J. Dolan Byrnes

This has been one of the saddest weeks of my and others' lives, with the news that our dear, loving, wonderful friend Bronwyn Rucker left our world on Monday night. Those of us who knew her, and most of us did, knew her to be kind, generous, supportive, and so full of life. She encouraged others to show their talents and abilities and she selflessly provided platforms for them to do so. I was a recipient of that love and generosity and my moments with her are some of my most cherished memories. I have seldom in my life been this heartbroken and I know that others share this feeling. She touched so many lives that there are literally little shrines to her in the venues she once frequented. I saw one today in Ty's and I've heard that there are others. There is so much that's wonderful to say about our experiences with Bronwyn.



Shawn Fox

So sad to hear, our dear Bronwyn Rucker has passed away.
Such a truly wonderful woman, she will be dearly missed.

J. Dolan Byrnes

The world lost a true light.
Thanks Fox for posting such a lovely picture. It truly captures who she was.



Bill Sattan

She was one of the kindest persons I've ever known. I will miss her dearly.

Jeremy M Smith

Oh wow, I feel like I just saw her a week ago. This is so sad.

Patrick Butler

I'm so so saddened to hear this. A rare Greenwich Village jewel gone.
Xxxxxx

Steven Carl McCasland

So sorry to hear about the wonderful Bronwyn Rucker has left us.
The piano bars of NYC will never be the same. Bronwyn was one of a kind,
filled with love, compassion, fearless abandon and a wonderful warmth.
Rest in Peace, Bronwyn. I'll always think of you when I go where
I "can forget all my troubles, forget all my cares"....

Michael Beau
Drew Wutke did a beautiful tribute to Bronwyn Rucker tonight at Marie's Crisis 💔
Bronwyn will live in our hearts forever. Rest in eternal peace sweet angel 🪽

Ray Valentin
Bronwyn Rucker
My favorite.



Brice Corder
A beautiful tribute. It's so hard not to be there with the Maries Family.
I'm so Honored to have worked, sang and performed along side
this beautiful human, I know she will be joining my mom,
and the Maries in the heavens. 😢

Alex Parziale
My deepest condolences.

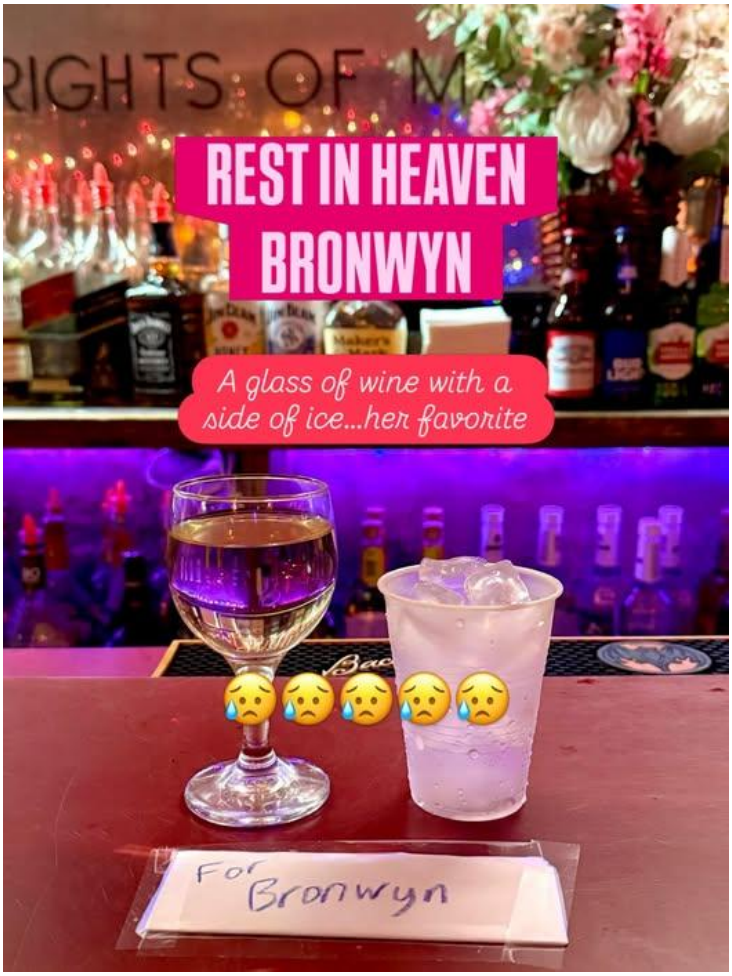
Debbie Smith
I went to high school and college with her. Sad to hear this.

