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16-YEAR-OLD PORT MATILDA VIOLINIST TO APPEAR ON NPR's FROM THE TOP

Episode airs on www.fromthetop.org the week of September 20, 2010

16-year-old violinist Elaine Kang from Port Matilda, Pennsylvania, will appear on an upcoming episode of *From the Top* the hit NPR radio program featuring America's best young classical musicians and hosted by acclaimed pianist **Christopher O'Riley**. Broadcast from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the show will air nationally the week of September 20 and will air **online at www.fromthetop.org**. The episode was taped before a live audience at Gettysburg's Majestic Theatre on June 18.

Elaine is a junior at State College Area High School. She studies with James Lyon at Pennsylvania State School of Music and has participated in the Bowdoin International Music Festival and the Strings International Music Festival. In 2009 she won the Senior Strings Division of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Performance Competition. Besides music, Elaine loves figure skating, traveling, trying new foods, and skiing.

On the show Elaine performs *Carmen Fantasy* by Pablo de Sarasate, accompanied by Christopher O'Riley. Also included on the broadcast are **18-year-old tuba player Sodienye Finebone from Smyrna, Georgia**, performing the third movement from Edward Gregson's Concerto for Tuba accompanied by Christopher O'Riley, **14-year-old pianist Hyung-Do Kim from Palisades Park, New Jersey**, performing Six Grandes Études de Paganini from Franz Liszt's No. 3 *La Campanella*, **13-year-old cellist Kathryn Westerlund from Lebanon, Pennsylvania**, performing second movement of Shostakovich's Sonata in D Minor, Op. 40, accompanied by Christopher O'Riley, and three members from the Illinois-based **Emerald Quartet**, comprised of **violinist Clayton Penrose-Whitmore, 17, from Evanston**, **violinist Ethan Hoppe, 18, from Chicago**, and **cellist Alexander Hersh, 16, from Chicago**, performing the fourth movement from Béla Bartók's String Quartet No. 4.

For the past decade, From the Top has been the preeminent showcase for America's best young musicians. Through award-winning NPR and PBS programs, online media, a national tour of live events, and education programs, From the Top shares the stories and performances of pre-collegiate musicians with millions each week.

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