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AGE: 19

WEIGHT: 90 lbs.

HEIGHT: 5'4"

HAIR: Brown

EYES: Brown

VOICE RANGE: C3 to F#6

THEATRE or STAGE:

SECRETS

Argo (Monologue)

THE FALLACY OF THE FIST

Narrator E (Lead)

MARCEL

Alice, François (Lead, Supporting)

AMY'S UNIVERSE

The Universe (Lead)

THE ART OF HOPE

Hope Anderson (Lead)

LES INCURABLES

Shakira (Supporting)

ALMOST, MAINE

N/A (Co-Director)

THE WIZARD OF OZ JR.

Dorothy Gale (Lead)

University of British Columbia (*dir. S. Heatley*)

University of British Columbia (*dir. A. Holman*)

Smith Foundation for the Arts (*dir. K. Selody*)

Handsworth Sec. School (*dir. D. Beare*)

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Ava Music & Art Centre Ltd. (*dir. S. Meyer*)

FEATURE FILMS and TELEVISION:

UNMASKED

Julie (Principal)

RICHARD SAYS GOODBYE

University Student (Background)

INSIDE VOICE

Audience Member (Background)

THE PREDATOR

Townsfolk (Background)

DANCE MOMS

"Finding Hope" (Music/Uncredited)

THE TROOP

Viola Player (Uncredited)

GrandMuse Pictures Ltd. (*dir. Mostafa Keshvari*)

IM Global (*dir. Wayne Roberts*)

Nickelodeon (*dir. Michelle Johnston*)

20th Century Fox (*dir. Shane Black*)

Lifetime (*prod. Henry Morillo*)

Nickelodeon (*dir. Pat Williams*)

SHORT FILMS:

FOOTSIE

Gina (Lead)

THIS HAPPENS

Partier (Background)

24K MAGIC

Party Girl (Supporting)

CONSPIRACY THEATRE

Ghost/Producer (Lead)

THEN & NOW

Nancy (Lead)

WORKSHOP B

Karen (Lead)

University of British Columbia

Greta Gibson Films

Treewerx Productions

Handsworth Sec. School

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Handsworth Sec. School

EDUCATION & TRAINING:

University of British Columbia

Marisa Gaetanne

University of British Columbia

First Step Actors Training

Handsworth Secondary School

Handsworth Secondary School

North Shore Academy of Dance

Tara-Jean Popowich

Ava Music & Art Centre Ltd.

(2016 – Present) BFA in Acting & English Literature

Training with Cathy Burnett, Gayle Murphy, Stephen Heatley, Stephen Malloy

(2017 – Present) Opera, Music Theatre, Royal Conservatory of Music: Grade 10 Voice

(2017 – Present) Lyrical Contemporary with Jesse Weise, Hip Hop with Jane Marlinga

(July 2017) Adult Class with Russell Porter, Juliana Wimbles

(2015 – 2016) Directing & Scriptwriting 12 with David Beare

(2014 – 2015) Acting for Film & Television 11 with Crystal Primrose

(2008 – 2012) Ballet, contemporary, modern, hip-hop, stretch and strength

(2007 – 2008) Contemporary, hip-hop, movement for singing

(2000 – Present) Junior instructor program + *Royal Conservatory of Music* piano (ARCT), violin (8) & voice (10). Also studied bass, clarinet, cello, guitar, drums and general art/dance/film.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Professional: pianist (+ keyboardist), violinist and mezzo-soprano vocalist (in numerous genres, including Broadway, classical, country, folk, jazz, orchestral, opera, R&B, and pop). 6+ years of music teaching experience. Strong music theory and history knowledge. Very comfortable with children and animals (particularly dogs), as well as improvisation. Talented director, editor, writer and photographer. Can do numerous dialects, including British, Brooklyn and Canadian. *Fluent in English & French. Strong conversational Farsi.*

Above Average: Band member, bass player, biking, computer skills (fast typer – 90 WPM), driving (N, automatic), drum player, guitar player, loon calls/playing songs with palms, recorder player, running, swimming skating, tambourine player, triangle player, ukulele player and viola player.

General: Ballet dancing experience, basketball experience, belly-dancing experience, Bollywood dancing experience, biking, cello playing experience, clarinet playing experience, contemporary dancing experience, cooking experience, dodgeball experience, guitar player, gymnastics experience, hiking, Irish dancing experience, jump rope, kayaking experience, modern dancing experience, jazz dancing experience, hip-hop dance experience, recorder player, soccer experience, tap dancing experience, track and field experience (marathon, long jump, high jump, shotput, triathlon), trampoline, video game player.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ARTS

- Double-Page Spread in *Maclean's Magazine* (2017)
- First Class Honours in RCM Grade 10: Piano Examination (2017)
- Vancouver Kiwanis Festival: Music Theatre Competitive Class – Ballad, 18 years & under – 1st Place (2017)
- Vancouver Kiwanis Festival: Music Theatre Competitive Class – Comedy, 18 years & under – 2nd Place (2017)
- “Skin & Bones” - Original Song Release (2017)
- “Civil War” - Original Song Release (2017)
- Honours in RCM Grade 9 Voice: Practical Examination (2016)
- BC Achievement Award (2016)
- District Authority Award Scholarship for Fine Arts (2016)
- Directing & Screenwriting 12 Award (2016)
- Writing 12 Award (2016)
- “Finding Hope” - Original Song Release (2016)