



Wednesday's Child
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Here's a question for all of you who watch Wednesday's Child regularly ...have you ever noticed what wonderful and talented kids we have? All kids have talents; some kids are naturals while some may need additional nurturing to bring their talents out. But one thing all children share in common is their need for the unconditional love and support of a permanent family to truly flourish in life.

In this Wednesday's Child story, we discover that Ricky is a natural born musician. Ricky already plays music and is in the school orchestra, specializing in percussion instruments. So as part of his Wednesday's Child shoot, Ricky went one-on-one, center stage with drummer Matt Frenette of the 80s band Loverboy at the world famous House of Blues.



Many new musicians start out at a venue like this and most come back here to play for their fans because they remember where they came from. Ricky has a knack for percussions but he's never played a full drum set before. First off, Ricky watched Matt Frenette play to their hit song "Working for the Weekend" – visually studying a pro at his craft. Later, it was a one-on-one lesson with this music legend for our upcoming superstar.



Focus, coordination and a feel for music is what shined through on Ricky. He didn't need the spot light to show that he was shining and was the star that afternoon. With a love of music, Ricky was a natural on the drums. He's incredibly bright and because of his intelligence, he needs to be challenged more than the average kid. He does well in school and hopes to be a computer programmer when he grows up.

Ricky's not ruling out music as a career, especially after meeting a famous musician. What Ricky absolutely needs and wants at this stage in his life is a family that will be his biggest fans and a place that he can come back to -- even as an adult -- and call home.



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