

## Players receive \$9,000 Trillium grant

The Greely Players will receive \$9,700 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Funds will be used to purchase a storage trailer, racks and other neces-

sities for the costume room, and risers, among other things. The funding announcement was made in June.

The Players' final report on the funding is due in Oct. 2010, with ac-

counting records to show how the money was spent. The executive has the ability to re-allocate up to \$1,000 (10 per cent) to other areas within the grant.

## AUDITIONS

...for the March 2010 production of Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* will take place **November 14 and 15, 2009** at the Greely Community Centre.

Peter Cleland is set to direct the production, with Joe Cooke as producer, Holly Villeneuve as vocal director, John Pohran as musical director, and Mary-Lou Carroll as accompanist.

*Cinderella* will mark the Players' 21st annual production.

For more info, visit [www.greelyplayers.ca](http://www.greelyplayers.ca).

## Players award bursary

Austin LaMarche, a Canterbury High School music graduate, received a \$1,000 Greely Players bursary.

LaMarche, a percussionist from Orleans, will attend the University of New York at Potsdam (the Crane School of Music) to obtain a double major Bachelor of Music Performance and Bachelor of Music Education. She played in the Greely pit orchestra from 2007 to 2009.



Austin LaMarche (left) received a \$1,000 bursary from Greely Players' president Sophie Hall on Tues., Aug. 11.

The Greely Players' **Annual General PARTY** is set to take place on **September 13** at Sophie and Wayne Hall's home at 3 pm (meeting to be followed by dinner). Bring a lawn chair if you can. The meeting will include the election of officers for this year's executive. New faces are always welcome! For information, e-mail [sophiehall@xplornet.com](mailto:sophiehall@xplornet.com).

## Leah Cogan wins CBC's *Triple Sensation*

Leah Cogan of Embrun, who played the lead role of Kim MacAfee in the Greely Players' 2004 production of *Bye Bye Birdie*, recently won the CBC's contest to find a *Triple Sensation* -- a performer who can sing, act, and dance.



The television show highlighted talented youth from across the country, and Cogan rose to the top in the

finale, which aired on Monday, Aug. 3.

Filming took place over a year ago, but the star had to

keep the verdict quiet.

Cogan is a graduate of De La Salle High School and was a Greely Players Bursary recipient. She then enrolled in Sheridan College's Musical Theatre Program.

The 21-year-old plans to use the \$150,000 scholarship prize to attend Brown University in Rhode Island.

The 12 finalists on *Triple Sensation* were chosen

from thousands of hopefuls who auditioned across the country. Each performer had to sing, dance and act before a panel of judges. They also attended a rigorous master class led by well-regarded stage directors, choreographers and actors.

Watch episodes of the show and see her final performance at [www.cbc.ca/triplesensation](http://www.cbc.ca/triplesensation).

***Congratulations, Leah, from all of us at the Greely Players on a spectacular achievement!***