Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015 – The Music of Doris Day

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Local singer to fulfil childhood dream by making Fringe debut with 'The Music of Doris Day'

A local singer and actress from Greenbank has spoken of the pride she feels after fulfilling her childhood dream of securing her first show at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

<u>Sarah Laing</u>, a former pupil of Boroughmuir High School, grew up attending the Fringe and can't wait to bring some vintage charm to the festival with her one-woman show, The Music of Doris Day. The show will be performed throughout August at the Free Sisters venue, which is run by the Laughing Horse Free Festival.

The 26-year-old said: "I have been going to see shows during the Fringe for as long as I can remember and always dreamed of being the one up there performing. I love the buzz that is around Edinburgh during August and can't wait to be right in the middle of it all. The fact that I'm going to be performing hasn't quite sunk in yet — I actually screamed when I got the email confirming my slot!"

<u>Sarah</u>, who studied Musical Theatre at university, has wanted to pursue a career in the industry since she got her first role as Dorothy in her Brownies' production of The Wizard of Oz at Greenbank Parish Church, aged nine. She explained: "I am just as excited about stepping into Doris's shoes as I was stepping into Dorothy's ruby slippers when I was nine. This is an absolute dream come true for me and I can't hope that everyone who comes along enjoys my performance." The show, which has already enjoyed a successful run at the Big Burns Supper festival in Dumfries this year, features stories about Doris's life and renditions of some of her most popular songs such as Que Sera Sera, Secret Love and Sentimental Journey.

Sarah explains: "I remember seeing Calamity Jane for the first time when I was nine and being blown away by Doris's performance as she not only had a beautiful voice but was also really quirky and funny. I regularly perform in care homes in Edinburgh as I love engaging with the residents, many of whom have dementia, and using music to try and tap into their memories."

The Music of Doris Day will be performed in the Gothic Room at the Free Sisters, Cowgate from Thursday 6th- Sunday 30th August (excluding 17th and 18th) at 10.45am each day. Official fringe page:

https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/music-of-doris-day

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