Johnsen Carew Kerri
Oh my god! I'm so sorry.

Aimee Sanders
She's in my thoughts and prayers.

Eric R. Best
My condolences.

Richard J. Marks
For Bronwyn...



Dick Zigun
Rest in peace dear Bronwyn. Way too soon. Condolences to Rick and family.

Paul Martin Kovic
Bronwyn Rucker you were one of a kind and an everlasting delight.
You will be missed but there are many old friends waiting
for you at that cabaret in the sky. What a scene that will be.

Jym Benzing
RIP Brownyn. You certainly made an impact on us all.
You will be missed. Love and condolences to your loved ones
and the Marie's Crisis extended family.

Ritt Henn
Bronwyn was a true artist and it was fun to get into the creative sandbox with her.

Jessica Deiro Berryessa

Rest In Peace my dear friend... I will miss you!
All the world's a stage, and all the men and women are merely players.
~ W. Shakespeare





Cheryl Bulbach

Her holiday shows were raucous, happy events.
And it was clear how beloved she was by her audience.
The world is a little less bright, now that she has left it.

James Ament
Sorry for your loss.

Theresa Eidt Wibbs
So sorry for your loss Jess, sounds like a woman
who left her mark on this world.

Terence Scott
All the world's a stage and we are merely players.

Kenney M. Green
Sigh
Very sad to hear of the passing of our dear beloved Bronwyn Rucker.
From her birthday cabaret... I'm genuinely heartbroken.

John Bronston
It was a delight to play for her, she always kept me on my toes.
Truly a piano bar institution has left us... thanks for the innumerable delights Bronwyn.

Kimlee Hicks
And Bronwyn worked with hospice patients.
I always thought "what a lovely person to see you out".
She will be missed.
Kind soul.

Andrew Lustbader
OMG, I love her!
My fave was when she did the grandmother's song from BILLY ELLIOT.

Meredith Petry White
She was the silliest, most creative, kindest soul there ever was.
I haven't seen her perform in years so thank you for sharing this lovely video of her.
Of course, my favorite she did was Drowsy Chaperone.

Robert A. Sherrill
I spent many an early evening bellied up to the bar at Marie's with her talking shop.
A kind and extraordinarily warm human. Thanks for letting us know.

Susan Kirshenbaum



Matthew Rosenstein
Oh no! I am so sorry to hear this. She was such a delightful, joyful woman. May she rest in peace.

Jennifer Pace
Beautiful. May her memory always be for a blessing.

Roberta Lipp
She radiated warmth and talent.

Stephaun DePaul
This makes my heart hurt. Thank you for posting.

Martin Maruschak
She was so nice whenever we've crossed paths.

Jym Benzing
Ugh. So sorry to hear, thanks for letting us know. Condolences to the Marie's Crisis extended family.

Lisa Dailey
I'm shocked and saddened.

Laura Kroh
Oh no! What a gift it was to watch her perform.

Clare Cooper
I can't believe it! A sad loss of a wonderfully unique person.

Casey Paradies
She was always such a sweet soul and so fun to talk to.

Brice Corder
This hurts a lot. Sending love.

Barbara Porteus

RIP dear Bronwyn. You were a force to be reckoned with here on earth.
I'm sure you're raising some cain up there!!! You will be so missed down here.



Michael Beau

Thanks for sharing this beautiful moment.

Duncan Pflaster

Awww nooo, what a special lady she was.

Rick Peets

What a wonderful spirit. This makes me sad.

Darin Anquoe

So sad. What a wonderful, beautiful spirit. RIP Bronwyn.

