



FROM THE TOP

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From the Top Announces 2010-2011 National Radio Taping Tour

Popular NPR Series Hosted by Christopher O'Riley Celebrates Young Musicians in Communities from Boston to Baton Rouge

(Boston)...**From the Top** with host Christopher O'Riley, the preeminent showcase for young musicians, announces its 2010-2011 national tour dates for taping its popular **NPR radio program**. The tour will include concert events at From the Top's home base at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall and cities from Athens, Georgia to Yountville, California and will launch From the Top's second decade in public broadcasting.

Broadcast on nearly 250 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." Beyond radio and television, the Boston-based non-profit encourages young artists to serve as emissaries for music and give back to their communities in many ways. At every broadcast taping, performers participate in an Arts Leadership orientation and lead demonstrations for school and community groups.

In the 2010-2011 season, From the Top will continue its multi-year **Iowa Makes Music** residency program with Orchestra Iowa which combines live radio tapings with school programs, teacher resources, and an arts leadership program where high school musicians create their own music-based service projects. This year also marks a new partnership with **Louisiana State University College of Music and Dramatic Arts**, where Christopher O'Riley has been named Distinguished Visiting Artist and From the Top will tape radio shows and lead community programs over the next three years.

This season, From the Top will also 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 \$1.2 million to pre-collegiate musicians with financial need to support their musical development.

Tour dates include:

2010-2011 From the Top NPR Radio Taping Tour*

Tuesday, October 12, 2010: Davenport, Iowa
Presented by Orchestra Iowa and Quad City Symphony Orchestra as part of From the Top's Iowa Residency, Iowa Makes Music
Adler Theatre

Sunday, October 24, 2010: Boston, Massachusetts
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

Tuesday, November 2, 2010: Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Presented by LSU College of Music and Dramatic Arts
Union Theater

Tuesday, November 16, 2010: Abilene, Texas
Presented by KACU-FM
First Baptist Church

Friday, December 3, 2010: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Presented by Lehigh University
Zoellner Arts Center

Sunday, January 23, 2011: Yountville, California
Presented by the Lincoln Theater Napa Valley
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Saturday, January 29, 2011: Boston, Massachusetts
New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

Tuesday, February 8, 2011: Opelika, Alabama
Presented by the East Alabama Arts Association
Opelika Center for the Arts

Sunday, February 27, 2011: Athens, GA
Presented by the University of Georgia Performing Arts Center
Hodgson Hall

Wednesday, March 30, 2011: Cedar Falls, Iowa
Presented by Orchestra Iowa and Waterloo Cedar Falls Symphony as part of From the Top's
Iowa Residency, Iowa Makes Music
Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

Friday, April 8, 2011: Carmel, Indiana
Presented by The Palladium
The Center for the Performing Arts

Saturday, April 16, 2011: College Park, Maryland
Presented by the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland
Dekelbom Concert Hall

Thursday, April 21, 2011: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Presented by Virginia Arts Festival

Sunday, May 15, 2011: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Presented by KSCS-FM
Rose State Performing Arts Theatre

**Schedule is subject to change. Check www.fromthetop.org for updated information.*

Pre-collegiate classical musicians ages 8-18, soloists, ensembles and composers are welcome to apply to be on the show and scholarship at fromthetop.org.

More 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.

Learn more at www.fromthetop.org.