



FROM THE TOP

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11-YEAR-OLD HENDERSON PIANIST TO APPEAR ON NPR'S FROM THE TOP AND RECEIVE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Episode airs nationally and will be available on www.fromthetop.org the week of
September 12*

From the Top, the non-profit organization best known for its NPR and PBS programs featuring America's best young classical musicians, has awarded **11-year-old pianist Victoria Young from Henderson, Nevada** a \$10,000 Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award. Victoria will appear on an upcoming episode of From the Top, **which broadcasts nationally the week of September 12 and will be available online at www.fromthetop.org**. The episode was taped before a live audience at Kirkpatrick Auditorium at Oklahoma City University on May 15, 2011.

Through the generosity of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, From the Top identifies and awards scholarships to 25 deserving young musicians each year. Chosen from a wide pool of applicants, Jack Kent Cooke Young Artists must demonstrate high levels of artistic and academic achievement. The \$10,000 award can be applied towards instrument purchases, and/or summer music camp travel expenses, tuition and fees. From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation are proud to have awarded more than \$1.4 million in scholarships to young musicians since 2005.

Victoria has been taking piano lessons with Mrs. Damaris Alvarez at the Nevada School of the Arts since age 5. She performed as a soloist with the Nevada Chamber Symphony and Las Vegas Youth Camerata Orchestra. Victoria has performed at Carnegie Hall and was selected to compete in the 2010 Tureck International Bach Competition in New York. Other passions that fill her time include drawing, painting, reading, biking, and swimming.

On the show Victoria performs movements from French Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816 by Johann Sebastian Bach. Also on the broadcast: **14-year-old violinist Randall Goosby from Barlett, Tennessee**, performing the first movement from Concerto No. 3 in G Major, KV 216 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, accompanied by host Christopher O'Riley on the piano; **16-year-old trumpet player Noah Dugan from Scottsdale, Arizona**, performing the first movement from Concerto in F Minor, Op. 18, by Oskar Böhme accompanied by Christopher O'Riley; **14-year-old cellist Anne Richardson from Louisville, Kentucky**, performing the first and fifth movements from Sonata for Solo Cello, Op. 25 No. 3 by Paul Hindemith, and the **Norman North High School Chorale from Norman, Oklahoma** performing "Water Night" by Eric Whitacre.

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.

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The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, a private and independent foundation based in Lansdowne, Virginia, was established in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education.

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