

SENIOR GEORGE BRUNER PREPARES FOR LIFE IN THE BIG APPLE BY AUDITIONING FOR THE NEW YORK CONSERVATORY FOR DRAMATIC ARTS

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For decades, Los Angeles has been held as the pinnacle of cinematography, but for senior George Bruner New York is the center of cinematographic culture and design. According to Bruner, the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts (NYCDA) program offers opportunities that guide students in shaping their craft.

"Through this program, I'll get a chance to audition for film work (movies, TV, etc.) to gain experience, and from there I can start a career," Bruner said.

Though Los Angeles has many intriguing aspects, Bruner finds himself entranced with the unique aspects of New York's theater and acting industry.

"I plan on staying in New York after going through NYCDA's two-year film program. It's the best fit for me, personally, and it would be easier to find auditions while in the city, rather than move around to find work," Bruner said.

Stylistically, Bruner feels that he fits in with New York and the opportunities that it provides for aspiring actors.

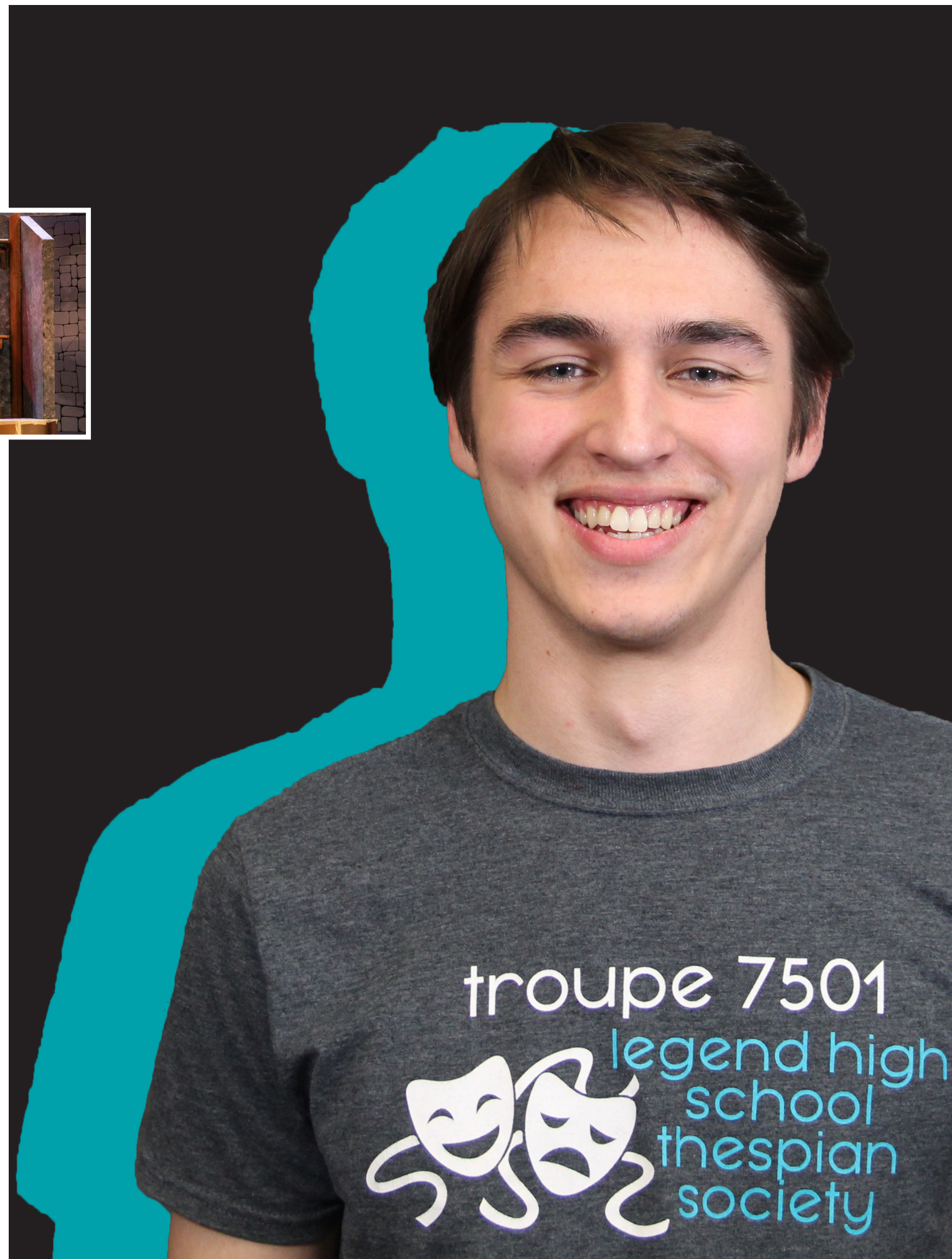
"Since I started acting here, my acting style has grown to mostly film. I liked adjusting to the stage, but in the end, film acting seemed like the best fit for me," Bruner said.

When asked about who has motivated him the most, Bruner describes his mother and his theater instructors as his biggest influences.

"My mom has been the biggest driving force in my acting career by always encouraging me to do my best and helping get past obstacles that I face every day," Bruner said.

Bruner's day-to-day life in New York will be centered around the acting process.

"I'm looking to find the perfect fit and style in all aspects of my life, and the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts is going to be perfect for that," Bruner said.



2. OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME George Bruner, 12, performs as Benny Perkins in Legend's production of *Hands on a Harbody*, a major step in his acting career and the progression of his acting style. "This was by far my favorite musical that I was given an opportunity to perform in," Bruner said.

3. LET'S GO WILDCATS During his acting career, George Bruner, 12, has portrayed many famous characters, most notable being Troy Bolton in High School Musical. "I had the chance to play Troy over the summer this year and I absolutely loved the opportunity it gave me," Bruner said.

4. FUR FILLED This past year, George Bruner, 12, was given the opportunity to play Mr. Tumnus during Legend's very own production of *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*. "I was playing the pan-flute; it was really fun," Bruner said. PHOTOS COURTESY OF GEORGE BRUNER

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