

Whiskey a Go Go

ROCK AGAINST MS BENEFIT
ROBBY KRIEGER LITA FORD
STEVE STEVENS GILBY CLARKE
JACK RUSSELLS GREAT WHITE



At the world famous Whiskey A Go Go in Hollywood, CA, a slew of top musicians came together for an epic night of performances and appearances to support the second annual "Rock Against MS" benefit show.

The benefit concert aimed to spread awareness about multiple sclerosis and to support long time friend and publicist, Nancy B. Sayle, who was diagnosed with primary progressive multiple sclerosis in 2009.

Guitar Player Magazine presented Lita Ford their top award, inspired by Chet Atkins' phrase, "Certified Guitar Player." Lita and Cherie Curry followed with a song, from their founding band The Runaways', "Cherry Bomb" - with Mitch Perry, Marty O'Brien and Bobby Rock. Lita is an excellent songwriter and shredder on the guitar. She is an inspiration for girls and now a "certified" legend.

Appearances also included Kenny Aronoff, Gilby Clarke, James Lomenzo, Phil Buckman, Brian Tichy and many more.

Michelle Renee, a co-chair of the foundation, said, "The benefit isn't solely for raising awareness about MS. It's also to help give those living with the disease a great event* to enjoy and hope that they can live a better quality of life with the help of this foundation through grant systems that are being developed for this purpose."

The foundation's cause is of personal interest to Michelle since her daughter has also been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

"The best part of the night for me was when Nancy got on stage and thanked the rock

stars in the audience," Michelle said. "It touched everyone when she came out in a wheelchair." The music commenced after her acknowledgement, including the legendary Robby Kreiger closing the show with a set of The Doors.

Nick Bowcott, original guitarist for Grim Reaper, also played on stage that night. He has been a long time friend of Nancy B. Sayle. He answered a couple questions about his experience on stage and his relationship to the publicist.

How do you know Nancy B. Sayle?

Nick: I first got to know Nancy over 10 years ago due to her stellar work as a publicist. I was writing for a few publications, including Guitar World, and she was working with a lot of the artists I was covering.

Our paths would also frequently cross at shows and the NAMM show, and we quickly became good friends. I was devastated when I learned she'd been diagnosed with MS. But being the tenacious lady she is, it didn't slow her down one iota.

My respect for her was already paramount. Her relentless work to bring attention to this dreadful and debilitating disease has raised my respect for her to whole new level. God bless her and all she does.

How does it feel to perform for a fundraiser like "Rock Against MS?"

Nick: What can I say? It was both an honor and a privilege to not only be able to perform my abridged tribute to Dimebag Darrell, but also play three songs with players Bruce Kulick, James Lomenzo and Kenny Aronoff. I had an

absolute blast. It was wonderful to play a small part in raising money for such a great cause.

The level of talent, both on and off stage, that gladly gave their time, energy and passion was quite humbling. To see Lita Ford get the "Legend" award from Guitar Player Magazine was a definite highlight. Like all involved, I will be happy to help Nancy and her praiseworthy efforts in the future. Here's to more "Rock Against MS" shows all over the country and in much bigger venues. All hail Nancy B. Sayle.

Nancy is truly loved by her peers. She has been in the music industry for over 30 years and continues to follow her passion for the music industry.

Now, she is working hard to educate and spread awareness of MS, a disease which interferes with every-day life tasks. The ROCK AGAINST MS FOUNDATION will provide services from a three (3) grant resource system, which will provide daily care, quality of life needs and emergency funding, while assisting people with multiple sclerosis (MS) to live independent and full lives. Additionally, a brick and mortar facility which will be call THE ROCK HOUSE is in the planning stages, and will provide free of charge, multiple programs and opportunities designed to heal the mind, body and spirit of all of those whose lives have been affected by MS.

When I asked Nancy B. Sayle what her favorite part of the night was, she said it was when someone hit the stage. Her best time was during rehearsal because she could be up front listening to all the rock stars jam out and have a good time together.

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