David Farré

Oh no!

Rich Siegel

So sorry to hear this sad news. RIP

Laura Pesanell
I'm so sorry, Richard.

Kay Jay
Just hearing of A major Loss in the Community & neighborhood
- HK - A Massive/ Huge presence at Don't Tell Mama Cabaret/piano Bar...
Marie's Crisis, etc. Bronwyn Rucker has shockingly left us.
I first met Bronwyn @ DTM's 30+ yrs ago... when I rented a shady
SRO Apt/ room above DTM. I Loved her instantly!
Such an Amazing, Sweethearted, Loving, Funny, Talented Women....
I absolutely Loved going to see her shows on a
regular & enjoying times with her after the shows.
She was one who fought an Awesome battle for so many years!
She gave me strength in my own journey/ treatments/ struggles...
An Amazing performer/ Idol to so many of us in the
HK neighborhood... for decades.
Bron- You will be dearly missed!😢🎶💔🎙️🥂

Chauncey Dandridge
Rest well Bronwyn Rucker
you were such a wonderful soul, passionate artist and activist
and the way your eyes lit up as another artist explained
what they were working on... 🦋your authenticity will be missed.

Shawn Fox
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Such a truly wonderful woman, she will be dearly missed.



John Philip
One of the best photos posted!

Terence Law

RIP, Bronwyn! It was always such a joy to see Bronwyn here in Hudson.
We will miss Bronwyn so much.

Wolfgang Darlington

I first met Bronwyn Rucker over 10 years ago when she was singing at The Monster. I was immediately struck by her joy, her generosity, her fearlessness, and her love of Broadway. She was a little eccentric in the most delightful way—the best people are.
She was a beacon of light and love to everyone who knew her.
I hope that many, many years from now, I'm still singing and chasing my dreams the way she did.
Bronwyn was an example to us all.
rest in peace, sweet lady.



Francesca Bertolini

Goodbye sweet Bronwyn Rucker, you will be missed always.
See you again "when the fates allow" 🎵❤️

Michael McAssey

Dear Bronwyn Rucker,
Rest In Peace, friend.

Carlos Knauth

Just heard the news of my dear friend Bronwyn Rucker passing..
with all that's happening in my life I let this one hit me hard.
I'm heartbroken seriously. I love you dear lady ...



Brian Scott Mednick

Very sad to learn today of the passing of Bronwyn Rucker, a talented and nice lady who was a mainstay of the downtown cabaret scene. Hadn't seen her in years but I remember having some nice conversations with her. No details on how she died. RIP.



Adrian Rennie

Sigh. ❤️Bronwyn Rucker, we meet in 2013 Marie's Crisis.
Thanks for your laughs and I missed her smiles. She knows everything
about me, and she always let me to hang with her. Luckily she painted a pic of me.
She has alot of good friends. (Hug) ❤️❤️❤️I still love memories
when she sings to all everyone w Alex, Jeffrey or
Kenney pianists at happy hour - with bartenders.



PJ Dempsey



Bill Goffi

Rest in beautiful loving memory everyone's friend Bronwyn Rucker..😞

Lara Starr Rigores
Oh no:(I'm so sorry to hear this. She was such a nice lady!

John Bronston
It was a delight to play for her, she always kept me on my toes. Truly a piano bar institution has left us...thanks for the innumerable delights Bronwyn.

Michael Beau
Sorry to hear the news of a dear friend passing Bronwyn Rucker
you were always an inspiration to so many. May you rest in eternal peace. 🪶

Rachel Kaufman
Oh no! Am so sorry to hear this 😞

Richard Skipper
I just saw that Bronwyn Rucker passed away. Oh my god what a day this has been.

Pamela Singer
Sorry to hear.

Laura Hull
My condolences.
I had the pleasure of getting to know her a bit at Trudi's open mic. RIP.

Andrew Poretz
Damn, that's sad news. I didn't know her well but
we were friends for more than five years.

Jacqueline Draper
Oh no! Such a lovely, dynamic, generous soul!

Karolina



Jerry Wichinsky

No!

