



Centre Stage Gala highlights young talent

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Thirteen representatives of Brampton's talented youth will perform on a professional stage, when the third annual Centre Stage Gala takes place at the Rose Theatre on April 28 at 7 p.m. The event, which began in 2007, showcases a handful of talented young people in Brampton—from singers to dancers to actors to musicians— and gives them an opportunity to get the full star treatment, and play for an audience from a professional stage. The Rose Theatre has arranged for each act to have their own sound check, dressing room, catering and plaques, and give these young up-and-comers a taste of what it's like to be a true performer. This year, youth ages four to 18 auditioned for the gala, and judges narrowed it down to 13 performers: Polka Dot Girls, Erika DaCunha, Rhiannon Deline, Kassandra Nunes-Khan, Mackenzie Boys-Eddy, Nayani Rajamohan, Rammiyah Pirammasiri, Victoria Fragomeni, Jurrene Liburd, Sabrina Gomes, Nicole Ramos, Sephra Jardon and Rammiyah Pirammasiri with Shilpa Hamlet. These finalists will also have further opportunities to showcase their talent, as program organizers with the Rose Theatre will continue to look for events around Brampton for them to perform at, such as Canada Day celebrations and the local Farmers' Market. The event also features special guest hosts The Hooligans, an improv troupe consisting of Brampton teens. For more information contact Kristine Pettipas at 905-793-4841; for tickets, which are \$10, call 905-874-2800. Auditions for the 2011 Centre Stage Gala will take place Nov. 9 and 10, 2010, and are open to Brampton residents ages four to 18.



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