

# Rock to benefit cancer research

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Put on your favorite Halloween costume, and get ready to rock out for the cure! Alongside Adidas Original, 94.7 Alternative Portland will host Rock for the Cure, a Halloween benefit concert, on Oct. 30.

Headlining alternative band Dirty Martini, with modern rock ensemble Throwback Suburbia and special guest Art Alexakis of Everclear, will be performing at Portland's Aladdin Theater to help raise awareness for breast cancer. The proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Tara Dublin, the host of the event, envisioned the idea for Rock for the Cure.

"I'm the daughter of a breast cancer survivor, and I'm in a fortunate position where I can make a difference, so I thought it would be a great way to raise money while having a good time," Dublin said.

This isn't the first time 94.7 has put on Rock for the Cure; last year, the station hosted a small-scale show which raised \$5,000.

"94.7 is as committed to all causes in Portland as we are to supporting the local music scene," Dublin said. "It

makes sense for us to raise money for the local affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure."

All of the bands performing are from the Portland area and are very enthusiastic about the event, she added.

"I wanted to keep it local," she explained. "My first e-mail was to Art Alexakis of Everclear. His mother is also a breast cancer survivor, and his band is still one of the best local bands.

"Dirty Martini has done shows for 94.7 before, and they put on a great show. I have known the guys in

Throwback Suburbia for a while, and I've been wanting them to play a 94.7 show. Everyone on the bill is committed to the cause and are all donating their time to be there."

Dublin feels that raising awareness for breast cancer is a very important topic, and she hopes to make Rock for the Cure an annual event, each year bigger than the year before.

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"One day, I hope to host Rock for the Cure at the Rose Garden, if a cure still hasn't been found," she said.

"Everyone knows someone whose life has been touched by breast cancer," she added.

The American Cancer Society estimates that, in 2007,

178,480 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,460 will die. One out of eight women either has or will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

At the concert, Dublin will encourage female attendees to do self-exams and get a mammogram.

"It's essential that all women do the self-exams," she said. "I am going to stand on the stage and let everyone know that getting a mammogram is as painless and easy as getting an X-ray. It is so important for women to take control of their health and well-being."

Dublin has been working on this project since last spring, but she is always looking for ways she can improve it.

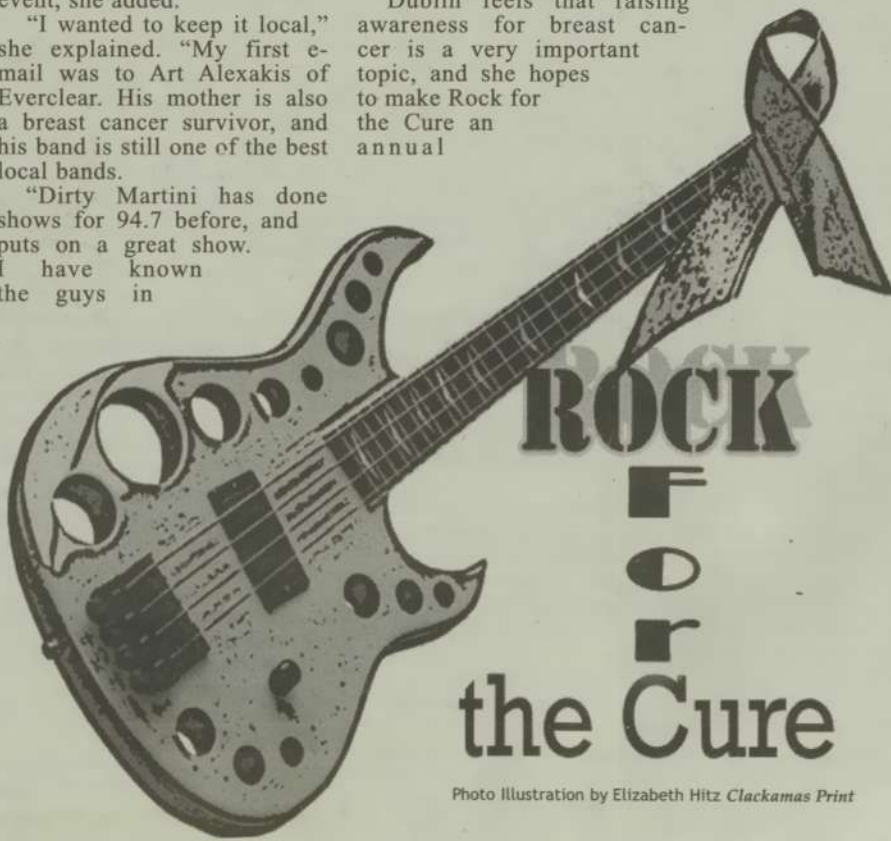
Local newspapers and other media outlets will soon feature a press release about the concert.

"I talk about Rock for the Cure as much as possible on my show," said Dublin.

Tickets for the concert are on sale now and may be purchased through 94.7's main Web site, <http://www.947.fm>, or via Ticketmaster. The price is \$9.47.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Aladdin Theater.

The capacity of the theater is 600. 94.7 hopes to see the show sell out and attendees dressed in their Halloween attire.



## Frogs being bred with transparent skin for science purposes

Students hop at the attention of the invention of clear frog by scientists as an alternative to dissecting

**Bess Sheppard**

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It's just a frog. It's the proper size, typical shape, slimy and normal enough that one would assume a normal frog — except for the fact that this frog's skin is transparent.

On Sept. 22, the University of Hiroshima presented its latest research project, an amphibian with transparent skin, also known as "the see-through frog."

Researchers, headed by Masayuki Sumida, a professor at the Institute for Amphibian Biology, relied on recessive genes and artificial insemination to produce the aforementioned see-through frogs.

Originally, the team crossed genes of Japanese brown frogs (Rana japonica), which are

known to have recessive traits that turn the normally ochre-colored frogs pale. Crossing the offspring of these pairs produced frogs with skin that

stays translucent for life.

However, Sumida's frogs are not perfect yet.

Third-generation transparent frogs die soon after birth.

Theoretically, because they have too many pairs of recessive traits, something goes wrong and the frogs die.

Sumida's team is confident

that genetic engineering will fix this problem and even allow them to create glowing frogs.

The team hopes that the frogs will be useful in the research of diseases, such as cancer, by allowing the researcher to observe the progress of a disease throughout a frog's life.

Transparent frogs could also be used in place of dissection someday, with animal rights groups continuing to push for more humane methods.

Life Science Instructor Rich Rueb is a little skeptical about the frogs replacing dissection. Computer dissections are, after all, easier and less expensive.

As to the issue of morality, "the same people would still glow," Rueb said.

Rueb says the frogs would be much more useful for disease research.

"As long as it has a purpose, it's fine," said biology student Ben Ripplinger. "At least it's not a glow-in-the-dark mouse."

Morality aside, the idea of being able to see and study the growth and development of a frog's insides from the tadpole stage through adulthood is still enticing and alluring.

"That would be awesome to have in the classroom," said David Alexander, another biology student.

To Alexander, the idea of the transparent frog is "pretty freaking cool!"



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