Suze Velv Genereux

So sad, so sorry sending love to all.

Steve Garrin

Very sad. My condolences to her family.

Sue Matsuki

No! I'm so sad. She was a lovely lady!

Kenney M. Green

Really hit harder than I thought.
😥What a special, special lady!

About last night: as a lot of us gathered to remember
Bronwyn and her amazing life… It was amazing how many people
she touched as a social worker, entertainer and artist.
Stories and songs were shared – then the pictures started to roll in.

I have known Bronwyn for 18 YEARS
- numerous shows, cabarets and afternoons around a piano
and realized I DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE PICTURE OF US!
Thus started the photo dump.
If we've ever taken a picture together please share, post and tag.
I want to remember our time together and I will do the same!
💜💜💜💜

Carolyn Ohlbaum

I'm very shocked and extremely sad to hear about Bronwyn.
I used to play my violin at Trudi Mann's open mics at Butterfield 8,
and Bronwyn always would be there. That's how I got to know her.
She was a very lovely person and so terribly talented and creative.

Lynne Lombardi

My sincerest condolences to Bronwyn's family and friends.
I've taken dance classes with her for many, many years.
She's in Luigi's class in Heaven now.

Judi Mark

No!!
OMG!

Jai Mason Miranda Moirai

I am beyond devastated to hear of the
passing of the beloved Bronwyn Rucker.
A legend in her own right, and a queen in the cabaret scene.
If I had to describe her to someone who never had the pleasure
of knowing her, she was like that one auntie you couldn't wait to see
at Christmas. Full of joy, full of life, and always bringing that infectious
energy with her... right down to her signature cobalt blue nail polish.
(Which I will never forget helping her look for, only to find it crushed
under my car after it fell out of her purse... a very "her" moment.)
When she took the mic, you never quite knew where she was
going to take you, but it didn't matter.
You went along for the ride every single time, because
it was always fun, always unexpected, and always uniquely her.
She's also a gentle reminder to hold onto the moments
and the people while we can. I wish I had a photo with her,
but I'm grateful for the memories I do have. Also, the beautiful
wood panel painting she made for me of myself in drag,
that I'll treasure even more now.
There will never be another quite like you, Bronwyn.
The cabaret space won't feel the same without your
name in the lineup or your laughter filling the room.
Rest in power, my dear Auntie. 💙

Kate Medhus

Devastated by this news. She will live on in our hearts and memories.

Francis J Roach - LUIGI'S JAZZ CENTRE

We are sad to learn of the passing of Luigi's student, performer and artist
BRONWYN RUCKER. She was in class at the beginning of this month
and has been a student since the 1970's.



Susan Kille

My heart is grieving but seeing the love on Bronwyn's FB page provides a lift. She visited last Wednesday to share her diagnosis. She pulled a collage of photos of my family at Meltdown events out of one of the big bags she always seemed to carry. She was bright-eyed and gracefully floated around the room like a balloon, as usual. Less than a week later, her bright light is extinguished. We met Bronwyn in 1989, when my husband, our two young daughters and I moved to a Brooklyn brownstone 2 floors below her and Rick. Bronwyn babysat, taught our daughters to roller skate, came to birthday parties and just always was around. As a family, we saw many of her shows, even one when the girls were young and the walls were covered by large paintings of penises. At her Christmas Shows, it's my grandmother's bell she rings during "Silver Bells." Peace.



Tom Sawyer

Bronwyn was a star. She always will be. She starred in her life and by her example she encouraged all of us to open up and find some of that same shine inside as well. It was abundantly clear at her many shows and celebrations that she burnished the stars within her many other friends the same way. I'm reminded of her art, surprising ideas, wit and joy every day now as I spot people and words around me that make me think of how her stories and performances were knitted from her witness and love of the characters and dramas constantly playing out around her. Bronwyn was a lovely person and a true friend. How fortunate we all are to have known her. Those memories and inspirations for living life in full are our keepsakes forever.

Bill Sattan

Our Dear Bronwyn made this jewelry with pieces of her art work
for my zoom art class. May you rest in peace!

