

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Fryer makes good as Terry Fox

By Claudette Leslie  
Eric Fryer is a classic case of local boy makes good.  
When Eric was urged to audition for the part of Terry Fox in the movie of the same name his first reaction was, "Why would they pick me?"  
Yet, after a two-and-a-half-month search involving 200 aspiring actors, the 21-year-old Eric was top choice for the lead role.  
"The film is the biggest thing that happened to me," he says.  
For Eric, the break could not have been more opportune. Having completed one year of art school, Eric was unemployed after dropping out of the four-year program.  
With no acting experience Eric was reluctant to audition for the part. But within the next few months he would touch the hearts of many as he reenacted the gripping saga of Terry Fox and his fight against cancer.

Disenchanted with the fine arts program, Eric was unsure of the direction his life would take. But a chance action would become the turning point in his life.  
To personify Terry Fox was no easy feat. Yet Eric's flawless acting effectively brings to life Terry's inspirational life story including his cross-Canada odyssey.  
"I'm glad I got to play the part," Eric says of his role in the movie which opens in Toronto at the end of the month.  
Eric's striking resemblance to Terry is not the only thing which binds the two.  
"I can really relate to what he did," Eric says of Terry — and he should know. Like Terry, Eric lost his right leg to cancer at the young age of 18. But unlike Terry, Eric won his battle against cancer.

From a shy local kid, Eric has risen to fame and fortune but seems unaffected by his worldly gains and the enormity of the task he has accomplished. The rugged youth, sporting blue jeans and running shoes, lounges nonchalantly as he recounts his lucky break.  
"I never dreamed about acting before this happened," the former Sir Robert Borden High School student says. An acting coach and a physical trainer were hired to help him in his stage and body lines.  
Eric admits he had some problems during the movie which was shot on location in Toronto, St. John's and Vancouver. The running was the toughest part of the film as he had to get used to walking with an artificial leg, Eric says.  
But he worked hard. "I gave it my best shot," Eric says.



Eric Fryer

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