

Actor Trevor Jones

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Ready to bite the Big Apple

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One Erin Mills teen will get a shot at many careers he dreamed of, but didn't think were possible.

"As an actor, I can be anything. I can be a king one day and a beggar the next. I can be a criminal for two hours, then go home, watch some television and have a bite to eat," said 19-year-old Trevor Jones.

The Jefton Dr. resident has been walking on air since learning in late April that he's been accepted by the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manhattan, New York.

It's a promising start to the career path he chose after contemplating life as a doctor, lawyer, police officer or fire fighter.

Despite facing extremely expensive tuition costs, Jones vows he'll be there when classes start in November.

The Meadowvale Secondary School graduate, who attended Settler's Green Elementary School, said his first big break as an actor came in Grade 5 when he played environmental hero Scrapman in *Scrapman & Rubin*, a take-off on comic book super heroes, Batman and Robin.

"That was when I was bitten with the acting bug. The real trouble was getting into community theatre," said Jones.

He joined his friend Chris Buss in doing lighting

at the Meadowvale Theatre, landed a minor role in a play and was noticed by Playhouse Productions director Marilyn Connolly.

"She gave me a chance," said Jones. "She had auditioned me for *Move Over Mrs. Markham*, an English farce. It was a really funny role."

That success led to other performances at Meadowvale Theatre, including a part in a musical, *Babes In Toyland*, presented by Mississauga Youth Theatre.

"I'd grown up with the impression I couldn't sing. Apparently I can," Jones said with a laugh.

To be accepted at the New York School, Jones first submitted information on his background and before attending an audition and interview with school officials at The Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto last month.

For his audition, Jones performed two monologues, one from *Hamlet*, another from *Equus*.

Jones will be performing in *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*, running May 14-24 at the Annex Theatre, at 730 Bathurst St.

Calling himself as extremely shy, Jones said acting has helped him develop self-confidence and make new friends.

"Backstage, you feel the electricity. My stomach might be churning and my hands shaky and sweating but when I walk on stage, it's completely gone," he said.