



FROM THE TOP

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From the Top Announces 2011-2012 National Radio Recording Tour

Popular NPR Series Hosted by Christopher O'Riley Celebrates Young Musicians in Communities from Washington, DC to Santa Fe

(Boston)...**From the Top** with host Christopher O'Riley, the preeminent showcase for young musicians, announces its 2011-2012 National Tour dates for recording its popular **NPR radio program**. The tour includes concert events at From the Top's home base at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall and cities from Washington, DC to Portland, OR. From the Top's 2011-12 National Tour is sponsored by U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management.

Broadcast on over 200 stations nationwide to an audience of more than 700,000 listeners each week, *From the Top* celebrates the amazing performances and captivating stories of America's best pre-college classical musicians. Considered one of the most popular weekly classical music program on public radio, the show has been described by the *Boston Globe* as, "an entertaining, accessible and inspirational mix of outstanding musical performances, informal interviews, skits and games; the show is a celebration of extraordinary musicians who happen to be teenagers leading fairly normal lives."

2011-2012 From the Top National Public Radio Taping Tour*

Saturday, July 2, 2011: Chicago, Illinois
Presented by 2011 National Education Association Annual Meeting
Aire Crown Theater, McCormick Place

Wednesday, August 31, 2011: Ocean City, New Jersey
Presented by Ocean City Pops
Ocean City Music Pier

Sunday, October 2, 2011: Boston, Massachusetts
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

Sunday, October 16, 2011: Washington, DC
Presented by The National Gallery of Art in association with Washington Performing Arts Society
National Gallery of Art

Tuesday, October 25, 2011: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Presented by Santa Fe Concert Association
Lentic Performing Arts Center

Sunday, December 18, 2011: Boston, Massachusetts
Bethel AME Church with the Boston Children's Chorus

Sunday, January 15, 2012: Kalamazoo, Michigan
Presented by Western Michigan University School of Music
Dalton Center Recital Hall

Saturday, February 4, 2012: Boston, Massachusetts
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

Thursday, March 8, 2012: Ogden, Utah
Presented by Weber State University Cultural Affairs
Austad Auditorium, Weber State University

Wednesday, March 21, 2012: Carmel, Indiana
Presented by the Center for the Performing Arts
The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts

Saturday, April 21, 2012: Potsdam, New York
Presented by Community Performance Series
Hosmer Concert Hall, Crane School of Music

Thursday, April 26, 2012: Chattanooga, Tennessee
Presented by WSMC
Tivoli Theatre

Sunday, May 6, 2012: Portland, Oregon
Presented by Portland Piano International
Newmark Theatre

**Schedule is subject to change. Additional dates to be announced. Check www.fromthetop.org for updated information.*

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This season, From the Top will award more than \$200,000 in scholarships to performers through its **Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award**. Since 2005, this program has awarded more than \$1.4 million to pre-collegiate musicians with financial need to support their musical development.

From the Top is a non-profit organization that in addition to its radio and television programs, encourages young artists to serve as emissaries for music and give back to their communities in many ways. At every broadcast recording, performers participate in an Arts Leadership orientation and lead demonstrations for school and community groups. From the Top's Center for the Development of Arts Leaders pilot site (CDAL) in Boston brings together twenty pre-collegiate and early college musicians for a year-long series of leadership development retreats and applied service projects. Working with four mentors, the arts leaders are challenged to use their music to address needs and promote positive change within five community partner sites including a cancer treatment center, local elementary schools, and a retirement home. This program is supported by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

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About the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is a private, independent foundation based in Lansdowne, Virginia established in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. Learn more at www.jkcf.org.

About From the Top

For the past decade, From the Top has been the preeminent showcase for America's best young musicians. Through award-winning NPR and PBS programs, online media, a national tour of live events, and education programs, From the Top shares the stories and performances of pre-collegiate musicians with millions each week. Each program provides a compelling and entertaining window into the world of a diverse group of young people, who pursue life with passion, determination, and joy.

From the Top's training and mentorship programs prepare young musicians to connect with new audiences, serve as positive peer role models, and give back to their communities in many ways.

Learn more at www.fromthetop.org.