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**YOUNG PERFORMER FROM SCUNTHORPE
AWARDED ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER SCHOLARSHIP**

Amy Leek (16) from Scunthorpe is celebrating after being awarded a scholarship by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation. The bursary will fund a place on a three year diploma course in professional musical theatre at the prestigious Liverpool Theatre School.

The former Queen Elizabeth's High School pupil, demonstrated her star quality during the auditions for the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation scholarship to win the bursary, which is awarded to talented young performers who could benefit from financial support.

Maxine Ellis, Principal at Liverpool Theatre School, was impressed by her audition. She said: "Amy is well deserving of the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation scholarship. During the audition stages, her passion and enthusiasm really stood out and she clearly demonstrated a natural talent for performance.

"There is no bigger name in musical theatre than Andrew Lloyd Webber so to be awarded a scholarship set up by the man himself is a real achievement. This is an excellent start to her professional stage career and I am confident she will go on to work hard and enjoy success."

Amy, who has performed at Duckegg Theatre Company since the age of nine, is thrilled to have been awarded the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation bursary. She said: "I am absolutely over the moon to have been chosen for the scholarship.

"Training at Liverpool Theatre School is going to be a lot of hard work but I am so excited. I've been performing from an early age and it's all I ever really wanted to do. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and I'll be putting everything I have into making the most of it."

Liverpool Theatre School, whose alumni have appeared in world class shows from the West End to Broadway, is just one of 10 stage schools in the country to offer the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation scholarship.

Visit www.liverpooltheatreschool.co.uk to find out more about Liverpool Theatre School.

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Notes to Editor

About Liverpool Theatre School

- Liverpool Theatre School specialises in professional musical theatre and acting, offering the Trinity College London Diplomas in both Musical Theatre and Professional Acting.
- More than 90 percent of Liverpool Theatre School graduates have achieved success in musical theatre or progressed to higher education.
- Students benefit from 'real world' experience with regular public performances and a West End theatre showcase at a London theatre, attended by industry influencers and agents.
- Liverpool Theatre School, established in 1939, attracts students from across the country and abroad.
- Patrons and advisors include Anita Dobson, Wayne Sleep OBE, Bill Kenwright, Graham Bickley, Ricky Tomlinson and Martin Dodd.

About the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation was set up by Andrew in 1992 to promote the arts, culture and heritage for the public benefit; since inception Andrew has been the principal provider of funding for all its charitable activities.

In 2010, the Foundation embarked on an active grant giving programme and has now awarded grants of over £19.5 million to support high quality training and personal development as well as other projects that make a real difference to enrich the quality of life both for individuals and within local communities. Significant grants include £3.5m to Arts Educational Schools, London to create a state of the art professional theatre, £2.4m to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust, £1m to The Architectural Heritage Fund, \$1.3m to the American Theatre Wing and over £350,000 annually to fund 30 performing arts scholarships for talented students in financial need.