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Toddler keeps time on the drum

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich., March 8 (UPI) -- A 21-month-old boy in the Detroit suburbs attracting notice for his ability as a drummer.

Julian Pavone practices up to two hours a day, although not in one continuous stretch, the Detroit Free Press reports. He may be the only drummer in the country who sits in a high chair and sucks on a pacifier while he plays.

His father, Bernie, told the newspaper he noticed that Julian liked the drums when the boy was 3 months old. He was holding the baby on his lap while he played and Julian grabbed the drumsticks and rapped out a few bars.

Julian played during the fourth-quarter break for the Cleveland Cavaliers a few weeks ago and did a live broadcast from his family's house on Detroit's WDIV-TV. He also has the modern badge of celebrity, his own Web site, littledrummerbaby.com.

Jazz bassist Ralphe Armstrong of Detroit told the newspaper he was a doubter when his old friend Bernie Pavone called and told him about Julian. But Armstrong is now convinced that, at less than 2 years of age, Julian is a genius.

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