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Schoolgirl dances into Secret Garden

A SCHOOLGIRL ballerina will dance the lead role in a production of *The Secret Garden* opening tonight.

Isabel Summers, 14, plays Mary Lennox in the London Children's Ballet show, which runs until Sunday at the Peacock Theatre in Aldwych.

The aspiring professional dancer, chosen from more than 600 hopefuls, said the role was a "dream come true."

Isabel, who attends Hazelwick School in Crawley, has appeared in two previous London Children's Ballet productions. She said: "I wasn't even sure whether to audition, as my school work was increasing and I didn't know whether my parents would be able to bring me to London for rehearsals. But with their support, I decided to apply again."

Isabel added: "It is very weird being on all the *Secret Garden* posters. They are up all over my school and on quite a few websites, and lots of people have said, 'you're that girl on the poster.'"

About 56 children, aged nine to 15 and with a varying dance experience, form the cast of *The Secret Garden*. They receive training from dance professionals who work with London Children's Ballet, a charitable trust that stages one West End show a year.

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