

women who ROCK!

This year's **OUR LIFETIME COMMITMENT: Stop Breast Cancer for Life**, marks Lifetime's seventh consecutive year of raising breast cancer awareness. In 2001 Lifetime extends special recognition to breast cancer advocacy groups and their local heroes for helping to save the lives of women across the nation. The dynamic and beautiful women featured on these pages are all breast cancer survivors and breast cancer advocates from the Young Survival Coalition, one of Lifetime's outreach partners. Offering a human face to this disease, they bring new meaning and new hope to the breast cancer cause. Lifetime salutes them as **Women Who Rock!**



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Speaking of Women Who Rock, Lifetime and Marie Claire are gearing up for the **2nd annual Women Rock! girls&guitars** concert. Last year Women Rock! brought the house down with show-stopping performances by the hottest women in music today. Given that, you can bet this year's line-up—including India.Arie, Pat Benatar, Mary J. Blige, Beth Nielsen Chapman, Dixie Chicks, Nelly Furtado, Emmylou Harris, and Shea Seger—will rock the house in a special music event dedicated to raising breast cancer awareness. Catch the concert special on **Friday, October 26th at 9pm ET/PT on Lifetime.**

For more information about breast cancer awareness and the Young Survival Coalition, log on to www.lifetime.com.

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ASHA MEVLANA
age **25**
survivor since **1999**

I was diagnosed shortly after my 23rd birthday. I, as well as my doctors, thought I was too young to get breast cancer, so I had ignored my lump for almost a year. Nothing came up on the mammogram, but a sonogram showed that the lump wasn't a cyst, which I originally thought it was. And then I got the biopsy which showed it was cancerous.

The hardest thing for me was learning to trust my body again. At 24, you feel so invincible, that nothing can happen to you, that you're going to live forever. And when something like this happens, all of a sudden you're faced with the possibility of death. I definitely live more in the moment now. I don't get stressed out about things that I used to get stressed about. I really started focusing more on what I really want to accomplish in my life, what I want to get out of it.

I like to tell other people my story because breast cancer is something that can happen to a woman at any age. It's important for women to be proactive about their health and take responsibility for their bodies.



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