



AMANDA CHRISTOPHER

## Local gal lands B.I.G. role

Nine-year-old Amanda Christopher stars in 'Notorious'

Nine-year old Amanda Christopher of Flatbush landed a small role in the highly anticipated biopic "Notorious," about the life of rapper Christopher Wallace a.k.a. The Notorious B.I.G., directed by George Tillman Jr., and released by Fox Searchlight, January 16.

Amanda plays the role of Keisha, a childhood nemesis of the young B.I.G. "My experience was huge. I had my own trailer and everything," stated Amanda.

Two years ago, ambitious and charismatic Amanda studied with casting director Wendy McKenzie of "In the Wink of an Eye," and two years later McKenzie would call and offer an audition opportunity for the B.I.G. biopic. McKenzie thought of Amanda when they script called for a young girl. "After auditioning three times, they made me Keisha. This was a dream come true for me, to be in a movie. On the day the cast came in to read the script, I was excited to see I had my name on one of the chairs along with a personal copy of the script."

"As Keisha, I had to



Amanda Christopher of Flatbush plays the role of Keisha in the biopic "Notorious" about the life of rapper, The Notorious B.I.G.

be fitted for braces. It felt funny speaking with the braces in my mouth. On

peace and when I got on set my fears all melted away."

Born June 1999, Amanda Christopher has no recollection of Christopher Wallace aka B.I.G. and her Christian upbringing doesn't allow her to listen to his music, but one thing she knows for sure is that being a part of this film is a big deal for her. "I told my teacher and my two best friends about being in the movie," says the Park Slope Christian Academy honor student.

The film stars multiple award winner Angela Bassett as Christopher's mother Voletta Wallace, Derek Luke as Sean Combs, Anthony Mackie as Tupac Shakur and introducing rapper Gravy, born Jamal Woolard as The Notorious B.I.G. The film also stars up and coming actors Antonique Smith, Natari Naughton, Dennis White and Julia Pace Mitchell.

Amanda Christopher finds inspiration from her Hollywood idols, Denzel Washington and Angela Bassett. The up and coming actress lives with her loving parents, older sister, and the family dog.