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PHOTO CAPTION: In 2015 Emily Bautista played the lead character of Millie Dillmount in the Music & Performing Arts production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. The 2015 graduate heads to Broadway to serve as understudy for the lead role in *Miss Saigon*. (Photo Credit: Michael McMath)

Simsbury High School Alumna Heads to Broadway

SIMSBURY, CT—Simsbury High School Class of 2015 graduate Emily Bautista has been announced as an ensemble cast member in the Broadway Revival of *Miss Saigon*. Bautista will be the understudy for Eva Noblezada, who will play the lead role of a “young bar girl named Kim, orphaned by war, who falls in love with Chris, an American GI—but their lives are torn apart by the fall of Saigon.”

While at Simsbury High School, Bautista played the lead role of Millie Dillmount in the 2015 production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. In the 2016 production of *Les Mis*, she played the role of Eponine.

Theater teacher Dr. Stuart Younse was thrilled to hear the news about his former student. Said Younse, “Emily is such a talented young woman, and we knew she would do well. That she has landed a role on Broadway at 20 is remarkable. We are so proud of her hard work, her dedication to performing, and her outstanding talent.”

Cameron Mackintosh’s production of Alan Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg’s Tony Award-winning musical *Miss Saigon* will have its official opening on March 23 and will play a limited engagement through January 2018, before launching a North American tour later that year. Tickets are available at saigonbroadway.com and at telecharge.com, or by phone at (212) 239-6200 or (800) 447-7400 and at the Broadway Theatre box office.

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