



FROM THE TOP

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NINTH GRADER FROM CHARLTON MASS. WINS FROM THE TOP'S JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST AWARD & TO PERFORM ON NPR BROADCAST

Airing on WFCR/New England Public Radio – January 6 at 3PM

15-year-old violinist Ethan Fisher-Chaves from Charlton, Massachusetts has won From the Top's Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award, a national scholarship of up to \$10,000 for extraordinary young musicians, **and will appear on an upcoming broadcast of NPR's From the Top, airing January 6 at 3 PM on New England Public Radio/WFCR** and by podcast at fromthetop.org beginning December 31. The broadcast features performances and interviews with outstanding young musicians and was taped before a live audience at the **University of Connecticut's Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts** on November 17 with **Guest Host Molly Yeh (Food Network's *Girl Meets Farm*) and Co-Host pianist Peter Dugan.**

Ethan is one of only twenty young musicians to receive From the Top's Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award in the 2018–2019 season. The Young Artist Award helps young musicians with the high costs of studying classical music. Recipients must demonstrate exceptional musical ability, quality of character, and financial need. Since 2005, From the Top and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation have awarded more than \$2.4 million in scholarships to young musicians from across the United States.

Ethan is a ninth grade student from Charlton, Massachusetts. He is a student at Juilliard's Pre-College division studying violin with Joel Smirnoff and Naoko Tanaka, as well as composition with Eric Ewazen. Ethan has participated and placed in many competitions, most recently he was a finalist in ASCAP's Morton Gould Young Composers Awards, MTNA's Junior Composer Awards and won first prize at the American Protégé Concerto Competition. Since his first year of playing violin, Ethan has been a member of the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. He has been a concertmaster of the senior orchestra for the past three years, is a scholarship recipient, member of their honors chamber music program, was awarded the George Keches Award in 2018, and toured to Bachfest in Leipzig, Germany. In his spare time, Ethan brings music to retirement homes and raises money for community members in need. He likes to study cognitive linguistics, genealogy, and fencing.

On the From the Top broadcast, Ethan performs Sonatensatz in C Minor by Johannes Brahms, with Peter Dugan, piano.

More details on this episode of From the Top can be found online: <https://www.fromthetop.org/show/nprs-from-the-top-storrs-ct-show-362/>.

About From the Top

Based in Boston, From the Top is an independent non-profit organization that supports, develops, and shares the artistic voices and stories of young classically-trained musicians. Its national platform and leadership programs amplify the hope, passion, and discipline of today's extraordinary young musicians.

From the Top provides young musicians with live performance opportunities in premier concert venues across the country; national exposure to over a half million listeners on its weekly NPR show; leadership and community engagement preparation; and nearly \$3 million in scholarships since 2005.

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