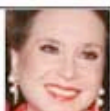


## FABULOUS LADY MADE IN ITALY

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**LUMINOUS Isabella Rossellini**, model, actress, mother of Lancome's face **Elettra Rossellini**, daughter of the late movie star Ingrid Bergman and film director Roberto Rossellini, is now the Made in Italy spokeswoman. Explained the Roman-born American citizen who speaks with a slight accent: "I'm to talk up their fashion industry. And wear only Italian fashions, which, incidentally, I must buy myself. But nothing readily seen as Pucci, Armani, Prada, nothing identifiable."

Isabella talks softly but carries a big shtick. Hear what else she's doing: "Playing as usual a Jew. I'm a Jewish mother in the soon-due 'Two Lovers,' with **Gwyneth Paltrow** and **Joaquin Phoenix**. My third time doing that. In a Dutch film I played someone Hassidic. . . . And I train guide dogs for the blind. Using a cane I took one on the subway. A woman asked, 'You need help?' I said, 'Oh, no, no, I'm training this dog.' So much for my international glamour. . . . And for Sundance Channel I'm writing animation films about the environment and mating habits of flies and bees, so I call the project 'Green Porno.'"

She's also readying for what would be Ingrid Bergman's 100th birthday August 2015. "My mother kept everything. Every contract, photo, letter, diary, three Oscars, her clothes, everything. Posters for 'Casablanca,' still considered one of the best films ever, sell for \$25,000. 'Casablanca' played a big role in our family's life. Whenever a friend's in Morocco and visits Casablanca, they always feel obligated to phone me. The movie is still playing. People still make money from it. But not us. We have no rights."

THAT underlayer of humanity, forever available to prop up celebrities with a buy of coke or heroin, are whispering they knew Heath Ledger. His problem, besides an inability to deal with fame, as I reported yesterday, was sleeping. He'd been warned to stay away from hard stuff and stick to pot. He was told: "Just smoke a big fat doobie. Worst that'll happen is you pig out at night and raid the fridge - but at least you'll stay safe."

