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National radio program to do live taping at Texas State University

May 22, 2013 (AUSTIN, Texas) – [KMFA 89.5](#) is a proud media sponsor of a live taping of “[From the Top](#),” a [National Public Radio](#) weekly program celebrating extraordinary young musicians, at the fourth-annual [Texas State International Piano Festival](#) on June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The event will take place in Evans Auditorium at [Texas State University](#) with participants from the Young Artist Division being many of the artists featured in the live performance.

“We are proud and excited to host the famed NPR show ‘From the Top’ as part of the Texas State International Piano Festival,” said Jason Kwak, an associate professor of piano at Texas State and an organizer of the event. “Further, we are equally proud to feature many of the talented students from the festival as artists on the show.”

Ann Wilson, president and general manager of KMFA 89.5, is excited about the Texas State music program receiving national attention.

“The national exposure is fantastic for Texas State, whose music program is an incredible resource for our region,” said Wilson.

[Christopher O’Riley](#), host of “From the Top,” will be leading the event. O’Riley is an acclaimed pianist who has appeared with top orchestras and festivals around the world and is an interpreter of some of the most important contemporary popular music of our time.

“From the Top” is one of the most popular classical music programs on radio and is broadcast on 250 stations nationwide to an audience of more than 700,000 listeners. Over the course of 13 years on air, the program has featured both up and coming young musicians and guest artists including Joshua Bell, Yo Yo Ma, Hilary Hahn, Bobby McFerrin, Sir James Galway and more. “From the Top” airs on KMFA 89.5 every Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The Texas State taping will air on September 7 and September 8.

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“Many of our listeners tell us ‘From the Top’ is an absolute favorite, so we’re thrilled that Central Texans will have a chance to experience this live taping,” said Wilson.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for general admission and \$35 for reserved seating. Students from any institution can get discounted tickets for \$15. All tickets are available for purchase online only through the [Texas State International Piano Festival website](#) and will be picked up prior to the performance at Will Call in the Evans Auditorium lobby.

The event is presented by Texas State University and sponsored by the [School of Music](#) in association with the Texas State International Piano Festival.

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