

# PINK

The wild child of pop has a new album and a new hubbie. And this time around, she doesn't just want you to shake your booty to her music—she wants you to *learn* from it too. So spread the word: Pink is the new Pink! **BY LAUREN BROWN**

No one would ever accuse Pink of being shy. From the moment she burst onto the music scene with her trademark hot pink hair and infectious hit songs like "Get the Party Started," you knew she was outrageous with a capital O. Her philosophy has always been to put herself out there and not care about what anyone else thinks. But in the three years since her last album, Pink, now 26, has gone through a personal transformation. "I feel more alive than ever," the Doylestown, Pennsylvania, native told CosmoGIRL! "My dad had a heart attack, and my life became so much less about my drama and more about the world around me." When you listen to her new album, *I'm Not Dead*, the change is apparent. Her songs touch on everything from politics to death to the superficiality of young Hollywood. She's still totally in-your-face (we love that about her!), but now her moxie has a mission: She wants to make you think. *Hard*. Here, she talks about her music, her new husband—and the issues that inspired her to record a kick-ass album.

**CosmoGIRL!:** A lot of the songs on your new album are very political. What issues are most important to you?

**Pink:** Tolerance as a whole. Women's rights, animal rights, gay rights—it all goes back to tolerance. I get e-mails from friends about stuff—like how they just banned abortion in South Dakota even if it's incest or rape. I'm like, Why aren't people talking about this?

**CG!:** One song, "Who Knew," is about the death of one of your friends. Were you two very close?

**P:** Yeah, I grew up with him. He was sort of a jock, and then he got into drugs and had an overdose and was gone. And I was like, But he was a football player! So I was thinking about the death of a friend and the death of friendships. How you're so connected to people at one point, and then all of a sudden two years have gone by and you don't even have their phone number anymore and you're like, What happened?

**CG!:** In your "Stupid Girls" video, you slam young Hollywood for their partying and shopping. Has there been any backlash from the stars you mocked?

**P:** (Laughing) No, they don't have my phone number! I'm not out to hurt people, but I don't believe in walking on eggshells. In my mind, everyone can find humor in it and self-examine, and the world can be a better place.

**CG!:** Did something happen that made the lightbulb go off, making you want to talk about this Hollywood problem?

**P:** It's a conversation I've been having with a lot of people, and I just felt that it was the song I needed to write. I feel like in the tabloids and in this stalkerazzi culture, the image being jammed down everyone's throats is that you have to be a size 0 and be born with millions of dollars to be cool. It's just nauseating, and it's draining.

**CG!:** When did you realize how important it is to be a strong woman?

**P:** I hung out at the skate park watching the boys skate. And one day I was like, "You know what? I don't want to hang out. I want to skate!" I could skate just as good as the guys, and with that came a different kind of respect. Guys are just used to a certain type of girl, and when they meet one they can have a conversation with and learn from, they're relieved. It becomes more than just arm candy.

**CG!:** Well, your husband, Carey Hart, obviously loves that you're a strong woman—you proposed to *him*! How did you find the courage to do that?

**P:** I always told him I didn't believe in marriage and was like, "Don't ask me." Then one day I realized, Carey and I are just so on the same page. I can go dirt bike riding with him, and I can go wine tasting with him. I had no doubt in my mind that he'd say yes, so I just figured I'd shock the hell out of him.

**CG!:** Did you get all girlie with the planning of the wedding?

**P:** Oh my god, yes! I wanted to wear the dress, I wanted to be barefoot on the beach, I was on the Internet all day long.... I was out of control!

**CG!:** That sounds so unlike you! But you seem to be different in a lot of ways now—at the beginning of your career, you were lumped in with all of the teen girl pop stars. How do you see yourself now musically?

**P:** I'm content with the fact that no one can pigeonhole me and no one can put me in a box and no one can expect anything from me. I'm like a big mystery bag—you never know what you're going to get! And I'm comfortable with that. **Q**