Dear friends,

Welcome to our 2015–2016 annual report.

2015–2016 was a record year for From the Top; more than three million radio listeners, audience members, and online fans enjoyed the music and stories of our young musicians.

But sometimes, we get lost in the statistics, and forget that music, in the hands of From the Top kids, is vital to our souls, our society, and our future. Especially now. Especially today.

So, in the pages that follow, we’d like you to meet four of the amazing young people we worked with in 2015–2016: Oliver, Dylan, Ayana, and Lindsay. They represent more than 200 From the Top performers of diverse backgrounds from across America. We are proud and honored to share their voices and talents with audiences of all ages.

If you have listened to our show, watched our videos, or shared our messages on social media this past year, thank you for being part of a community that believes our young musicians deserve to be heard, recognized, and supported.

If you have made a financial contribution to From the Top, thank you for making dreams come true for Oliver, Dylan, Ayana, Lindsay, and hundreds of their peers. We are humbled by your support and are putting it to good use.

Jennifer Hurley-Wales and Gerald Slavet
Co-CEOs and Executive Producers

Based in Boston, From the Top is America’s largest national platform celebrating the stories, talents, and character of classically-trained young musicians. Through live events, NPR and YouTube broadcasts, scholarships, and leadership programs, From the Top empowers these extraordinary young people to engage and inspire music lovers of all ages.
Music and stories that need to be heard...

As a global community, it’s been a very painful past few months. At times like these, I feel like music is very relevant, and I hope as you listen to this piece, it gives you a chance to reflect on the human condition, and all the good in the world.”

18-YEAR-OLD OLIVER HERBERT
12-year-old cellist Dylan Wu was seen by more than 5 million viewers in From the Top’s “Shake It Off” music video collaboration with superstar trio Time for Three, released in January 2016.

FROM THE TOP’S SEE THE MUSIC VIDEO SERIES introduces audiences to the extraordinary talents of our young musicians through online videos. By combining popular music with classical instrumentation and virtuosity, See the Music breaks down classical music stigmas and provides an entry point for millions of new fans.

I was buying an ice cream from the Mr. Softee truck in New York when I heard my name called out by two guys from across the street. At first I thought that they were strangers so I didn’t reply – but they went on to ask if I played the cello and if I was in that music video...

12-YEAR-OLD DYLAN WU

Talent that deserves to be recognized...
Leadership potential ignited...

“Seeing how the students reacted to how we love music and how we shared it – it was so empowering to know that we can make a difference in this world with music.”

17-YEAR-OLD AYANA TERAUCHI

17-year-old Ayana Terauchi was one of four From the Top alumni who traveled to elementary, middle, and high schools in Louisville, Kentucky, after a recording of NPR’s From the Top in February 2016. The young arts leaders conducted outreach workshops and performances for hundreds of students.

From the Top’s CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS LEADERS (CDAL) empowers From the Top musicians to harness their own talents and abilities to make a difference with their music. CDAL offers leadership training to all of From the Top young performers, both on the national tour and in our hometown of Boston.

The Louisville residency was generously supported by the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust.
Due to my parents’ financial challenges, I began to think I would never be able to visit any colleges. After I received the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award, I had the funds needed to visit top conservatories and pay professors for vocal lessons. I don’t think I would have been accepted to the Curtis Institute of Music if I hadn’t been on *From the Top*. It greatly boosted my confidence, and provided me with the funds to travel for live auditions.”

17-YEAR-OLD LINDSAY REYNOLDS
2015–2016 at a Glance

OVER 3000
STUDENTS & SENIORS
SERVED THROUGH ARTS OUTREACH

TWENTY
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS

500k
WEEKLY
RADIO LISTENERS

OVER 8 MILLION
SEE THE MUSIC VIDEO VIEWS

200+
YOUNG MUSICIANS
PERFORMED ON RADIO
AND VIDEO PROGRAMS

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CDAL BOSTON
ARTS LEADERS
2015-2016 FROM THE TOP SUPPORTERS

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Florida, in May 2016. Generous funding was provided by the William R. Kenan, Jr.

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*Corinne and Tim Ferguson and host Christopher O’Riley perform at From the Top’s 2016 Gala*
In 2015–2016, From the Top’s budget held steady at approximately $4,000,000 in operating expenses, with $578,047 of those expenses covered by grants received in previous years.

**FY16 FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**REVENUES:** $3,500,788  
**EXPENSES:** $4,078,835*  

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