

Generation Rx—No Prescription Required



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"Symphonic grunge" is how lead singer and guitarist, Diane Douglas, describes the music of her band, Generation Rx ("Rx"). Rx is comprised of Michael Calabrese (electric cello), Andy Doonan (bass), Jason Richards (drums) and Graham Bacher (guitar). Calabrese and Douglas often perform at The Burren open mic Tuesdays, and the band has played at the MiddleEast and many Rhode Island venues recently.

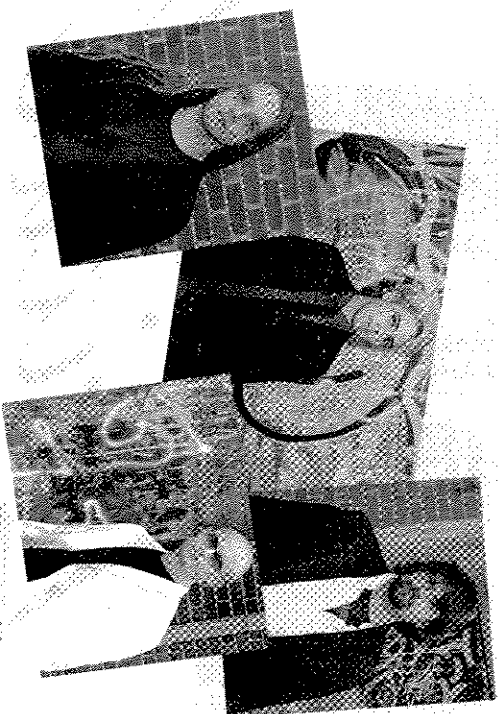
Calabrese and Douglas met through Craig's List last Summer. Said Calabrese, "I recall that the ad specified a 'hard rock cello list not afraid of distortion.'"

Reminiscent of The Dresden Dolls, the sounds of Rx come off as rough, strong, disturbing

and intriguing. The cello is strident and wild, in a violent dance with the guitar and vocals. The bass and drums hold the focus and center the drama that unfolds. Douglas said that she is particularly proud of the song, "Sanctuary," on Rx's demo, "Take your medicine." The demo contains songs that Douglas said she has been in the process of writing for 4 years. She said that the band plans to call the final album in the making, "Scar-Tissue Triptych."

Douglas said she has been playing the guitar since she was 13. Her first guitar was a Fender Stratocaster, which she proudly still plays.

Douglas said that she came up with the band's concept and



name as a result of her personal struggle with depression. She said "The band name is about not being afraid of extreme highs and lows of emotions—facing ourselves as opposed to masking these feelings with substances." Calabrese said "The band con-

cept is interesting because both Diane and I were once on the same anti-depressant." He said, "I had weaned myself off of the drug with alcohol and then when I joined this band, I weaned myself off of abusing alcohol with music."

Correction: Last week's article on Max G and the Spots pictured Generation Rx instead of Max G and the Spots.

The Somerville News apologizes for the mistake.