

Interview with a girl pirate  
from *Treasure Island*,  
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SharaLee Attema is no stranger to the Hudsonville's Youth Summer Production and Camp. She has appeared in *Tom Sawyer* 2010, *Jungle Book* 2009, *Charlotte's Web* 2008 and *Henry & Ramona* 2007. In 2011, this weekend, Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, she will appear in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, as Black Dog the pirate.

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Walt: What is a typical day at camp?

SharaLee: We start out with some warm ups. Cassie William's favorite tongue twister- "Crisp Crackers Crumble!" - Is heard ringing throughout the high school. Then it's time for work. We dig into the scenes in chronological order. It can get tiring and sometimes a little bit boring because a director's "one more time!" is NEVER just one more time. We run the scenes over and over-tearing them apart sentence by sentence and step by step.

By 11:30am we are ready for a break. We have lunch! After we finish we play a couple fun improv games (If we were good during rehearsal!). By 12:30 we are usually back to rehearsing the scenes again. By 2:30pm we are exhausted and ready to go home!

We all had a fun day at the theatre!

Walt: What is so fun about camp?

SharaLee: I would definitely say the people and friends that you make there. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year in the summer show and each year there are different kids. So you get to know so many different people. And acting in and of itself is fun.

Walt: Why did you take the role of Black Dog?

SharaLee: I love any type of theatre I can get my hands on. This was the perfect opportunity to be in another performance. My brother is also in it and we enjoy acting together.

Her brother, Ryan, has performed with her in *Jungle Book*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *September Bears* at Master Arts. Ryan has also performed at other theaters.

SharaLee: What is it like being a pirate? It is definitely a different role. It's kind of hard though. TOTALLY not like me. In fact, a couple of my friends were teasing me... I enjoy the challenge though.

Walt: What is it like being the only girl pirate?

SharaLee: Being the only girl pirate is actually quite fun. I've always been pretty much out numbered by men all my life (growing up with 5 guys in the house and me the only

daughter). So it's really normal to me. I enjoy it because I can react to things differently than the guys and it sets me apart from the other pirates.

I caught a post on SharaLee's facebook that sums it all up: "Sword fighting choreography started tonight! That's what I call courageous femininity :)"

Walt: Why should I come see Treasure Island?

SharaLee: Everyone should come to see Treasure Island because it's a fun family show. The little ones will enjoy it and get a kick out of the cute parrots... [You] will enjoy seeing an old classic portrayed on stage. There also is audience participation that everyone is sure to enjoy.

SharaLee signs her interview:

Hope to see you there! ~ Black Dog