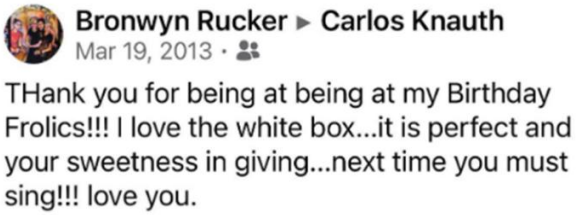


J. Dolan Byrnes

They were lovely.

Carlos Knauth

Glad I found something saying from you and expressing " love you" ..
I hardly use those words until I really mean it and feel it
in the moment and oh boy! I FEEL it.. thank you from eternity
for feeling love for me .. I love you too ... bronwyn .. unique , special,
my norma and all around a light of inspiration and humanity .. a true " diva "
in the best sense of the word in my carlos book ..you shine so bright baby..
so luminescent for me and for all of us forever... xox



Mary Ellen Ryan

May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest, dear Bronwyn.
She was an original Theater Artist. Full of Love and Heart.

Marion Margaret DeSio

I am so heartbroken.

Jim Eshelman

Bronwyn Rucker RIP.
Creative and performing force, bursting with music and joy.
Generously aided countless people in their creative efforts for half a century.
Social worker by day, cabaret producer and performer by night.
She unleashed so much life to the cluster of venues around 7th and Bleeker
(and winding up the west side to Hell's Kitchen) that her joy will never leave the place.
In an interview a few years ago, she was asked, "Which is the most memorable
experience you've had in your singing and acting career?"
She answered, "This is still yet to come."
Her recent 75th birthday bash at Don't Tell Mama is still the talk of the town.
I wish we could have been there.



Paulette Hunt

beautiful!

Luigi's Jazz Centre

Luigi's Jazz Centre is sadly missing Bronwyn Rucker. She started classes with Luigi
at Luigi's Jazz Centre West 62nd St. location in the 1970's and continued to in April
of this year. Bronwyn was a loving performer, artist and a wonderful soul.
Our condolences to her husband and her many theater friends.

Henry Dee

Bronwyn was one of the very first people I met in the music rooms of NYC when I first moved here in 2000. I immediately connected with her emotional and unique delivery of the song she was singing. I'm trying to remember exactly which song it was but it could have been "Being Green". I became a fan of her wondrous talent. We became fast friends and I can remember walking down the sidewalk with her many times after music events. She was full of ideas and just bubbling with enthusiasm. When I saw her first live performance, I realized I was witnessing something very great, very original and unforgettable. And so it went, our wonderful friendship for many years to come. Then came the day that we went to see Anita O'Day at club Fez in the Village. Bronwyn, being a social worker and advocate for people in need of help saw Anita and something just clicked. Her heart went right out to her. Bronwyn introduced herself to Anita who was sitting on a stool waiting to go on. Thus became a friendship of caring and companionship to Anita while she was living in NY. She would take her shopping and help her in any way she could. A generous friend she was and at a time when Anita needed one. Just one of the many amazing things Bronwyn did. She worked with the homeless, advocated for human rights and kept growing in her art, music and acting. I also had the wonderful pleasure of becoming a dear friend of Bronwyn's amazing husband Rick whose knowledge of show business history boggles the mind. Such a delightful and devoted couple. The two started out performing together in the early days of their relationship and I love them both. I never thought when this photo was taken just a couple of weeks ago that it would be the last time I would see my dear Bronwyn. How wonderful it was to visit with her that day. Of course, she was a joy as usual. I feel so blessed to have that day to remember. I will never ever forget Bronwyn and I honor her legacy.

Love, Henry X0



Joel Bramble

Oh no; I'm so sorry to hear this. She was such a wonderful, unique creative force, and a lovely generous person. She gave me a miniature painting of hers as a gift many years ago in honor of my first gig at The Triad; I will always treasure it. Rest easy, dear Bronwyn Rucker.

Jerry Wichinsky

So sorry to hear about Bronwyn's passing. She was so uniquely Bronwyn! RIP!

