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GUERIN PREP STUDENT TO PERFORM AT RAVINIA IN ECO-CONCERT AS PART OF THE FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE

Guerin College Preparatory High School Freshman Izik Alequin has been invited to perform his original composition, "Say Hi to the End of the World for Me" at Ravinia on Saturday, March 28 as part of the Fairchild Challenge Eco Concert, scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m.

Alequin participated in the Fairchild Challenge as part of the Nolan Scholars Program at Guerin Prep. He will be one of 10 contestants performing at the eco concert.

The Fairchild Challenge is a free, multidisciplinary contest, sponsored by the Chicago Botanic Garden, that challenges Chicago-area high schools to take action on behalf of the environment. Students participate in the Challenge by submitting entries in up to 11 categories that include land use planning, photojournalism, tee shirt design, music composition, environmental action and more.

The music composition challenge included composing and performing an original song of four minutes or less in length which would raise awareness about an environmental issue(s) that affects the student and his or her community.

Songs will be reviewed for creativity, relevance to the environmental theme, style and content, as well as adherence to the above-mentioned guidelines. Performances will be judged for creativity, audience engagement, and dynamics of instrumental and/or vocal presentation. A *GO TO 2040* audience-choice award will be presented for the song with best Bold Idea. www.goto2040.org. The winner will be selected by the audience using real time keypad polling technology.

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Alequin, who has taught himself to play the guitar and piano, said he used irony in developing the song's lyrics. "I'm saying, 'go ahead, trash the earth, but as the title of my song indicates, things do happen.'"

He admitted that he is nervous about the upcoming concert. He usually just creates instrumental compositions and explained that this challenge really pushed him to try something new.

Alequin is a graduate of Rhodes Elementary School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfredo Alequin of River Grove.

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