENZIO, voice

Rising Star Alumnae 2012 and 2019

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About Our Performers

Lilia Abramczyk, 15, Cello

A freshman at Homewood Flossmoor HS, Lilia began playing piano at age 4 and drum lessons in 3rd grade, playing for her youth group and at church services. In 4th grade she took up the cello, studying first with Ingrid Krisan before moving on to study with Emily Lewis Mantell. She plays in Symphony Orchestra, CORE and in a CYSO chamber quartet. Lilia loves soccer and is on the HF varsity soccer and cross country teams. She loves travel, board games, cooking, and baking.

Aaron Alexander, 16, French Horn

With seven years' experience playing the French Horn, Aaron enjoys composing and arranging as well as performing. His goal is to blur the lines between classical and jazz music, infusing every note with stylistic passion and clarity. Aaron is homeschooled, spending free time painting figures, playing video games, and watching Star Trek. He is also a black belt martial artist and is currently working on a Gospel Opera about the life and times of Aretha Franklin.

Carolyn Canty, 12, Violin

In her third year with SYSO, Carolyn began violin at age 8 through SYSO's Incredible Opportunity Program. Recipient of the Paul and Nita Clayton Scholarship and co-winner of the Robin Lipman Memorial Scholarship, Carolyn studies with Brian Ostrega and recently performed with harpist Lisa Tannebaum. A volunteer at church and the South Suburban Humane Society, she enjoys roller skating, ballet, reading, detailed coloring, Duolingo and calligraphy as well as the opportunity to convey "the energy and passion" of Perlman's Israeli Concertino.

Nathaniel Hoch, 15, Cello

A freshman at Lincoln-Way Central HS, Nathaniel plays cello in Lincoln-Way's Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra, Lincoln-Way Youth Strings, and St. Jude's Ministry, and guitar in several school ensembles. He has been playing cello for five years, currently studying with Emily Lewis Mantell. Earlier in 2024, he performed in the Illinois Music Education Association All-State Orchestra. Hoch is a member of Mathletes, Singing Knights, Chess Club, and Illinois Music Honor Society and enjoys composing/arranging, serving with the Columbian Squires and gaming.

Evangelia Iraklianos, 11, Violin

A sixth grader at Wilber Wright Middle School in Munster, IN, Evangelia was exposed to violin at age 4 and studies with Kamen Vatchev. A member of the NW Indiana Youth Orchestra and a 2023 winner of the Young People's Competition hosted by the NW Indiana Symphony and South Suburban College's Young Musicians Competition, Evangelia enjoys ice skating, comedy, and playing chess.