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Rockaway Resident Takes the Stage
Third-Grader Makes Her Manhattan Theatre Debut
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"Nine going on twenty-nine" is how Emerald Angel Young, called Emma by her mother, refers to herself in an interview with the Sonnet Repertory Theatre. Bursting with energy and enthusiasm, the young actress recently made her Manhattan debut.

The third-grader has claimed the role of Puck in Sonnet Repertory Theatre's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, with eleven performances taking place in midtown, in late July.

But this one role is just another accomplishment the young star can add to her list.

As reported in *The Wave*, Young won Miss New York in August 2006, beating 137 other candidates, and then she was crowned National American Miss in the Princess Division in November.

Now Young is on to bigger and better things, and has the personality to back her desire.

When asked what she seeks to do when older, she zealously exclaims that she wants to be an actress and an entertainer. "The T.V. type," she responds when asked what type of acting; and when questioned what she meant by entertaining, her answer is, "making people laugh and feel good inside."

She suggests the name "The Emerald Show."

The St. Rose of Lima student is reported to be earning straight A's. Her favorite subjects are math and music, and now she has taken on a role in classical theatre.

The Sonnet Repertory Theatre aims to produce classical plays, for both entertainment and educational purposes. Founded by a number of graduates of the North Carolina School of the Arts, the company has been producing shows since 2002. The theatre also offers a variety of workshops in the performing arts.

"Classic theatre for the modern planet" is how the website describes the company.

Sassy and youthful Young seems to fulfill this goal as she takes on the character of Puck, a role that is extremely playful and mischievous.

When asked about the role, Young answers with a smile, as she claims that she is somewhat like Puck.

"I'm not saying I'm bad ...," she says with a giggle. "I'm loving though, a little bit mysterious, though!" she says with laughter.