

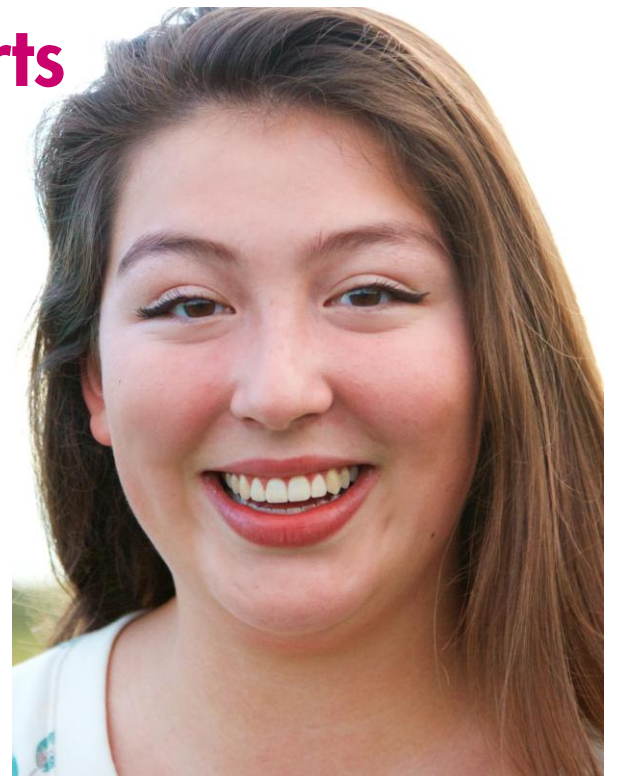
Bethany Wickens – MP1 Theatre Arts

Where are you from?

I am from Ontario. I was born in Redlake, moved to Kenora, then to Iroquois Falls. Just recently however, my family has moved to Augusta, Georgia so I would say home is where my family and pets are.

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

I chose to come to RSA because of a love and curiosity for theatre and music. Growing up in a small town, I didn't have very many opportunities to grow that love. I found RSA while looking for schools on the internet and had a feeling it was the place for me. Just this past summer, I was music directing a kid's theatre camp. It was the first time I had done anything of the sort and felt inadequate for the job. But I remember sitting at the piano one day, working a song with all these eager faces waiting on me. Time froze and I found myself watching these kids and thinking, "What an amazing opportunity I have been given. What a wonderful chance I have to share my love for music and theatre with these kids. Do I feel inadequate? Definitely. But I am learning from them and the people around me and they are having fun and working hard. I love this! And I want this feeling to be with me for the rest of my life." That moment was when I realized how integral the arts are to me. I wasn't wasting my life; I was growing and learning about a part of me. RSA is the perfect place for me at this time because it challenges me, allows and encourages my Faith, and accepts me as an individual artist.



When did you start at RSA?

I began school September 2014. My whole family made a road trip out of it. We visited family and friends across Canada, and then they dropped me off for this new and exciting adventure!

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

I'm not really sure at this moment. I know I'm interested in acting and stage-managing. I loved my experience of music directing and would love to do more of that as well. But I don't have any steadfast plans. I'm still learning too much to have a clear and defined idea of what I want my future to look like.

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

I am currently a part of Rosebud School of the Arts' *Little Women*. I'm playing the role of Beth. It's been a crazy experience working with my classmates, other community members, and mentors to put this musical on. The music is fantastic, and the characters are quite endearing. It's definitely been a challenge for me though, because the character of Beth March is very different than me, but it's been a very rewarding experience to learn and acknowledge how I connect with her.

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

Secret talent? Well, people say I have a very believable maniacal laugh, I figure skated for 12 years of my life, and my knees crack every time I crouch down (and have for my whole life). I have an overflowing tea cupboard and love watching BBC's *Sherlock* with my roommates.

CREDITS:

Rosebud School of the Arts

Acting: *Little Women* – Beth March; Costumes: *Little Women*

Other Theatres or Production Companies

Acting: *Willy Wonka Jr.* – Willy Wonka (Lock and Keynote Productions); Music Directing: *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Lock and Keynote Productions)

Awards

Archie Plamondon Memorial Scholarship (2015); McLean Family Scholarship (2015); Lois Kenney Haskayne Entrance Scholarship (2014)