



FROM THE TOP

Show 281 | Costa Mesa, California

Recorded: Saturday, January 18, 2014

From Costa Mesa in Orange County, California, this week's show features the winning chorus of the L.A. area's "Local Vocal High School Choir Sing-Off"—a wonderful expressive group from a small California town. Also, the Principal Flutist of the Pacific Symphony (a From the Top alumnus) performs a lively flute duet with a local teenage flutist, and a 16-year-old cellist performs the Andante from Rachmaninoff's sublime Sonata in G minor.

Performers and repertoire:

Michael Jon Bennett, organ, age 15 from New York, New York. Performing Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 163, by Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707).

La Cañada High School Chamber Singers from La Cañada Flintridge, California. Performing "Under the Willow Tree" by Samuel Barber (1910–1981) and "With a Lily in Your Hand" from "The Three Flower Songs" by Eric Whitacre (b. 1970).

Anna Boonyanit, piano, age 14 from Redwood City, California. Performing II. *Chez Pétrouchka* from Trois Mouvements de Pétrouchka by Igor Stravinsky (1882–1971).

Ben Smolen, flute, From the Top alum, and **Ramakrishnan Kumaran**, flute, age 16 from Hemet, California. Performing Rondo from Andante et Rondo, Op. 25, by Franz Doppler (1821–1883), accompanied by Christopher O'Riley, piano.

Ila Shon, cello, age 16 from San Francisco, California. Performing III. *Andante* from Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano, Op. 19, by Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943), accompanied by Christopher O'Riley, piano.

Idyllwild Arts Academy Piano Trio. Performing III. *Presto* from Café Music by Paul Schoenfield (b. 1947).

Yu-Ming (Andrew) Ma, violin, age 16 from Idyllwild, California

Wei-An (Vian) Hung, cello, age 18 from Idyllwild, California

Vutithorn (In) Chinthammit, piano, age 18 from Idyllwild, California