Gloria Applegate

Oh no! I remember her! She was so nice!

Esther Auriemma Beckman

I am in shock. She was such a sweetheart, go sing with the angels my Friend. Until we meet again.

Lisa Marion

Miss your kind, loving, spirited, talented soul! ❤️‍🩹

Rahima Gary Payne Young

Bronwyn, always so bright and positive...
the Barry Harris Jazz Ensemble Chorus will miss her.



Lela Keels

On behalf of myself and the Barry Harris Choir, deepest sympathy for the loss of such a beautiful soul.



Uni Coglioni, Village Playwrights Inc.

Bronwyn's participation with Village Playwrights was Wonderful.
She will always be remembered as a great spirited and talented actress
and as loving person of the arts! Village Playwrights will certainly miss her presence.



Daniel McHenry

She brought a lot of people a lot of joy.
Thank you, Bronwyn, for the memories and the possibilities.



Robert John Wolff
Bronwyn was a sweet heart. Rest in peace. Forwarding on too!

J. Dolan Byrnes
One of the world's true lights has gone out.
But the love she spread still blazes brightly.

Dan Onzo
Very sad news for all of us!

Bobby Lynch
You will be sorely missed, a great artist, a wonderful person and a heart of gold.

Bill Goffi
Wait what??? Sigh...:((((

Dan Daly
I am so shocked and saddened by the news. Bronwyn was one of the loveliest people.
I miss her so much already.

Eddie DeSantis
I had the greatest respect for Bronwyn. To me, she was a force of nature.
Her spirit, her creativity, her willingness to help others. She had such great optimism.
She was so much fun to hang out with at Julius' and that's how I got to know her.
She always made me laugh, and she was always so kind to me and treated me like a good friend.

Michael Beau
Oh no, she will be deeply missed, such a talented woman, sang for her open mic nights many times.

Gary Spitalny

So very sorry. Rest in peace dear sweet one.

Mark McMahon

What a lovely lady. The world has suffered a great loss.

Go Mahan

Dear Sweet Wonderful Woman...
May you light up the heavens just as brightly as you lit up the earth.
Your physical presence will be dearly missed. But we will know that your Spirit is with us still.
Thank you for the love and joy you always shared...



Edward Lyons

A lot of us had the great time having an incredible person
who was friendly and kind and always helping people with her special kind
of magic and kindness. I will always remember her and the years that I knew her.

Ray Barr

Bronwyn was kind and fun and hardworking and she got things done,
spoke against injustice and spread joy and encouragement. Her passing is such a loss.
What a lady. Her memory will be a blessing, but there is sadness today.

Lois Anne DeLong

Whatever she did, she did with passion and commitment. I'm glad I had a chance to work with her.

Edward Lyons

She will be very missed and loved.

Chip Luck

She was so sweet and a joy when we saw each other at the bar. She will be so missed.

Marylou Morgillo Caputo

So sorry for the loss of your dear friend.

Lisa Marion

How sad am I.

William Alberto
So very sorry....

Chance Wayne
So sad...

Jeremy M Smith
Oh wow, I feel like I just saw her a week ago. This is so sad.

Patrick Butler
I'm so so saddened to hear this. A rare Greenwich Village jewel gone.

Sandra Grant Larsen
So sorry to hear this. I know she was a good friend of yours for many years.
I'm glad I got to meet her at your last show.

Harold Anthony Stella
Rest In Peace Dear BRONWYN.
You Will Be Missed.



Corrie Kem
Oh my goodness. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and sending hugs.

Yvette Eaddy
I'm sorry you lost a dear friend. May she rest in peace.

Helen Buford
Shocked, may she rest in peace.

Billy Williams
So sorry.

