The use of cameras or recording equipment during the performance is not allowed. Please be sure that cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices are turned off.

Please note that late entry or reentry of the East Building after 6:30 pm is not permitted.

For the convenience of concertgoers, the Garden Café remains open for light refreshments until 6:00 pm on Sundays.

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From the Top with Host Christopher O’Riley
Presented in collaboration with Washington Performing Arts Society

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October 16, 2011
Sunday, 6:30 pm
East Building Auditorium

Admission free
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This concert will air nationally as an episode of “From the Top with Host Christopher O’Riley” during the week of December 12–17, 2011, and on WETA 90.9 FM on Sunday, December 18, 2011, at 6:00 pm.

The “From the Top” radio program is distributed by National Public Radio and produced in association with WGBH Radio Boston and the New England Conservatory of Music, its home and educational partner, with support from U.S. Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, and the generous contributions of foundations and individuals.

Program

Performed without intermission; program and repertoire subject to change.

Manuel de Falla (1876–1946), arr. Kreisler
From La Vida breve
   Danse espagnole
Jeshua Karunakaran, violinist
Christopher O’Riley, pianist

David Popper (1843–1913)
Hungarian Rhapsody
Noah Lee, cellist
Christopher O’Riley, pianist

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)
Prelude no. 8, Un reflet dans le vent
Dong Won Lee, pianist

Paule Maurice (1910–1967)
From Tableaux de Provence
   11. Chanson pour Ma Mie
   v. Lou Cabridan
Steven Banks, saxophonist
Christopher O’Riley, pianist

Astor Piazzolla (1921–1992)
From The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires
   Primavera porteña
The Cleveland Institute of Music Piano Trio
Haruno Sato, violinist
Hannah Moses, cellist
Arianna Körting, pianist
The Performers

JESHUA KARUNAKARAN
A resident of Reston, Virginia, seventeen-year-old violinist Jeshua Karunakaran studies violin with Lewis Kaplan at the Juilliard Pre-College Division in New York City. He’s a member of the Juilliard Pre-College chamber ensemble, orchestra, and high school chorus. Jeshua is a past winner of the Washington Performing Arts Society’s Feder String Competition. When he’s not playing music, he loves to read, write poetry, and spend time in nature.

NOAH LEE
Eleven-year-old cellist Noah Lee hails from Oakland, New Jersey, and attends Heights Elementary School. He studies the cello with Clara Kim at the Juilliard Pre-College Division. Noah is a member of the Juilliard String Ensemble and has taken master classes with Steven Isserlis and Fred Sherry. Outside of music he loves reading, judo, and playing basketball and video games.

DONG WON LEE
A student at Interlake High School in Redmond, Washington, seventeen-year-old pianist Dong Won Lee is a recipient of “From the Top’s” Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award. Dong Won participated in a master class with David Breitman at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and currently studies the piano with Victoria Bogdashevskaya. In his free time he loves to read novels and write in his journal.

STEVEN BANKS
Eighteen-year-old saxophonist Steven Banks’ hometown is Clemmons, North Carolina. He attends the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA), where he is a member of the UNCSA wind and jazz ensembles, and first chair of the saxophone quartet. Steven has taken master classes with Joseph Lulloff and Christopher Creviston. He is a long-time boy scout, earning his Eagle award in May 2009.

THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC PIANO TRIO
Consisting of sixteen-year-old violinist Haruno Sato, sixteen-year-old cellist Hannah Moses, and seventeen-year-old pianist Arianna Korting, the Cleveland Institute of Music Piano Trio is coached by Annie Fullard of the Cavani String Quartet. The players hail from Shaker Heights, Stow, and Gates Mills, all in Ohio.

