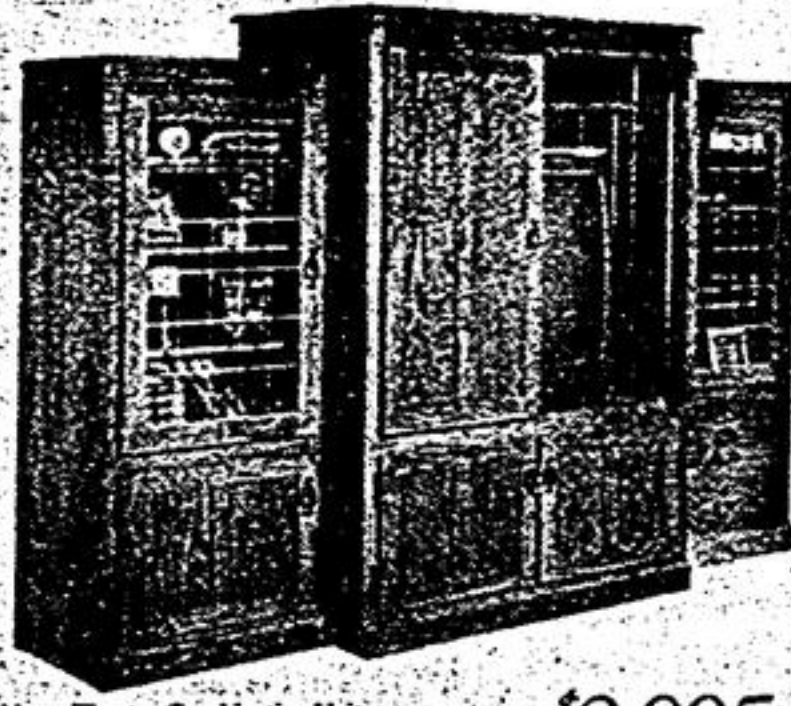


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Clara wants career in musical theatre

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CLARA JORDAN: Received Whitchurch-Stouffville's youth music award earlier this year.

Performing in musical theatre — in Canada — is the dream that Stouffville's Clara Jordan wants to make a reality.

Clara's introduction to the world of performing came when she began voice lessons at the age of 10. She started acting a couple of years later with Richmond Hill's Hilltop Musical Theatre Company. The difficulty of musical theatre, with its combination of acting, singing and dancing, appeals to Clara, 18.

"It requires a lot of intensive study...it is really difficult to get trained in three things at once," Clara said. She also enjoys the fact that musical theatre is entertainment, something that allows "an escape from whatever is

bothering you."

Her exceptional voice has been heard by many Stouffville residents at local events such as the Strawberry Festival. She received the town's youth music award this year.

This year she plays the female lead in "Me and My Girl" at the Markham Theatre, Jan. 10, 11 and 12. Now that she's in her OAC year at Unionville High School, this will be her final year performing with the high school's Showtime Productions.

With the aim of staying in Canada to pursue her musical theatre career, Clara will apply to Sheridan College, which offers Ontario's only musical theatre program.

"Whatever I do has to have a creative outlet," Clara said.

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