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## **Local Teen to Be Featured on NPR for Percussion Prowess**



**Palm Beach, Fla. (Sept. 1, 2017)** — Local teen Griffin Miller, 16, has been selected by NPR to be a featured musician on the program "From the Top" for his skills on the marimba, a percussion instrument.

Miller is a junior at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach, Florida.

On the program, hosted by Christopher O'Riley, Miller will tell his personal story and perform the piece "Scirocco" by Michael Burritt on the marimba.

It will be broadcast on Nov. 27, 2017, nationwide and locally on stations WLRN 91.3 FM in Miami and WQCS 88.9 FM.

“‘From the Top’ is an incredible opportunity for me to share my love for classical music. It gives me a unique opportunity to perform live and then continue to reach audiences through future radio broadcasts and podcasts.”

Miller started listening to classical music at three years old when he began memorizing major movements of classical pieces of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart from the Baby Einstein videos.

“The principal at my preschool recommended that I take piano lessons and I have been playing music ever since. I have always just connected with classical music, and I hope my performances inspire music lovers of all ages,” says Miller.

The "From the Top" program will be recorded on Sept. 10 in Reno, Nev., where Miller will also participate in a school outreach program at Depoali Middle School. There, he will share his story and love for music, with the goal of inspiring students who are embarking on their own musical journeys.

To see video of Miller on the marimba, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK5kYVCTZyoL1UiTyVjI1Sg>

Follow Miller at [@morethanadrummer](#) on Instagram.

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#### About Griffin Miller

Miller is a member of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Philharmonic Orchestra and the Wind Ensemble. He is a member of the Tanglewood Youth Orchestra and has won numerous awards, including the 2017 National YoungArts Foundation Merit Award in Percussion and the 2017 New World Symphony Side by Side Competition Award in Percussion. When he is not practicing, Miller enjoys cooking with his friends. He also plays timpani, snare drums, and the piano.

#### About "From the Top"

NPR's "From the Top" is broadcast weekly on nearly 250 public radio stations across the country to an audience of over 700,000 listeners. The show goes on the road to feature extraordinary young musicians across the U.S. Learn more at [www.fromthetop.org](http://www.fromthetop.org).