



Tweed city cowgirl

Actress Cashe: A big hit at the Belfry.

Vancouver-based singer **Leora Cashe** is spending August in Victoria in cowboy duds emulating the heartrending, boot-tapping songs of country-western great Patsy Cline. But unlike fellow Alberta native K.D.

Lang, the willowy performer isn't pretending to be the reincarnation of the first woman to be admitted to the C&W Hall of Fame as a solo act. "I like singing her stuff but I like singing Nat King Cole too, because the songs have a lot

of heart and soul," says Ms. Cashe, whose voice ranges effortlessly from rafter-raising bellerin' to soft and smoky seduction. She's filling the house at Victoria's Belfry Theatre where she stars in Dean Regan's *A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline*. The gig solidifies a career shift from

clubs to musical revues that began two years ago in Vancouver with appearances in the Arts Club Theatre's *Black and Gold 2* and *Santa's Got Soul*. A lifelong fan of western music, the 30-something hopes to release an album of her own cowboy songs some day.