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Pint-size percussion prodigy wins prestigious talent prize


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His parents say Julian Pavone, 4, had a penchant for rhythm while still in the womb, kicking along to the sound of drums his father would play against his wife's stomach.

Now this pint-size percussionist has been dubbed a prodigy, and yesterday he accepted a child talent award at the Burlington Marriott, where hundreds of kids and parents gathered to see the kids show their stuff.

Julian's dad couldn't be prouder. "I would practice with him on my lap, and he would reach for the drumsticks at 3 months," said Bernadino Pavone. "By 6 months he was playing in a highchair, and by 20 months he played more advanced time measures than I play."

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Little Julian dazzled onlookers with his rhythmic flair at yesterday's event, where he took home a "Gold Ribby" trophy from car mogul and musician Ernie Boch Jr. At home in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., he practices on a 22-piece drum set adorned with 17 cymbals. His mother, a vascular surgeon, and his father say music makes the wunderkind - who also plays bass guitar and keyboards - happy.

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RHYTHM PRINCE: Four-year-old Julian Pavone, with the president of contest sponsor Wonderworldtv.com and Ernie Boch Jr., gets ready yesterday to play the awards show.

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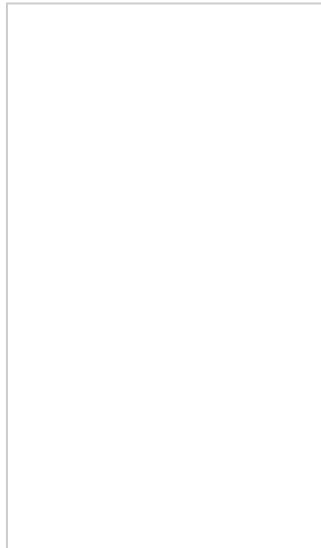


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