

## Theresa Sareo Rocks On



**T**heresa Sareo is a singer with a powerful story to tell; a story of survival, inspiration and proof that being passionate about your dreams can mean the very essence of one's survival. After being hit by a drunk driver in midtown New York City in June 2002, Theresa awoke in a hospital

bed being told that she survived a horrific car accident which claimed her entire right leg. After weeks of grueling rehabilitation, she began the long journey of reclaiming her life and impressive singing career.

Ms. Sareo has a right hip-disarticulation and was fitted at Lehneis with the C-Leg prosthesis (computerized knee joint). She is extremely pleased with the functioning and abilities it affords her.

For someone with a hip disarticulation, the C-Leg prosthesis gives the security of a stumble-free gait, the benefits of a long life rechargeable battery, continuous real-time micro-processor control of swing and stance phase, and the hydraulic knee; all factors that are invaluable to Theresa whose active lifestyle includes regular exercise on a treadmill and traveling worldwide for appearances.



Hilary Clinton (left) with Theresa

As a popular NYC singer/songwriter who has released three self-written CDs and collaborated with such diverse celebrities as Blood, Sweat and Tears, Dr. M. Scott Peck and Kelly Ripa, Ms. Sareo believes in the importance of “giving back”. She became a trauma survivor advocate and has appeared on "Larry King Live," and was featured in a “New York Magazine” story. Theresa visits soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital to show that life does indeed go on after amputation. Passionate about promoting herself as a trauma survivor, she was recently the featured keynote speaker at a national press conference on healthcare with Senators Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer at Bellevue Hospital. She is a remarkable example of what determination can do. □