Mary Burns Holmes

My dear dear friend Bronwyn has passed. She was a light and a delight. Sigh.
Oh no! My photos of Bronwyn Rucker are from our cross country trip together with Jim Valley in 1971. My dog Sunshine joined us all the way to the west coast.
We camped and had many adventures. I got to meet Bucky along the way.
I had been the wardrobe mistress at the Pittsburgh Playhouse where she was acting. I sat with her at the after party where I fell in love with her as she wistfully sang... "tra la la la" to no one in particular. We tried out for a children's theater together singing and dancing to "I won't grow up"... appropriate for both of us.
We took my daughter to visit when she lived in NY and she visited my husband and I in NJ and when he was at a convention at the Waldorf Astoria.
She was dear to me and left sweet and delicate foot prints on my heart.
Thank you for loving us Bronwyn. Rest in Peace.



Sara Mercer

There are some people who are so full of life that it is impossible to imagine a world without them. I have not seen you, Bronwyn, for about 10 years, but you are one of only a few people who I have known since I was a child.
I miss you, I am so horribly saddened that you are gone.
Rest in peace dear old friend.

J. Dolan Byrnes

A true light in the world.



Shawn Fox

I miss you so much, my dear. Every day I miss you.
We will see each other again some day, I hope, in another life, in a better world.



Bethe Austin

I remember her as such a sweet, kooky, funny,
a lovely eccentric actress - always endearing.

Dave Hillman

To know the universally beloved Bronwyn Rucker was a true blessing for me.
Always upbeat, always fun, devoted to her art and to her husband Rick, Bronwyn, without fail, personified unprovoked joy. I never once saw this girl in a bad mood. Except when we discussed politics, but nowadays that's normal. We both enjoyed discussing the current madness and I think she appreciated the fact that she could vent with me; I know I did with her.

Bronwyn is (let's just go with "is," I can't say "was" right now) the personification of goodwill. From time to time, and not enough she and I enjoyed the slightly wicked practice of "day drinking," everywhere from rainy afternoons at the White Horse Tavern and Cowgirl to, of course, happy hour(s) at Ty's and Julius', where she is worshipped accordingly.

Bronwyn truly loved the Christmas season, and her Christmas shows at Don't Tell Mama's are justifiably famous for their charm, wit and old-fashioned celebrations of music, friends, New York, good cheer and holiday warmth. On and off stage, Bronwyn radiated love without treacle; that's a rare talent indeed, but only one of many she possessed. The Christmas shows for me are legend and I will absolutely miss them, as I'm sure will all her many fans.

Bronwyn surprised the hell out of me several times. Not only could she hold her liquor (but always with an eye on time and the caveat of "I don't want to worry Rick"), she had an amazing knack of showing up with gifts. She gave me a portrait of myself (the first and only, completely unexpected) that she did completely from memory; it's uncannily accurate and it is on my wall, even though it is of the real old current me and not the young version of me that I occasionally try to enact at moments in public after that fourth cocktail. She also gave me several housewarming presents for my latest apartment, two paintings (also on my walls) and an incredible stainless steel pot that I use almost every day.

She is just like that. She will never be far from my mind. I would surely call Bronwyn Rucker indelible, and then beyond. She was easily one of the finest women I've ever known, and the only woman I enjoyed kicking back with on a frequent basis.

I must say that Bronwyn persistently encouraged me to write and keep writing. She could be a critic. She could also be openly pleased when she thought I nailed something, and those moments thrilled me. I found Bronwyn's opinions on most matters always to be thoughtful, measured and insightful.

A class act, without effort. We have lost one of the great New Yorkers, really one of the great humans, but when I visit our haunts, I'll think of her, and wish for one more grand entrance through the door with her bag(s). And it was always a grand entrance and usually funny. And then our games would begin.

Rochelle Hall

Oh, I am so sad to hear that Bronwyn Rucker has passed. I first met her when she was my Medical social work supervisor at Brooklyn Hospital. She became a mentor and a dear friend. So ironic that she worked with very sick and dying patients every day, because she was more full of life than almost anyone I have ever known.
She taught me so much. I will miss her.



Woody Regan

So sad. Bronwyn was a great artist, a trailblazer,
and the epitome of kindness and generosity.
She will be remembered and forever missed.
Her way of working was challenging to me and ended up
a great inspiration. Our work together enabled me to be
cast by Sam Shepard, which finally took me to The
Moscow Art Theater. And I told her about that
afterwards. So she knew of my thoughts.
She really got me going in new directions!

