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How to get to Sesame Street

You've read about 13-year-old Rocco Fiorentino on the pages of *SJ Magazine* before, including last year when we named Rocco a Kid to Watch. Guess where you can watch Rocco now – on PBS' *Sesame Street*! You may remember Rocco, who lives in Voorhees, is a blind jazz performer and humanitarian.

On the show, Rocco meets Telly Monster and Elmo, who is surprised when Telly has to describe Elmo's appearance to Rocco. After Rocco explains he is blind and can't see him, Elmo initially feels sorry for Rocco, but Elmo puts him at ease immediately saying **"It's just natural for me."** Elmo invites his other *Sesame Street* friends to meet Rocco and they all gather on the famous *Sesame Street* steps where Rocco sings a jazz version of "Everybody's Song." Big Bird, Cookie Monster, Abby Cadabby, Zoe, Maria and Gordon are among the cast who join Rocco in song.

"I like people to know that even though I'm blind, I can still do many things I love – like singing, playing piano, drums and the saxophone. Everyone was so nice at *Sesame Street*. Elmo made me laugh the whole time."