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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	<i>Argo (Monologue)</i>	University of British Columbia (<i>dir. S. Heatley</i>)
THE FALLACY OF THE FIST	<i>Narrator E (Lead)</i>	University of British Columbia (<i>dir. A. Holman</i>)
MARCEL	<i>Alice, François (Lead, Supporting)</i>	Smith Foundation for the Arts (<i>dir. K. Selody</i>)
AMY'S UNIVERSE	<i>The Universe (Lead)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School (<i>dir. D. Beare</i>)
THE ART OF HOPE	<i>Hope Anderson (Lead)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School (<i>dir. D. Beare</i>)
LES INCURABLES	<i>Shakira (Supporting)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School (<i>dir. M. Yaraghi</i>)
ALMOST, MAINE	<i>N/A (Co-Director)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School (<i>dir. D. Beare</i>)
THE WIZARD OF OZ JR.	<i>Dorothy Gale (Lead)</i>	Ava Music & Art Centre Ltd. (<i>dir. S. Meyer</i>)

FEATURE FILMS and TELEVISION:

UNMASKED	<i>Julie (Principal)</i>	GrandMuse Pictures Ltd. (<i>dir. Mostafa Keshvari</i>)
RICHARD SAYS GOODBYE	<i>University Student (Background)</i>	IM Global (<i>dir. Wayne Roberts</i>)
INSIDE VOICE	<i>Audience Member (Background)</i>	Nickelodeon (<i>dir. Michelle Johnston</i>)
THE PREDATOR	<i>Townsfolk (Background)</i>	20 th Century Fox (<i>dir. Shane Black</i>)
DANCE MOMS	<i>"Finding Hope" (Music/Uncredited)</i>	Lifetime (<i>prod. Henry Morillo</i>)
THE TROOP	<i>Viola Player (Uncredited)</i>	Nickelodeon (<i>dir. Pat Williams</i>)

SHORT FILMS:

FOOTSIE	<i>Gina (Lead)</i>	University of British Columbia
THIS HAPPENS	<i>Partier (Background)</i>	Greta Gibson Films
24K MAGIC	<i>Party Girl (Supporting)</i>	Treewerx Productions
CONSPIRACY THEATRE	<i>Ghost/Producer (Lead)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School
THEN & NOW	<i>Nancy (Lead)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School
WORKSHOP B	<i>Karen (Lead)</i>	Handsworth Sec. School

EDUCATION & TRAINING:

University of British Columbia

(2016 – Present) BFA in Acting & English Literature

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

Marisa Gaetanne

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

University of British Columbia

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

First Step Actors Training

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

Handsworth Secondary School

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

Handsworth Secondary School

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

North Shore Academy of Dance

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

Tara-Jean Popowich

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

Ava Music & Art Centre Ltd.

(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)