

# Cramahe singer develops

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Every week the company brings in a new team of writers to help her with her work. She now has close to 20 songs in the bag. Most of them are about growing up, finding yourself, fitting in - the experiences of a 14-year-old. She thinks one of them may be her breakthrough song. If it is, it will be up to Geffen to decide when to make a CD that is radio-ready and release it. If that makes an impact then she'll meet a new crew of professionals who will help her with her videos. She'll also be sent on a promotional radio tour.

When she's not working on her music she'll be completing high school courses set up by ENSS advisor Don Brittnell with U.S. educators. Samantha is proud that, despite the absences last year she passed her full eight grade nine courses, including two taken in French.

Not one to put herself forward, Samantha acknowledges that she had written three songs and some poetry before this juggernaut got rolling. But she recognizes that the writers have a lot to teach her and she's eager to learn. She's anxious to find a sound that is unique to her. She admits that here is pressure, but the bright young teen says that she's

chosen to ignore it.

You get the feeling when talking to mother and daughter that they have to pinch themselves to check that all this is real.

## A chance meeting

Cliff Fabri lives in Kingston but wasn't working on the day he first heard Samantha. He was at the fall fair with his son. A friend suggested they take in the talent show and he wondered if there was a junior division.

Everything that's happened since then is like something out of a fairy tale. And while it is breathtaking to consider the possibilities, both women seem to have their feet on the ground. Margo knows that's part of her job, to keep an even perspective. This is pretty heady stuff for a girl who grew up on Bonnett Rd. - a long way from the bright lights of L.A. music studios, free laptops and professional writers.

## LOCAL NEWS



## COLBORNE PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADES, 3 AND 4, 1951

COLBORNE CHARLEVILLE SEPT 11/03

PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM FERGUSON  
There are lots of the students pictured here walking along King Street East in Colborne these days! Can you spot them? Jim Ferguson of Colborne challenges you - and wonders if anyone can fill in the final sur-name which remains missing.

Front row, from left: Ed Jones, Bill Stickle, Doug Hall, Gary Haynes, Glen Hartford, Lowell Harden, Doug Clark, George Barton.

Second row, from left: Jim Wright, Jim Montgomery,

Jim Ferguson, Bill Learmonth, Gail Peebles, Brad Seeley, Dixie Woodcock, Pete Armstrong, Richard Peebles, Reg Maskell and Peter David.

Third row, from left: Sandra Turney, Betty Westrope, Sandra Lowry, Barb Lee, Gayle Smith, Mrs. Irvine, Susan Nye, Pat Harden, Marilyn Teal, Arlis McLaughlin, and Verna Latimer.

Back row, from left: Tom Stickle, Marlene Black, Anna ????, John Darker and John Rutherford.