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Dichroic Glass

(Pic Above, Top to Bottom)

Al Bogutz – percussion

Maureen Rush-Bogutz – guitar and vocals

Kristin King – keyboard and vocals

Greg King – guitar, bass and vocals



Dichroic Glass Bio

What happens when two working moms get together and follow their dream? *Perfect harmony*. And the growing number of fans of **Maureen Rush-Bogutz** and **Kristin King**, who make up the dynamic group called Dichroic Glass (pronounced 'die-krow-ick') along with their husbands **Al Bogutz** and **Greg King**, will tell you that their music touches them in a very special way. Their upbeat edgy-folk style with lots of interwoven harmonies is both soothing and stirring. Maybe because their story goes deeper than the average musical collaboration, or maybe because the women themselves have a real story to tell, whatever it is, when they play, something magical happens.

By day, Maureen is a college counselor, and Kristin is a systems analyst team manager, as well as two moms of young children who live in South Jersey. They started playing and singing together just a few years ago. They met in a church folk group, where they continue to play and sing today. A few years ago, they decided to branch out of their church mold and play at local open mic nights. They also started dabbling in writing and recording together.

In the summer of 2006, Kristin was diagnosed with a fairly rare and aggressive type of breast cancer, and music became an all important outlet for both of them. They started meeting regularly, every Friday, while the kids were in school, for coffee and 'music therapy', as they called it. Their style and sound really started to gel, and they decided to launch a project to make a CD.

One song in particular really got them noticed. Maureen wrote '**Mother's Day**' a couple of days before Mother's Day when her twin boys were just 4 years old and driving her bonkers. She just wanted a little time to herself. She stole away for some peace and quiet and the song just emerged...and with Kristin's wonderful harmony, the song has been gaining popularity ever since. It's a funny song about motherhood, and a tribute to moms everywhere, who just need a day off!

Another noteworthy song on the CD is '**No Surrender**', written by Kristin during her long and challenging treatment as her 'Breast Cancer Warrior Song'. The lyrics were inspired from her own experience as well as the experiences of women from her online support group, and illustrate the spirit of determination to fight for life despite fear and pain. The support group discussion forum at www.NoSurrenderBreastCancerHelp.com continues to provide encouragement and hope to Kristin and many other survivors on a daily basis.

Now that the CD is complete, Maureen and Kristin are looking to make a **positive impact** by **donating the proceeds of their performances and CD sales to breast cancer research and programs**. They have partnered with the No Surrender Breast Cancer Foundation, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting self-advocacy, education and empowerment for women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, and also contributes directly to the most promising studies to actively support research to find a cure. For more information on this organization, please visit www.NoSurrenderBreastCancerHelp.com.

Maureen and Kristin are currently exploring different venues for performing and continuing their efforts to raise money for breast cancer research and programs, from private parties to coffeehouses to pub settings. To check out their performance schedule, book a performance or to purchase a copy of their CD, send an email to dichroicglass@dichroicglassmusic.com, or visit their website at www.dichroicglassmusic.com.

Dichroic Glass Press

YOU MUST GET THIS. A fellow breast cancer survivor has made a wonderful CD of her music. She sent it to me and I have been playing it ever since I picked it up at the post office today.

It is music for the soul.

It is healing and empowering and empathetic and loving.

I love it!

Gina Maisano – Founder and Facilitator, NoSurrenderBreastCancerHelp.com (Mar 8, 2008)

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Lifelong friends and musical collaborators Maureen and Kristin of Dichroic Glass, along with their supportive husbands, Al and Greg, have one the finest sounding groups to grace our little coffeehouse. Promoting their fantastic debut CD and working to make this world a better place, their polished vocals and harmonies will make you smile and feel the warmth of such a lasting musical partnership. As good as it gets!

Trif - This Week @ the BCH Newsletter (Mar 11, 2008)

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**Mothers singing for a cure
"Therapy" from singing took on an even greater meaning.**

For the singing duo Dichroic Glass, performing represents a love of music, a bond of friendship, a family affair, and a fight for a cause.

Maureen Rush-Bogutz of Cherry Hill and Kristin King of Voorhees came together several years ago in a folk group at St. Pius X, a Catholic Church in Cherry Hill. A friendship blossomed that led in 2006 to weekly sessions at Rush-Bogutz's home - a "music therapy" of sorts.

Taking turns singing lead and backup, the women intertwined Rush-Bogutz's talent on acoustic and electric guitar, bass and percussion with that of King's on keyboard and percussion.

"When we started collaborating, something magical happened," recalled Rush-Bogutz, defining their music as inspirational.

Then, the "therapy" derived from singing and songwriting took on an even greater meaning.

In the summer of 2006, at 37, King was diagnosed with a rare form of breast cancer, HER2/neu positive.

"This type of breast cancer can be very aggressive and tends to strike women under 40," said King, who benefited from Herceptin, an FDA-approved drug available since 2006.

King's treatment included a lumpectomy, sentinel node biopsy, chemotherapy and radiation. A one-year survivor, she will take Tamoxifen for five years.

Through it all, King and Rush-Bogutz continued their weekly sessions. The two forged forward with their long-held dream of producing a CD.

On Friday, the duo will perform songs from that CD at a "Moms' Night Out" at Coffee Works Roastery & Cafe in Voorhees. The show will include "Mother's Day," a tribute to moms everywhere, written by Rush-Bogutz in 2003. Husbands Al Bogutz and Greg King will play backup. There's no cover charge. Donations at all their performances, as well as proceeds from CD sales, will benefit the Philadelphia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Why name the group and the CD "Dichroic Glass"? Rush-Bogutz explained: "Dichroic glass is a material used for many purposes, including jewelry-making. The layers of metallic oxides that are fused together result in a colorful three-dimensional, layered effect that changes hues when viewed from different angles." The women aspire to create a similar richness in their music. They also wear the handcrafted jewelry.

"We have both loved music since early childhood," said Rush-Bogutz, who works part-time as a counselor at Philadelphia Community College and is the mother of 9-year-old twins, Sean and Ryan. "I have been writing music and playing and singing for years."

King, a systems analysis team manager, also has two sons, Nathan, 10, and Ben, 8, and similar artistic aspirations.

"Our music is not about the money and never has been," Rush-Bogutz said. "I have a very personal connection to cancer. I lost my 14-year-old nephew to leukemia in 2001. I am dedicated to the fight and feel that I can do something good with my music to make a difference in people's lives. This mission is for Kristin, but also for my sister, my nephew and for everyone who has been touched by cancer."

Jan Apple – The Philadelphia Inquirer (May 4, 2008)

Dichroic Glass Photos