CHRISTOPHER O’RILEY
Media host and pianist Christopher O’Riley has redefined the possibilities of classical and contemporary music through innovative programming. In addition to hosting “From the Top’s” radio and television programs and appearing with classical orchestras and at music festivals around the world, O’Riley is also an interpreter of some of the most important contemporary popular music of our time. Living by the Duke Ellington adage, “there are only two kinds of music, good music and bad,” O’Riley has performed two-piano arrangements of Astor Piazzolla’s tangos with Argentine pianist Pablo Ziegler and collaborated with choreographer Martha Clarke in a work that sets the staged stories of Anton Chekhov to the piano works of Alexander Scriabin. He has recorded two discs of his own re-imaginings of Radiohead songs and songs of Nick Drake as well as a tribute to Elliot Smith, in which he delves into the deeply emotional and complex work of the troubled singer/songwriter who died prematurely in 2003. His most recent recording—Out of My Hands, released in 2009—draws on the work of Tori Amos, Cocteau Twins, Nirvana, Pink Floyd, Portishead, Radiohead, REM, and The Smiths. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, O’Riley is a recipient of top prizes and awards from the Van Cliburn Competition and the Avery Fisher Artist Program.

JOANNE ROBINSON
Bringing to “From the Top” a broad arts and communications background, announcer Joanne Robinson has performed and toured with several children’s theater companies and worked on production teams of two children’s television programs. In addition to being “From the Top’s” announcer, she serves as its senior designer. She maintains a blog at www.fromthetop.org.
WASHINGTON PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY

Since its founding in 1965, Washington Performing Arts Society has enriched the lives of nearly four million children and adults by bringing internationally acclaimed performers to Washington-area concert stages and presenting programs in schools, community centers, theaters, and outdoor venues. The organization also commissions new works for music and dance and forms partnerships with local artists, arts organizations, community agencies, schools, embassies, and universities to develop and present innovative artistic and educational programs. These programs include opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors to perform in public, including WPAS Summer Performing Arts Academy; the Capitol Jazz Project; and WPAS Men, Women, and Children of the Gospel Choir, which recently performed at the National Gallery of Art.

The Joseph and Goldie Feder Memorial String Competition, one of the organization’s major efforts on behalf of young student musicians, was established in 1971 by Mrs. Goldie Feder in honor of her late husband. Now in its fortieth year, the competition continues to help develop confidence and focus for young musicians while maintaining the vitality of the arts in metropolitan District of Columbia area schools. The competition is open to youth in grades six through twelve who study violin, viola, cello, and double bass. They compete for prizes that include free private lessons, cash awards, summer tuition scholarships, performance opportunities, and tickets for their families to WPAS concerts.

FROM THE TOP

When “From the Top’s” founders proposed a radio series that would celebrate the amazing performances and personal stories of the nation’s top precollegiate classical musicians, some were skeptical of its appeal. Yet, when “From the Top with Host Christopher O’Riley” debuted in 2000, it became the fastest growing weekly classical music program in public radio history. Today, the Boston-based non-profit organization reaches millions each week through its popular NPR radio show, Emmy Award winning PBS television series, national tour, online media, and youth development and community engagement programs. In the past decade, “From the Top’s” broadcasts have highlighted approximately two thousand young musicians taped in America’s premier concert halls, and featured prominent guest artists such as Joshua Bell, Yo-Yo Ma, Hilary Hahn, Sir James Galway, Jake Shimabukuro, and Michael Feinstein. In 2009 Telarc Records released From the Top at the Pops, which showcases some of “From the Top’s” brightest performers in performance with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra.

Over the past six years, “From the Top’s” partnership with the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has provided more than $1.4 million in scholarships to pre-collegiate musicians with financial need. At every broadcast taping, “From the Top’s” Arts Leadership Orientation teaches young artists how to give back to their communities through music, connect with new audiences, and advocate for the importance of the arts. In 2011, “From the Top” launched its Center for the Development of Arts Leaders in Boston, a new program to empower young musicians towards action and service in their communities.

More information about “From the Top” is available at www.fromthetop.org.
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Hanson-Kong Piano Duo

Music by Franz Liszt for two pianos four hands

October 23, 2011
Sunday, 6:30 pm
West Building, West Garden Court

Genova and Dimitrov Piano Duo

Music by Liszt and other composers for two pianos four hands

October 30, 2011
Sunday, 6:30 pm
West Building, West Garden Court