

FLIPPING THROUGH THE CALENDAR

A few days ago, those who bought her calendar (which can now been seen on <u>Panorama.it</u>) turned the page and found a second Sara, the February Sara. In a few days people can see her moving through the streets of New York, in the video found on her website: <u>wwwsararomoli.com</u> (Panorama previewed a part of it). And even before turning the page, another Sara appears, the one shot by **Maurizio Bacci**.

So what's so special about Sara Romoli? Panorama put the question directly to her.

Why should well-known photographers invest their time on someone who is not a famous model and for no personal profit?

"Only they can answer these questions, and they did it in the video that is just coming out. They say that I communicate something different. Energy".

Do you communicate a passion for life?

"The only thing that we invested, all of us, was our time -and for a project that seemed totally unrealistic, a castle in the sky. None of us expected this kind of reception".

What is behind the wall of the calendar?

"Professional know-how, passion, serious intentions, commitment".

A kind of wall, a wall torn down, like the one that Tim Robbins breaks through, in the role of Andy Dufresner, in the film "Wings of Liberty", digging a tunnel with a spoon behind a poster to break out of prison. So behind the calendar are Sara's wings of liberty. Even more incredible if it is done in New York, where without even one of these elements the digging is useless. New York runs, there's no time to follow the dreams of a beautiful young whoever, in a metropolis of the most enterprising women of the world.

"I'm not a top model, she continues,. I simply threw myself into it. I needed to raise some money to pay for my Masters and this was just one of my ideas".

Did you make money?

"It's a long road ahead...in the meantime I'm preparing for my Toefl test, which is a prerequisite for admission to any university; then in September I'll begin my Masters, which is the driving force of all this".

Who helped you?

"Those professionals who believed in me. I was my own art director, manager, agent. The calendar is the sum total of a combination of thoughts and actions put together by the right people. I put all of myself into it".

And now a video. You don't sing and you don't dance... why a video?

"To explain who I am. To explain what's behind and what's in front of your calendar. To answer the thousands of letters that I get from around the world. To let my photographers speak. To let New York speak".

From what you say, it appears you have succeeded.

"I wasn't prepared. I was already famous in Italy when in America I was still studying English; the Italian press gave me a lot of coverage when in New York, I was socializing with just a few close friends. This is all new for me". While she speaks, she is steadfast and resolute. An Aquarius, basically an air sign, 28 years old, determined and free. The challenge begins here.

"My video shows my personality, I move, I'm no longer hanging on a wall. This is yet another challenge and I'm enthusiastic about it. I have lots of new projects for 2006. The short film and the new photos are only the beginning".

In any case a Masters degree costs money. At the same time, Doctor Romoli maintains intact her ingenuity, looks you straight in the eye, eats sushi and tries to find herself.

On the run?

"From Italy, without a doubt. Italy doesn't offer the same opportunities as the US. I want to study, pay for my studies, become a criminologist".

Like everyone else, she wishes Italy could offer the same possibilities as the US. For now, she only has to wait. Living in New York is not easy for anyone. In the meantime, the video is ready: nine minutes of Sara Romoli, nine minutes explaining 12 months and looking forward to many, many others.

Check the video @: <u>http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=1507177892983096633&q=</u> <u>sara+romoli&hl=en</u>

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