



TAKE IT BEYOND THE CONCERT HALL

with From the Top Alum
Avery Gagliano



Avery Gagliano is a 10-year-old pianist from Washington, DC. She performed on *From the Top* on show [251](#). She is a [Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist](#).

“I really enjoy making other people happy and influencing their lives in this manner. It makes me feel good to know that I made a positive impact on someone else’s life.”

BRINGING JOY TO BETHESDA’S SENIOR CITIZENS

Even at the age of 10, pianist Avery Gagliano can see the positive influence that music can have on others. This notion inspired her to visit with the residents at the Sunrise Senior Living at Fox Hill. Avery played piano and violin for the program, and was joined by her sister Aniah Lin (also a pianist!) and best friend Zoe Fang (violin) – all three are students at the Levine School Music in Washington, D.C. There were nearly 30 residents at the concert, and they loved having the chance to meet Avery and her friends.

“...many times, people in nursing homes might not have opportunities to listen and experience the passion of music. With this [event], I can share the wonders of music with others and bring happiness in to someone’s life.”



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Featuring

Avery Lin Gagliano — Piano & Violin
Jack Kent Cooke Scholar and Honors Student at the Levine School of Music

Zoe Fong — Violin
Honors Student at the Levine School of Music

Aniah Lin Gagliano — Piano
Student of Distinction at the Levine School of Music

Wednesday, August 22
3:00 pm
Sunrise at Fox Hill

All are welcome!



Q&A WITH AVERY

From the Top (FTT): Tell us what inspired you to meet with these residents?

Avery: I wanted to have the opportunity to entertain elders and to enliven their day through music. I received tremendous support from my parents, friends, the staff at Fox Hill, and the residents living there, which really made me happy.

FTT: What were some of your favorite moments?

Avery: I never thought that anyone could appreciate the music as much as they did, and it was touching to see how much they enjoyed the performance. I'll never forget watching the residents sing along while I was playing piano and violin. I'll also never forget shaking hands and talking to them, and hearing their appreciation and nice comments. All these memories created a new experience I never dreamed of, and I loved every moment. This experience helped me realize how important it was for me to perform at Fox Hill, and how happy they were to see kids creating music.

FTT: What did you learn from this experience?

Avery: Overall, I learned that music is one of the best ways to heal some of the sorrow and pain the elderly people may experience, and it was my pleasure to make up for the things people may have lost. We shared music with everyone and let them experience the true beauty of music.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AVERY?

Check out the audio and video of her performance on *From the Top*!



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