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## Guinness: Michigan boy world youngest pro drummer

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

Julian Pavone was certified as of March 21, 2010, when he was 5 years, 10 months and 3 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 7 and lives in Macomb County's Macomb Township, about 25 miles north-northeast of 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 Taiga "Tiger" Onitsuka of Kyoto, Japan, a jazz drummer who was recognized at age 9 years, 9 months.

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