

CARLA GOES OVERSEAS

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Maragon's star

Maragon starlet jets off to New York for performing arts

Poortview — Grade 9 Maragon pupil, Carla Devantier-du Plessis, has been selected to partake in a performing arts summer camp in New York with some of the world's most acclaimed performers, musical directors and choreographers.

Carla, along with nine other pupils from around Gauteng, were selected to attend this workshop on Broadway.

The workshop is presented by the Beyond The Stage Door Performing Arts Academy (BTSD), founded by Steven and Rochelle Hicks.

Josious Gobe and Louis Munyai, who attend BTSD's outreach programme in Diepsloot, were also selected to attend the workshop.

The camp will consist of workshops with Tony Award nominee performers, producers, choreographers and musical directors.

While there, they will also be watching five Broadway shows: *Wicked*, *Billy Elliot*, *War Horse*, *Mary Poppins* and *How to Succeed in Business*



Starlet Carla Devantier-du Plessis is one of 10 students to visit New York to take part in a performing arts summer camp. Picture submitted.

Without Really Trying.

These 10 lucky pupils are going to work with the musical directors, resident choreographers and cast members of each of these shows — an opportunity few professionals have the privilege of experiencing.

The purpose of a camp like this is to put within reach the dreams that so many South African children have.

However, so few realize that if you want to perform at the highest level, you require the best training, guidance and, as BTSD adds, "lady luck" to be in your corner.

Maragon's drama teacher, Shaun Hanzel, explains that one should surround oneself with the best.

"If you want the best for yourself or those close to

you, it is imperative that you surround yourself with the best so as to improve on yourself and have the best drawn out of you.

"We at BTSD, Maragon, Integri-Sure and Montecasino strive for that and certainly give our pupils the very best opportunities, training and guidance to achieve this."