

# Lauren De Graaf

## RSA Student

### Mentorship Level 3 (Acting)



#### Where are you from?

I'm from outside of Carstairs, Alberta on a farm/acreage.

#### Why did you choose to come to Rosebud School of the Arts?

My great grandfather came to school here in the 1930s, so I have a personal tie to this lovely hamlet. My grandparents have come out here for a long time and knew that I was interested in theatre so they suggested I come out here! The first time I drove into Rosebud, I thought, "Gosh, this is so small!" I soon discovered the amount of authenticity and love that this town cultivates and knew there was nowhere else I was supposed to be.

#### When did you start at RSA? When will you graduate?

I started in the fall of 2010 and will graduate September 2014!

#### What are your career goals? Do you have a specific theatre interest (acting, lighting, stage managing, set construction, costuming, etc.)

I would love to be a part of theatre that speaks of hope in humanity. Anne Frank says, "I still believe, in spite of everything, that people are really good at heart." I couldn't have summed my passion for theatre better myself. I believe theatre can communicate story in one of the best ways because we are essentially watching humanity at its purest on stage, if we allow ourselves to see it. Outside of acting, I love stage managing. I suspect that I'm a better actor than stage manager, but I love helping people.

#### Will you be a part of any Rosebud Shows this year?

You will see me on stage in *Chickens* as Butterball (or I sure hope you will) and I will also be a part of Rosebud Theatre's Christmas production of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*! You will have to come this winter to see what character(s) I am!

#### Do you have a secret talent/interesting tidbit of information about yourself?

A secret talent. I can whistle quite well, but that's not much of a secret. June Carter Cash is one of my biggest role models and I am producing/acting in a one woman show this July that tells her story. I'm very excited about this!

#### CREDITS:

##### Rosebud Theatre

*May & Joe, Cotton Patch Gospel, It's a Wonderful Life, Jack's Giant Adventure, Chickens, The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*

##### Rosebud School of the Arts

*The Little Prince, The Crucible, Quilters*

##### Other Theatres/Production Companies

Courage Productions, Wildwood Flower Productions

##### Awards

Race to the Finish Scholarship (RSA Scholarship)