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She may be small for her age, but Kimberly Moffit has enjoyed monumental success the last three weeks.

Last Wednesday, the Eden Mills resident was one of four contestants in the Junior (12-and-under) Division of the Rising Star Youth Talent contest to reach the finals that were held on Saturday at the Canadian National Exhibition.

"It's really fun and a good experience," said the 11-year-old on vocal performance in semi-final competition the previous night in front of 100 onlookers.

"This contest is important to me and I'll never forget it."

her early years, never expected to advance so far in the contest, which began with 1,000 youngsters and quickly dwindled to 96 after auditions in late August.

"I expected everyone to be so good. And I'didn't expect to make it past the audition," she said, adding her grandmother signed her up for the contest. "I was delirious after last Wednesday's performance, but proud of myself."

"She sings everywhere," her mother Wendy remarked. "She Thursday following a spectacular sang at my sister Marilyn's wedding, her grandparents' 40th wedding anniversary and can sing Lion King on key."

"I have a tape of myself singing nursery rhymes when I was 21/2," interjected Kimberly, who has since honed her skills by taking voice lessons. "Singing comes easily to me. Plus, I like singing to people, doing different expressions and acting a lot."

That explains her aspirations to join the musical theatre program

at the Guelph School of Dance. Her graceful movements and cheerful smile evoke memories of a petite Julie Andrews singing the hit from Sound of Music, My Favourite Things, which was Kimberly's favoured choice to sing at the competition—and for good reason.

"It makes me happy," she said as a smile appeared on her face.

But it's not just sing, sing, sing for the former Brantford resident. Kimberly is also a Grade 5 Royal Conservatory pianist, plays soccer, has taken karate lessons this summer and hopes to soon join the Royal City School of Ballet. And she's just entering Grade 7.

"She's come a long way. I've always known she had the talent and drive in her. Her dad jokes that he'll quit his job (as chief flying instructor at Aviation International in Guelph) and drive Kimberly around in a bus," Wendy laughed.

However, the only buses Kimberly will soon ride will be on St. John's school trips in Guelph.

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