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## The King, McQueen and the Love Machine now an audio book

In 1967 Barbara Leigh was a naïve 19-year-old who moved from the Deep South to Southern California. Five years later she was a world-class model, a rising Hollywood starlet and juggled three of the entertainment industry's most powerful figures of the 1970s – Elvis Presley, Steve McQueen and James "The Smiling Cobra" Aubrey – all at the same time.

Leigh's relationships with these three legendary figures is the basis of *The King, McQueen and the Love Machine*, a 2002 memoir that is now the first dramatized autobiography in the history of audio books.

In this three-CD set (\$25), Barbara Leigh reads her autobiography and performs the dramatizations with Joe Esposito, Elvis Presley's right hand man; David Hedison in the role of Jim Aubrey and Tim Thomerson as Steve McQueen. Giving "The King" the royal treatment in this mesmerizing two-hour and forty-five minute presentation is Paul Casey, one of the world's best known Elvis Presley Tribute Artists.

From 1970 to 1972, Barbara Leigh and Elvis Presley embarked on a torrid love affair from the moment they locked eyes. Leigh, whose smoldering looks and stunning beauty embodied the naturalistic seventies and captured the King's heart at the same time. Add to this mix an affair with Steve McQueen, the world's number-one box-office attraction, and Jim Aubrey, president of MGM studios and the inspiration for Jacqueline Susan's *The Love Machine*.

The King, McQueen and the Love Machine is much more than a catchy title; Barbara Leigh takes listeners on a roller-coaster ride through the heady '70s as she juggles her relationships with three of Hollywood's most powerful and influential icons while pursuing her career as an actress and model.

From her poverty-stricken childhood through to the privileged lifestyle of a Hollywood starlet, coupled with life's unexpected challenges, Barbara Leigh has experienced more than most will ever experience in several lifetimes. It is a true story of a woman's survival in a predominantly male world.

Barbara Leigh was the original Warren comic book character for *Vampirella*. She was featured in two *Playboy* layouts, appeared in more than 50 commercials as well as 10 feature films, including Sam Peckinpah's *Junior Bonner* and Roger Vadim's *Pretty Maids All in a Row*.

Paul Casey, world famous Elvis Tribute Artist, plays the part of The King.

Tim Thomerson, one of the most naturalistic actors of his generation (*Air America*, *Uncommon Valor*, *Volunteers*), gives an uncanny performance as Steve McQueen.

Veteran actor David Hedison (*The Fly, The Lost World, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea*) performs the part of MGM president and main love interest, James Aubrey – The Love Machine.

Joe Esposito introduces the book as well as plays himself in the dramatization.

Each CD has a different photo of Barbara Leigh and includes a personally hand-signed photo inside the beautiful shrink-wrapped case.

To order the audio CD of *The King, McQueen and the Love Machine*, visit <u>www.barbaraleigh.com</u>, www.amazon.com or www.ebay.com.