

## TALENT FILE



### LESLEH DONALDSON

17-year-old Toronto movie actress Lesleh Donaldson stars in the Canadian psycho-thriller **Cries In The Night**, which opens tomorrow . . . Lesleh was born in Toronto April 7, 1964 . . . "I wanted to be a teacher like my mother," she says of her first ambition, "And I wanted to sing like Barbra Streisand" . . . Lesleh modelled as a child, and at age nine, began studying voice at the Royal Conservatory of Music. The same year, she enrolled in the Toronto School of Drama . . . At 11, Lesleh began taking tap and modern jazz dancing lessons and made her first TV commercial . . . When she was a 14-year-old Jarvis Collegiate student, Lesleh landed a principal role in the movie **Running**, with Michael Douglas . . . Also won CBC-TV roles in **Ambush at Iroquois Point** and **Homecoming** . . . Has appeared in two documentary films, **Birthright** (1979) and **Going Steady** (1980) . . . Last year, Lesleh worked in two feature films, **Happy Birthday To Me**, which opens next month, and **Curtains** . . . Lesleh is writing pop and rock songs with her music teacher, Georgina Johnson-Postorino. "I'd like to get into the music industry. I'm making a demo tape for an album. I've always liked Broadway musicals. I've seen the movie **Hair** 16 times'."

William Burrill