

Local girl begins climb towards Broadway stardom

Eleven-year-old Joanna Fraser made noteworthy progress this summer towards her goal of becoming a professional singer.

Fraser auditioned for a role in the upcoming Toronto production of *Oliver!* and narrowly missed winning one of the four roles.

The Georgetown girl attended an open call for *Oliver!* and found herself competing against 520 girls, aged 10-12. Auditioning in front of a team of directors and choreographers from London, England, Fraser made it through several cuts to the final 32 girls.

The children had to sing *Consider Yourself* from the show, and pass two dance auditions.

"We were told to go home and wait for the call," said Fraser. "All these kids were asking me who my agent is. I just got my Mom (Lois), but she's pretty good."

The call came a week later, and Fraser said she was told she came close, but was not chosen as one of the four.

"I didn't expect to win, but it was fun."

Fraser studies voice with Dale Wood, dance with the Cheri Lindsay Dance Studio and is a longtime member of the Georgetown Children's Chorus.

In the wanning days of the Canadian National Exhibition, Fraser performed in the Junior Rising Star Contest. More than 250 children auditioned to com-

pete in that contest and only 50 were chosen. Fraser performed in costume, *Just You Wait* Henry Higgins from *My Fair Lady*, but did not earn a prize.

Even though Fraser was not chosen for *Oliver!*, she is planning to see the show in November and keep on trying next time. "I want to be a professional singer, and you just never know."



Fraser performed at the CNE.

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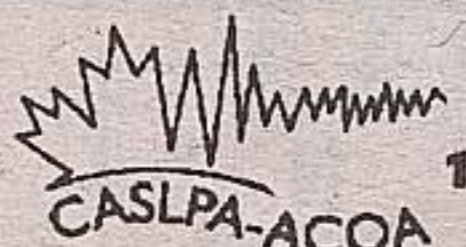
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