



FROM THE TOP

Highlight Show 23 | Mostly Music

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Featuring nearly twice as much music as From the Top's regular episodes, this "Mostly Music" highlights program celebrates some of the best performances by young people From the Top has presented over the past couple of seasons. We meet a wonderfully quirky 14-year-old cellist, enjoy Mozart performed by a teenager from New York State, and we hear perhaps the strongest teenage baritone From the Top has ever encountered sing the music of Schubert.

Performers and repertoire:

14-year-old cellist **Johannes Gray** from Wilmette, Illinois, performs "Capriccio" by Lukas Foss (1922–2009), with pianist Christopher O'Riley.

17-year-old pianist **Kate Liu** from Winnetka, Illinois, performs the second movement, Presto, from Piano Sonata No. 2 by Avner Dorman (b. 1975).

15-year-old violinist **Gloria Ferry-Brennan** from Langley, Washington, performs the first movement, Allegro con fuoco, from Violin Sonata, Op. 119, by Francis Poulenc (1899–1963), with pianist Christopher O'Riley.

The **Meshugene Quartet** performs the fifth movement, Allegro, from String Quartet No. 9 in E-flat major, Op. 117, by Dmitri Shostakovich (1906–1975).

18-year-old violinist **Lisa Chertok** from Vernon Hills, Illinois

15-year-old violinist **Rachel Stenzel** from Holiday Hills, Illinois

18-year-old violist **Ariel Chapman** from Lincolnshire, Illinois

15-year-old cellist **Christopher Gao** from Long Grove, Illinois

17-year-old oboist **Nicholas Tisherman** from Katonah, New York, performs the first movement, Allegro, from Oboe Quartet in F major, K. 370, by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, with pianist Christopher O'Riley.

17-year-old baritone **Aaron Bigeleisen** from Pittsford, New York, performs "Kriegers Ahnung" from *Schwanengesang*, D 957, by Franz Schubert (1797–1828), with pianist Christopher O'Riley.

Quartet Tzigane performs the fourth movement, *Allegro molto*, from *Piano Quartet in D minor* by William Walton (1902–1983).

15-year-old violinist **Graydon Tope** from Minneapolis, Minnesota

15-year-old violist **Sloane Wesloh** from Stillwater, Minnesota

13-year-old cellist **Parker Tope** from Minneapolis, Minnesota

13-year-old pianist **Evren Ozel** from Minneapolis, Minnesota

The **Boston Children's Chorus**, ages 13–18, from Boston, Massachusetts, performs “Alleluia” by Randall Thompson (1899–1984), directed by Anthony Trecek-King.