

TAKE FIVE

A Revealing Q & A
with... **Fiona Sauder**



Fiona Sauder is an Ottawa born actor, director, writer, educator and composer who has worked throughout Ontario and internationally. She has had the pleasure of collaborating with such companies as Canadian Stage, Driftwood Theatre, The Blyth Festival, Nightwood Theatre, YES Theatre and Theatre Gargantua. Fiona is a Dora Award winning performer and creator, and recipient of the Timshell Challenge Award for Excellence and the Jon Bannerman Scholarship for Theatre. She is a graduate of George Brown Theatre School and the proud Co-Artistic Director of Bad Hats Theatre.

1. When did you first think of yourself as an artist?

When I listened to the Cats soundtrack so many times the tape broke. (Read: My father took it out back and smashed it.)

2. Who helped you develop your voice as an artist?

I'm one of those lucky people who had a brilliant mentor in high school. His name is Paul Griffin, he works in Ottawa, and he's responsible for fuelling the early ambition of nearly half the population of working theatre artists in Toronto. Also David Bowie. Also everyone I've ever met.

3. What's something that's inspired you this week?

My best friend is in quite poor health and she's being brave beyond belief or reason.

4. What's your favourite restaurant in the city to visit?

I don't go anywhere so I guess my favourite restaurant is sitting in my bed eating cheese.

5. What do you want to see more of on Toronto stages?

Women. Young voices. Live animals.