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The Young Icons Episode #1106

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Participants: April Cho – Singer

Aishwaraya Venkataraman – Violist

Michael Soleimani – Writer/Singer/Producer

Lauren and Colleen Kang – Piano Players

General Synopsis for Episode #1106

In this *Music to Your Ears* episode, each guest shares their personal stories of what motivated them to take on their passion and/or focus to achieve their goals. April Cho has a gift and passion for singing and is a strong student in school. Her choir teacher at Marlborough High School shares that she can sing several styles of music and understands and presents music with emotional content. She uses this talent to give back to others. April performed with music icon Lena Maria to raise money for handicap children. Recording Artist Aishu developed a passion for the violin at the age two. She has recorded two CD's and describes her style of music as South India with an attitude. Her goal is to promote South India music to let people know what the music entails. Music has been Michael Soleimani's outlet. He started Soulmoney Records at the age of 15. He wants his music to inspire others and is willing to help people saying, "If you have talent you will make it." Accomplished piano playing sisters Lauren and Colleen Kang want to help others through music. They donate awards and scholarship money to charities and tutor in piano to help underprivileged kids get opportunities in music. The success of the girls comes through hard work, dedication and the love of playing the piano.

Observation and Conclusion

In episode #1106, young adults are introduced to talented and motivated musical icons that share their journey to pursue their goals and passion. This episode of <u>The Young Icons</u> delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely.

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