



## Young Talent Showcases Their Art At Kimmel Center

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*(CBS 3) PHILADELPHIA* Some local teens are making beautiful music and next week they'll be center stage. They're being featured in a national radio broadcast. As CBS 3's Pat Ciarrocchi tells us, they are young and brilliant. Look in their faces and you see the teenager. Listen to their music and you hear the brilliant artist.

Ben plays the violin, Michael the cello and Peter at the piano. At barely 17, they're dedicated musicians who get a big break on Tuesday night at the Kimmel Center.

They'll perform as part of a national broadcast to air in June on a radio program called From the Top. From the Top is National Public Radio's hit radio showcase for young classical musicians. It's really rare for the program to draw all of its talent from one city. But for Philadelphia, it was a slam dunk.

The teens have some rehearsal time with Christopher O'Reily, a concert pianist himself, and the show host. "The thing that makes From the Top important is that it not only allows us to hear these kids in performance but we get to know them as people," O'Reily said.

"Playing piano is about getting what I hear and feel into something that audience can hear and feel," Peter said.

"I was five years old when I started playing the violin," Ben said.

"I used to play basketball a lot actually. I'm about 6'2," Michael said.

The boys in the trio are students at the Settlement Music School and **violinist Fabiola Kim studies at Temple's Music Prep Center for gifted young musicians and Fabiola is just 16.**

All of these young musicians are considered gifted but that does not mean they don't work at it. They practice for hours, but are really proud to say their young lives are about more than music.

From the Top will be recorded at the Kimmel Center on Tuesday evening starting at 8. You can be in the audience. Tickets are still available. Then, it will be broadcast on WRTI 90.1 on Saturday, June 9th at 12:30.