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HVERFORD CELLIST RECEIVES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP & HEARD ON NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST

BOSTON, MA--**From the Top**, the non-profit organization best known for its NPR and PBS programs featuring America's best young classical musicians, has awarded **12-year-old cellist Sangbin (Bihn) Park** from Haverford, PA with a \$10,000 Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award. He will be heard on a broadcast of *From the Top* on **WRTI 90.1 FM at 2 pm Sunday, September 27.**

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 and financial need. The \$10,000 award can be applied towards music lessons, college tuition, instrument purchases, competition fees, and other expenses relating to the young artist's musical development and education. The Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award will enable Bihn to upgrade his cello.

Bihn, originally from Seoul, South Korea, has lived in Chicago and now in Haverford with his family where he attends Welsh Valley Middle School. He is in the Center for Gifted Young Musicians at Temple University Music Prep and is currently the youngest member of the Temple Prep Youth Chamber Orchestra. Recently, Bihn was the 2008 Children's Division winner at the Philadelphia Orchestra's Albert M. Greenfield Student Competition. This past year he performed Hungarian Rhapsody with the Philadelphia Orchestra at Verizon Hall.

On the September 27 broadcast, Bihn can be heard performing Franz Joseph Haydn's Divertimento Mvt. I. *Adagio* and Mvt. III. *Allegro di molto*, accompanied and interviewed by Christopher O'Riley. The show was taped before a live audience in Omaha, NE on May 22, 2009.

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MORE ABOUT FROM THE TOP

Now celebrating its 10th Anniversary, From the Top is a non-profit organization that celebrates the passion, dedication, and personal stories of the nation's outstanding young classical musicians. Through entertaining public radio and PBS television broadcasts, online media, and a national tour of live events and outreach programs,

these performers inspire the pursuit of excellence, and encourage participation in the arts as an integral part of a vibrant and civil society. 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.

From the Top is made possible through grants from the **National Endowment for the Arts** and the **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation**. It is also supported through the generous contributions of individuals and foundations as well as public radio stations.

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

For more information about the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award, including application materials and other Award recipients, please visit www.fromthetop.org.

From the Top on NPR is produced in association with **WGBH Radio Boston** and **New England Conservatory of Music**, its home and education partner.

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