

Andrea Menard

Actor / Singer / Writer

Multi-award winning, Métis singer/songwriter and actress, Andrea Menard, has been busy in both music and film.

The creative spark inside Andrea Menard has caught fire on her third album, *Sparkle*, a multi-genre original work that celebrates the glittering winter and the urge to go deep within. The original songs, written with long-time collaborator and producer Robert Walsh, are featured in a television holiday special, called *Sparkle: An Evening with Andrea Menard*, that will be broadcast on APTN in the 2010 holiday season.

The talented songstress' first two award-winning albums, *Simple Steps* (2005) and *The Velvet Devil* (2002), both feature original songs written by Menard and Robert Walsh. Both CDs have received much acclaim across the country and internationally.

The award-winning film adaptation of her one-woman musical stage play *The Velvet Devil* with WestWind Pictures (*Little Mosque on the Prairie*), debuted nationally on CBC's television series *Opening Night*. *The Velvet Devil* swept 13 Showcase Awards at the 2008 SMPIA Awards, with Menard herself winning three, including "Best Original Script", "Best Actress", and "Best Original Score". Andrea's performance received rave reviews and garnered a Gemini nomination for "Best Performance by an Actress" in 2006. Andrea recently went on a second cross country tour with the acclaimed stage play production of *The Velvet Devil*.

Andrea also stars in the APTN and Space TV series, *Rabbit Fall* (Angel Entertainment), a supernatural crime drama shot in Saskatchewan. She won "Best Female Lead" at the 2009 SMPIA Awards and was nominated for a 2009 Gemini Award for "Best Actress in a Dramatic Role". This is Menard's second nomination in the same category for her role in the groundbreaking Canadian drama, *Moccasin Flats*.

Andrea recently performed in Germany at the Indianer-Inuit Film Festival, where they screened the film version of *The Velvet Devil*, and her first video, *Evergreen*. The video also screened at the ImagineNATIVE Film Festival, the Reel World Film Festival and was nominated for "Best Music Video" at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards. Also, Andrea was asked to perform in the Athletes' Village in Whistler during the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and co-hosted the 17th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards for the second time.