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Where are you from?

I am a native Calgarian, born and raised.

Why did you choose to come to Rosebud School of the Arts (RSA)?

I had been attending the U of C for a couple of years but it wasn't a good fit so I decided to come out to Rosebud for a scout week. I had heard of the theatre and the school through my parents and, during that initial scout week, immediately fell in love with the place and knew that I had found 'my people'.

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

I came to Rosebud at the turn of the century! January 2000 and graduated in 2004.

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

Last summer I had the pleasure of acting in a production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* which re-ignited a passion for the Bard's words. I would like to continue exploring the world of his plays and am also interested in Pochinko-style clown and mask work, having taken part in a workshop led by John Turner (Smoot of the Canadian 'Clowns of Horror' duo, Mump and Smoot).

Will you be part of any Rosebud shows this year?

I am very pleased, honoured and excited to be working here all summer, playing Pal in *Chickens*.

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

After graduating from Rosebud, I spent a year on Vancouver Island apprenticing at the Chemainus Theatre Festival and learning how to surf. I've had the opportunity to live in two different "intentional community" houses in Calgary, an interest that I think was largely based on the community I found while living as a student in Rosebud. This year I made my internet debut in a web commercial for BanffBride.com and started a new hobby: beekeeping.



CREDITS:

Rosebud Theatre

Chickens (2014); *Shadowlands*; *Pith!*; *Frank Dickens' Christmas Carol*

Rosebud School of the Arts

The Clearing; *The Long Christmas Dinner*

Other Theatres & Production Companies

Chemainus Theatre Festival; Burnt Thicket Theatre; Stage West for Kids; Summit Theatre; Fire Exit Theatre; *The Canadian Badlands Passion Play*; Wycliffe Dinner Theatre USA