

First, go for it! Alanna says she really didn't expect to land a part when she auditioned at age six for a community theater production of "Annie," but she tried out just for practice and was cast as orphan Molly.

From there the career of this 10-year-old triple threat has soared. (It probably didn't hurt that mom put her in dance lessons at the ripe old age of two—something Palombo took to instantly).

Second, believe in yourself! Pianist, composer and singer Rocco Fiorentino, a 13-year old "musician and humanitarian" who makes his film debut in "Standing Ovation," praises the film's "message of hope and inspiration."

Fiorentino, who is blind due to premature birth, says the film mirrors his "really positive outlook on life." His



Rocco Fiorentino is a musician and advocate

message to young movie-goers? "Do what you want to do," urges Rocco. "And never give up on your dreams."

Parents often say these sorts of things to their children, but teens too often meet them with rolling eyes and sighs of disgust. Picture taking your tweens to a movie that might actually help them get the picture.



The importance of family and friendship. The value of hard work and integrity. It's all here-shining through in "20 original songs, 5 classic tunes and 13 spectacular dance numbers that feature over 100 talented dancers."