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Young Blind Voorhees Entertainer Goes to "Sesame Street"

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A blind Voorhees, New Jersey boy is appearing on a popular pre-schooler's television program this week where he will explain that his visual impediment isn't a handicap at all.

Thirteen-year-old Rocco Fiorentino has been blind since his premature birth, but has not let his inability to see the world around him impede his enjoyment in life.

Fiorentino sings and plays piano, drums and the sax and is an active student at Voorhees Middle School.

His advocacy on behalf of causes for the blind at such a young age has earned him state and national recognition and now an appearance on "Sesame Street."

"The very cool part about it is the message gets across to children across many countries that, you know, being blind is okay and natural and it's nothing to be ashamed of."

Fiorentino's "Sesame Street" episode airs on Friday on public television stations across the country.

See Rocco's "Sesame Street" appearance on Youtube

