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BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Although he's not yet 3 years old, Julian Pavone will receive a 2007 Rock and Roll Lifetime Achievement Award for his natural talent of jamming on the drums.

The curly-haired tot with a dimpled smile will be recognized at noon Friday at the Hard Rock Cafe in Cleveland.

"It's shocking," said his dad, Bernardino Pavone, of Bloomfield Hills. "The recognition just keeps growing, like Julian's abilities."

The award is from NBC affiliate Channel 3's Good Company hosts, Andrea Vecchio and Michael Cardamone, and Trapper Jack, Cleveland radio host of WDOK-FM (102.1).

Vecchio saw a gem when Trapper Jack brought Julian to perform on the weekday variety show.

"He was obviously a child prodigy and a doll to look at," she said.

"He has a God-given talent at such a young age, and we look forward to seeing what he can do when he gets older."

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Trapper Jack said it's amazing Julian has accomplished so much at such a young age.

Footage from the award ceremony will be added to Julian's latest endeavor, a reality television show called "Finding Julian's Band."

At about 3 feet tall, Julian is barely visible behind his full set of drums and cymbals.

Standing and stomping on the bass drum pedal with his tiny foot, he can execute triplets, turnarounds, drum rolls and double kicks.

He loves pounding out improvisational jazz fusion with legendary bassist Ralphe Armstrong.

Armstrong, who will host the show, recently recorded an album, "Go Baby," with Julian.

Bernadino Pavone, a drummer since the second grade, discovered his then-3-monthold son's natural talent when he was practicing.

Since then, the child has been featured on "Martha Stewart," "Good Morning America" and "Inside Edition."

He's performed on numerous radio stations, for the NBA's Detroit Pistons and Cleveland Cavaliers, and at a party for the Chicago Cubs.

Julian inspired a series of children's books and a cartoon, launched his own clothing line, has pending offers for a small part in a movie and local commercials, and has received media coverage from around the world.

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