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Rising Star Takes Centre Stage

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Langley teen Tiffany Desrosiers just finished performing with the Canadian Tenors and is now working on her first CD. While only 18 years old, Desrosiers is ready to take her singing talent as far as it will go.

On June 24, 2005 Langley teen Tiffany Desrosiers was given the chance of a lifetime. The 18-year-old aspiring, classical singer was chosen to perform onstage at the Central Heights Church in Abbotsford, with the Canadian Tenors.

The Canadian Tenors are a new, talented group of young, classical musicians who are taking the Pop-Opera (the infusion of pop with opera) world by storm, capturing the attention of classical music fans and critics all across North America.

"Performing with them was so much fun," said Desrosiers. "As I stood beside them I made sure to take in, and enjoy every minute of the experience. They are very talented, and I was honoured for the chance to sing with them."

Canadian Tenor Craig Ashton tells The Times that he was mesmerized by Desrosier's voice and was delighted to have her perform on stage with them. "She is the complete package as we say in the business," said Ashton. "I was fortunate enough to be given Tiffany's demo CD and am so impressed by this young artist. She is definitely a rising star, with the voice of an angel, and I think the world should look out for this young lady!"

It was Desrosiers' manager Su Bailey, who convinced the concert's organizers to take a chance on the newcomer and let her perform. Bailey is no stranger to raw talent, as she has worked closely with several well known musicians over the years and has toured with world renowned artists, like Matthew Good and KD Lange. Although Desrosiers was the only newcomer at the event, Bailey said she blew everyone away with her stage presence and beautiful voice.

"On a stage of professionals she conducted herself with professionalism and grace," said Bailey. "She's talented, extremely hard working and has everything it takes to be a successful singer."

Desrosiers' love for singing sparked at a very young age. When she was only two years old she would bellow out nursery rhymes in perfect key, impressing all of her family members. By the time she was eight, her grandmother, a singer herself, encouraged her to take vocal lessons to explore her talent. She signed up for the lessons not knowing that they'd lead her to her passion.

"At first I didn't take it too seriously but as I took more lessons and my voice strengthened I realized that it was something I'd really like to do."

Attending an N'SYNC concert confirmed her decision to make singing her career.

"The energy and atmosphere at the concert was really amazing," she said. "When they came up on stage and [the crowd] erupted in applause was really exciting."