David J Diamond

I still remember the first time I met Bronwyn - when I was doing tech for her cabaret show. I thought she was so original. Getting to know her over the years, it was clear that she was an extraordinary person and unique talent. I was glad whenever our paths happened to cross.
...may her name be a blessing.

Michael Mayer

Bronwyn was *sui generis* and, to my mind,
under-appreciated by the general public; but those of us
who had the rare privilege of making work with her,
watching the way her creative spirit met
the moments at hand, and benefitting from
her generous and beautiful heart will
always hold her in a special place.

Carlos Knauth
13h ·

Thank you Marie's crisis for placing a plaque for our Bronwyn Rucker! So quick so we can honor her every time we enter OUR place! Forever remembered!💗





Sidney Myer
Loved her!

Phil Mougis
I loved collaborating with Bronwyn.
She was an amazing force of good will.

John McWhorter

For almost 25 years, I knew Bronwyn as the lady who would come to Marie's Crisis around sundown and infuse a song with her passionate, physically expansive and touching essence, turning whichever song it was into poetry. (I recall clicking into knowing she was a genius when she started doing 'Stumble Along' from ‘The Dirty Chaperone.') I was so honored that she brought me into her cabaret community over the past few years. She was a one-off. I will dearly miss her.

Jack Courtney

She's something of a saint to me always.



Henry Holliday

For my dear friend, Bronwyn Rucker – rest easy, I'll miss you always . . . ✨💕



Marc McBarron Kessler

Dear Rick,
It seems impossible to me that a lifeforce like Bronwyn could be gone.
The two of you were a true and timeless New York City love story.
Her love for you was present in all that she did, sang, and created.
I can't imagine the silence that has descended upon your life without her.

There was never a time Bronwyn entered a room unnoticed.
Whether in the audience or on stage, she was a storm of creativity and beautiful chaos and brilliant righteousness that we so needed in our dark days.
Some of my greatest New York City memories star Bronwyn.

Meeting her at my original music happy hour at Marie's and having her sing along to my songs when she hardly knew them. Believing in me enough to invite me to accompany her for her Christmas show two years in a row.
I met many important people because of Bronwyn. That might be one of her greatest legacies for me. She taught me to view raindrops as "blessings" and to look at ordinary situations through her rose-colored glasses and transform them into the extraordinary, quintessential artist that she was.
She supported me as only a fellow creative can, and she showed me her rare insecure sides, too. I think that is something people don't always celebrate when they remember Bronwyn…just how complex and complicated and multi-faceted and smart she was. She had access to all of her emotions, and she could often travel the world of them in a single song.

Watching her perform was like swimming in a freshly uncorked sea of champagne.
New York City will never be the same without her. And each of us carry around our own version of Bronwyn with us and the one I carry still quietly guides me through life. I hear her laughter, her unabashed flight through song, her hurt when she felt disappointed in a loved one, her poetic observations, her political proclamations, her dedication to art and spontaneity and never doing the same thing twice.

You will never find another dove like Bronwyn, but you will never be a lonely bird because so many people love you as they continue to love the memories Bronwyn gave them with a generosity that was almost saintly and the playful wickedness of a little girl just released from school for the summer. And what a long and beautiful summer Bronwyn gave all of us. She used to sing my song "Home" and I never imagined those lyrics ("May blue skies lead you home while I cry alone…") would someday apply to our missing her. There is so much to miss, and that is the beauty of knowing a gorgeous soul like Bronwyn.
The world shouldn't be the same without her…and it isn't…

Christine Rising

Dearest Bronwyn…You will be terribly, deeply missed, my dear friend…
This is beautiful you at Julius' when you and Susan surprised
me for my birthday last year, October…
Thank you from the bottom of my bottommost heart.
As I always told you, "you are magic…"
Your own unique, heartbreaking, wacky, wild, winsome, warrior magic…
Safe, smooth travels… Wishing you love always…
and gentle, peaceful, happy landings…
everywhere you go… 💔

