



Linda Storey: A Case For Multiple Sclerosis

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A fifteen year-old girl emerges on stage with guitar in hand. Her husky voice overwhelms audiences of the 1970s with energy, but unbeknownst to her, a twisted, brittle road lies ahead.

By age 23, dizziness sets in. At first, speculators say musicians are known for falls on stage because of their partying ways; that a musician should know how to handle bright lights and explosive cheers from the dark. However, doctors silence the wearisome outcriers into a standstill and project the treacherous future for this young female rocker, Linda Storey, into reality: Multiple Sclerosis.

Acceptance is the only real solace when you are left with unknown riddles. Storey does not debate life and death. Inside her weakening body lies a sound mind speaking encouragement to other rockers that one can still carry on and seek creative ways to deal with everyday challenges.

Colorado has a slew of musicians who suffer from MS, either painfully or motionlessly, that leaves them to battling even simple staircases and unlevelled floors. Storey struggles with movement in her hands and arms. She no longer jumps wildly on stage with her guitar in rebellion - instead, she sits in her wheel chair patiently, and depending on fellow guitarists and bassists to accompany her. Still, Linda still retains command as sole conductor of her band; writing all of the songs; mastering all of the harmonics.

Storey wishes to embody all of the spirits of those who suffer from MS, if not invite fellow musicians with MS to join her in recordings, stage jams and benefits. Not only conveying her mission through live music, Storey has made public appearances before the United States Senate to voice her concerns of healthcare concerning MS-related disabilities.

CaseForMs is one awareness organization that is center of her activism. Unpaid, and an active board member, Storey is the spirit behind CaseForMS: A non-profit with 501(c)3 status. Through its web site, musicians with MS can share stories, create links and plug recordings to continue the awareness for MS. Readers can stay current on MS-related events with walks, performances, and fundraising. Monthly activities continue with the help of sponsorships.

If you'd like to participate with fellow musicians with MS, CaseForMs, Linda Storey and daughter Jessica Storey will join The John O-Gods from Ireland and The Indulgents for the Spring 2008 Rockin' Out MS Concert Series. Expect to experience live Irish folk-rock music, a silent auction, and raffles at LoDo's own Fados Irish Pub and Restaurant on Friday, May 22nd for the suggested-only donation of only \$10.

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