

NPR'S POPULAR RADIO SHOW "FROM THE TOP" TO FEATURE GIFTED MUSICIANS FROM TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S MUSIC PREPARATORY DIVISION



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March 15, 2007, Philadelphia, PA – When music greats such as Yo-Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin join forces with young artists who not only excel in their art, but at humorous verbal banter, it's a perfect combination for one of the top five most popular programs on National Public Radio: *From the Top*, which will feature students from **Temple University's Music Preparatory Division** when it tapes live on **Tuesday, April 10 at 8:00 p.m.** at the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**.

Temple's Music Preparatory and Enrichment Division has a national reputation for program innovation and teaching excellence. Drawing from the faculty of Temple's Boyer College of Music and Dance, one-half of whom are associated with The Philadelphia Orchestra, and members of the orchestras from Pennsylvania Ballet and Opera Company of Philadelphia, Temple Music Prep offers a wide spectrum of individual lessons and group enrichment opportunities for children and adults alike. The Center for Gifted Young Musicians, under the auspices of Temple Music Prep, is designed specifically for the training of young instrumentalists and singers who demonstrate great potential for musical achievement.

Temple Music Prep students to be featured during the taping of *From the Top* on April 10 include:

- **Julia Sheriff**, 16, from Elkins Park, and a piano student of Boyer and Music Prep faculty member Charles Abramovic, will perform the third movement of *Gargoyles*, Op. 29 by Lowell Liebermann. Miss Sheriff is last year's winner of Music Prep's Concerto Competition.
- **Fabiola Kim**, 16, from Englewood Cliffs, NJ, and a violin student of Choong-Jin Chang, Boyer and Music Prep faculty member and principal violist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, will perform Giuseppe Tartini's, *Devil's Trill*, arranged by Fritz Kreisler and accompanied by host Christopher O'Riley.
- Temple Music Prep's **Youth Chamber Orchestra**, from the Center for Gifted Young Musicians and under the baton of Maestro Luis Biava, will perform the *Chaconne for Violin, Organ and Strings* by Tomas Vitali, as orchestrated by Ottorino Respighi. Ms. Kim will be one of the soloists.
- **Peter Dugan**, 18, from Upper Darby and a piano student of Boyer faculty member Harvey Wedeen, will perform Gershwin and Piazzolla with the Gray Charitable Trust Piano Trio

From the Top, hosted by the popular Christopher O'Riley, is a weekly radio series that showcases the nation's most outstanding young classical musicians. Each one-hour program presents pre-collegiate musicians whose stunning individual performances are combined with lively interviews, unique pre-produced segments, lighthearted sketches and musical games.

This edition of *From the Top* will be an "All-Philadelphia" show, and is presented by a consortium of the Kimmel Center, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Temple's Music Preparatory Division, Settlement Music School and WRTI-FM. This collaboration is made possible through a Major, Special Projects Grant from the Presser Foundation. The program has been described by the *Chicago Tribune* as "one of the most original programs in the history of public radio," while the *Los Angeles Times* declared, "*From the Top* is making classical music wild and fun and crazy!"

The episode featuring Temple Music Prep is scheduled to air **June 9, 2007** at 12:30 pm on WRTI 90.1 FM. Tickets for *From the Top* on April 10 are \$15 and \$30 and can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center box office, open daily from 10pm to 6pm and later on performance evenings. (Additional fees may apply.)

Music Prep's Youth Chamber Orchestra returns to the Kimmel on May 7, 7:30 p.m., to perform its Gala Concert. For more information on Temple Music Prep, visit www.temple.edu/boyer.