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## Meet Julian Pavone, the world's youngest drummer

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**Julian Pavone knows how to play actual drumrolls and syncopated beats, playing along with music and a metronome. So what's new, you wonder. Well, Julian Pavone is only 21 months old! Next month Julian's first CD will be released.**

Julian Pavone is probably on his way to becoming the most famous kid under two playing the drums.

He plays sometimes two hours a day.

Headphones protect his tiny ears from the crashing and clanging.

His father, Bernardino Pavone, is also a drummer and says most of his son's music lessons came from sitting in his dad's lap while he played.

William Winfield III, drum coordinator for the Cleveland Cavaliers and founder of the United Drumline, a nonprofit organization that helps youth learn drum basics, says about the child prodigy:

"I was totally floored. He knows drum rolls and other techniques that take teenage drummers six months to learn. You don't just pick up the sticks and do it. Currently Julian is playing with the skills that he has in different tempos. He's consistent with a couple of beats. After five minutes, it's time for milk."

Julian can't say the word drum. When he wants to play, he trills his tongue.

Ralphe Armstrong, a legendary jazz bassist who has played with famous artists such as Aretha Franklin, Carlos Santana, Frank Zappa, and BB King, jams with Julian Pavone sometimes. He calls Julian "an old soul". Adds the bassist:

"It's spooky, the kid's a genius. When I play with him, I feel he is the reincarnation of a Buddy Rich or Tony Williams, with whom I played. And he has phrasing, mathematical phrasing. It seems the harder the arrangements, the better he plays."

Aptly titled "Go Baby", Julian's upcoming CD will be released on the Peacock Records label. Armstrong, Winfield and guitarist Dante Falgiani are playing along with the little baby drummer. The CD was recorded at the Glass House Studio in Ferndale, Michigan and was co-produced by John Falgiani, Jr.

Watch Julian Pavone and Ralphe Armstrong jam together on [this video](#).

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