



Fringe Festival features Brampton performer

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The Giant's Garden is a fantastical story with whimsical characters and fanciful music— and Brampton's Laura Caswell will take a lead in the production both on and off stage when it runs at the Toronto Fringe Festival July 6 to 16.

The North Park Secondary School graduate, and former instructor with Brampton Theatre School, will play the role of Summer in the musical inspired by Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant*. In addition to her performance, Caswell will choreograph all of the musical numbers in the show.

Brampton theatre-goers may have seen Caswell perform locally at the Rose Theatre in recent productions *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *The Odd Couple*.

"The show is shaping up to be a huge hit," said producers.

It features 12 cast members and music by Dora and Canadian Comedy Award nominee Scott White.

The Giant's Garden is an all ages musical that takes place in the Deep Dark Forest, and hidden beyond the Stream of Sorrows and Sinking Spirits lies the Giant's Garden— a place forbidden to outsiders. But when the Giant goes away, the children sneak in to play...but after seven years the Giant is coming home.

"*The Giant's Garden* is a large scale show with a big heart for a small ticket price aimed at a full family audience. Adults will enjoy the underlying themes and vaudeville humour, and children of all ages will enjoy this fast paced story filled with music and laughter," said a Toronto Fringe Festival spokesperson. "And Ms. Caswell's participation as Summer is sure to make this production shine brightly."

The show runs July 6 to 16 at The George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Pl., Toronto. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Show times vary. It is a 90-minute show with no intermission. For details visit www.thegiantsgarden.com. The Fringe Festival is Toronto's largest theatre and performance festival with more than 140 productions featured at over 25 venues across the west end of Toronto. For information on door sale ticket policies phone the Fringe Box Office at 416-966-1062 or go to the website at www.fringetoronto.com.



Laura Caswell. Brampton native Laura Caswell performs in *The Giant's Garden* at this year's Toronto Fringe Festival.

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