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Local actors play opposite Hollywood star

'Cheers' star appearing at Rainbow Stage

Norm! That's how people responded when George Wendt entered the bar on Cheers. Now, dressed as a woman, Wendt has an entirely different role in Rainbow Stage's production of Hairspray.



Wendt spoke with the West K Shopper days before the curtain goes up on Aug. 4. Speaking from Rainbow Stage, Wendt said that despite being in Winnipeg for much of July he hadn't had a chance to experience much of the city.

"I'm not a Winnipeg expert," laughed Wendt. "I've been on a conveyor belt between downtown and Kildonan Park — a conveyor belt along Main Street."

Playing Edna Turnblad,

the mother of a rebellious teen in Baltimore, Wendt said he previously played the role in Prince Edward Island and was swept up to continue here in Winnipeg. "I had done it last summer," said Wendt. "The Rainbow Stage folks bought or rented a lot of the sets and wigs and costumes. They also brought along several of the cast members from the P.E.I. production."

One of the local actors in the show is 31-year-old Carson Natrass who grew up in North Kildonan and is a former River East Collegiate student. Natrass has travelled



around Canada performing in different shows, including working with Andrew Lloyd Webber in Toronto.

Playing several roles in Hairspray, Natrass—whose sister is also a Rainbow Stage actor—said performing for a local crowd is always exciting.

"There's this rich theatrical community with really intelligent audiences that love the theatre," said Natrass. "It's always a joy to come home and work here. It's great. It's easier for friends

and family to see my work, too." Hairspray is playing at Rainbow Stage from Aug. 4 to 21. See below for your chance to win tickets to the Aug. 7 show.

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Hairspray on Aug. 7.

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