

# True to herself

Photo by Tracy Kolenchuk

**C**ara Albo's journey into the entertainment business has been life-long. At four years old, she was hair modeling... at nine she was singing. A fourth-grade performance in *The Nutcracker* pretty much sealed her fate. She was destined for a career on-stage.

Making films was the most logical step for the forward-thinking Cara. She was just 18 when she started meeting with businesses across Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, "asking them to support a dream." Securing financing for her film project was one of the most difficult parts for Cara, but she was undeterred. She went on to conceptualize, executive produce and underscore *Cat's Cradle*. Naturally, she was also the lead actress and singer. The feature length, independent film was released earlier this summer.

At 21 years of age, Cara is the youngest female in Edmonton to have accomplished such a feat. Not surprisingly, she has just completed shooting her second full-length feature. *Unfinished Business* teamed her production company, Skyline Films, with 310 Motion Pictures and students at Concordia High School. Cara volunteered her time to act in the film and to be a mentor for the students learning her craft.

Chasing her dream has required sacrifices along the way, but Cara's perseverance and determination have kept her on the right path. "A million times I probably cried and wanted to quit—but never did." Her life and work have become so intertwined that it is difficult to separate them. She sleeps little and has no time for fun with her friends. Work keeps her up all hours and away from home.

"It was worth the sacrifice," she confides. Now she is seeing the results of her hard work. In addition to her films, Cara's album, *Embrace Me*, will be released in January 2009 in conjunction with a 90-minute theatrical concert at the Dow Centre in Fort Saskatchewan.

She is currently in talks with major record labels and is hoping to get signed but, she notes "It's very easy to do something and sell yourself out and make it... but are you really being true to yourself?" That question is a central theme to her film, *Cat's Cradle* and one Cara often asks herself. The answer is a no-brainer.

"Everything is happening right now before my eyes. It's a dream come true." ✓ ~ Laura Underwood

## Cara Albo

Actress, producer, recording artist



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