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***From the Top* Continues to Make Beautiful Music on WNPR
Thanks to a Grant Renewal from the Richard P. Garmany
Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
—*From the Top* Airs Sundays at 10 p.m. on WNPR—**

HARTFORD, Conn. (Feb. 23, 2015) – WNPR/Connecticut Public Radio is pleased to announce that the Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has renewed its sponsorship of the NPR music program *From the Top*. Hosted by acclaimed pianist Christopher O’Riley, *From the Top* provides a unique showcase for young classical musicians, and will continue to air Sundays at 10 p.m. on WNPR.

From the Top – which recently recorded its 300th episode – is the most popular weekly one-hour classical music program on public radio. It celebrates the stories, talents and character of America’s best pre-collegiate classically-trained musicians. Each hour-long episode presents five or six high-caliber performances from these young talents (who range in age from 8 to 18), along with interviews, sketches and games with the young performers.

From the Top has also featured collaborations with prominent figures in classical music, including Yo-Yo Ma, Hilary Hahn, Bobby McFerrin, Midori and Béla Fleck, who have all performed alongside young musicians showcased on the program.

Filmed before live audiences in concert halls across the country, *From the Top* aims to inspire listeners and help build new audiences and an increased appreciation for classical music.

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“We at WNPR are thrilled that we will be able to continue our weekly broadcasts of the long-running series *From the Top*,” said WNPR News Director John Dankosky. “*From the Top* is a program our WNPR listeners have come to rely on us for. It features wonderful classical music performances, of course, but it’s also a joyful celebration of artistic expression, and of the power of art to bring generations together.”

For more information on *From the Top*, visit WNPR.org.

About WNPR

WNPR is an affiliate of National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media. As part of the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network (CPBN), WNPR serves 276,000 listeners weekly in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island with news and information. WNPR has also been the recipient of many esteemed awards, including two George Foster Peabody Awards, five Ohio State Awards, two Gracie Allen Awards and over 60 Associated Press Awards, including eight Mark Twain Awards for Overall Station Excellence. WNPR’s award-winning local programming lineup includes *Where We Live*, *The Colin McEnroe Show* and *The Faith Middleton Show*. Overall, the network brings a broad spectrum of public affairs, entertainment, sports and educational programming to viewers, listeners and readers. CPBN also includes CPTV, a media service that is a locally and nationally recognized producer and presenter of quality public television programming, including original documentaries and educational programming. CPTV offers 11.5 hours of positive, nurturing children’s programs each weekday, reaching 450,000 households each week. CPBN also includes two affiliate channels: CPTV4U, a 24/7 television channel featuring award-winning drama, news and talk programming, concert performances, independent films, nature shows, British comedy and more; and CPTV Sports, Connecticut’s only 24-hour local sports network, covering statewide high school, college, semi-professional and professional sports. CPBN also houses the Learning Lab, home to the Journalism & Media Academy Magnet School satellite campus and the Institute for Advanced Media, which includes the Veterans Vocational Training Program. For more information, visit WNPR.org.