

**Bravo! Vail Music Festival to bring Popular NPR Show
From the Top with Host Christopher O’Riley to Vilar Performing Arts Center
Live Recording to Feature the National Repertory Orchestra, in residence in
Breckenridge, Colorado.**

Vail, CO (July 3, 2015): *From the Top*, the preeminent showcase for young musicians heard weekly on Colorado Public Radio comes to Vilar Performing Arts Center on Thursday, July 9 at 6:00 PM. This special live radio recording event will celebrate the relationship between Bravo! Vail Music Festival and the National Repertory Orchestra with a special performance of Poulenc’s Concerto for Two Pianos featuring Bravo! Vail Artistic Director Anne-Marie McDermott and *From the Top* Host Christopher O’Riley along with the orchestra of young musicians.

This recording of the popular NPR program hosted by acclaimed pianist Christopher O’Riley will feature amazing performances and captivating personal stories of extraordinary young musicians from across the country, including the National Repertory Orchestra, a preeminent intensive fellowship that equips young musicians for orchestral music careers. *From the Top* alum, horn player Shelby Nugent, a member of the National Repertory Orchestra, will also perform as a soloist. Three young soloists who are studying at the Aspen Summer Music Festival and School will also perform: 16-year-old pianist Youlan Ji from New York City; 17-year-old violinist Mira Yamamoto from Seattle, Washington; and 17-year-old cellist Lisa Strauss from Paris, France.

For tickets and information, visit Bravovail.org.

About From the Top

From the Top is America’s premier national platform celebrating the stories, talents, and character of classically-trained young musicians. Operating from Boston’s vibrant music district, *From the Top* produces nationwide media programs (like NPR’s *From the Top Live with Christopher O’Riley*), presents inspiring live performances in Boston and around the country, offers scholarships, and helps America’s talented, hard-working, and dedicated young musicians inspire music lovers of all ages.

Broadcast on over 220 stations nationwide to an audience of nearly 700,000 listeners, NPR’s *From the Top with Host Christopher O’Riley* has been described by the *Boston Globe* as, "an entertaining, accessible, and inspirational mix of outstanding musical performances, informal interviews, skits, and games, the show is a celebration of extraordinary musicians who happen to be teenagers leading fairly normal lives." *From the Top*’s PBS television series *From the Top at Carnegie Hall* (2007–2009) won two daytime Emmy awards, and *From the Top*’s YouTube channel offers videos and behind-the-scenes insights.

About Bravo! Vail Music Festival

Hailed as one of the Top 10 “Can’t Miss” Classical Music Festivals in the US by NPR (npr.com), Bravo! Vail brings world-renowned musicians to picturesque venues throughout Eagle County, Colorado, for six weeks each year, drawing music lovers from around the world. The only festival in North America to host three of the world’s finest orchestras in a single season, Bravo! Vail celebrates its 28th season July 1 through August 6, 2015. The 2015 season features residencies by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia

Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic, with celebrated concerto artists plus a wide array of stellar chamber music performances. For more information about Bravo! Vail visit bravovail.org or call 970.827.5700.

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