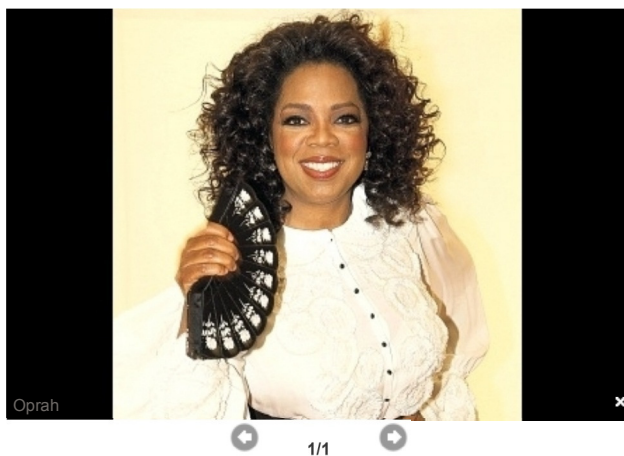


Oprah Winfrey expanding her role at OWN channel

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP, Michigan (AP) — Guinness World Records has recognised a US boy as the youngest professional drummer.



Julian Pavone was certified as of March 21, 2010, when he was five years 10 months and three days old, Guinness announced Tuesday.

The rules for London-based Guinness say a drummer must play on at least one commercial record and be paid for the work. The drummer also must have given at least 20 concerts of 45 minutes or longer within five years.

Julian is seven and lives outside Detroit.

His drummer-father, Bernie Pavone, said Julian's percussion background dates back before birth.

"I used to play music on my wife's stomach all the time when she was pregnant with Julian," Guinness quoted the father as saying.

Julian has appeared on about 150 television and news shows, including The Oprah Winfrey Show, Good Morning America, Martha Stewart, The Maury Show, FOX News Dayside and Inside Edition.

The previous record holder was Tiger Onitsuka of Japan, who was recognised at age nine years, nine months.