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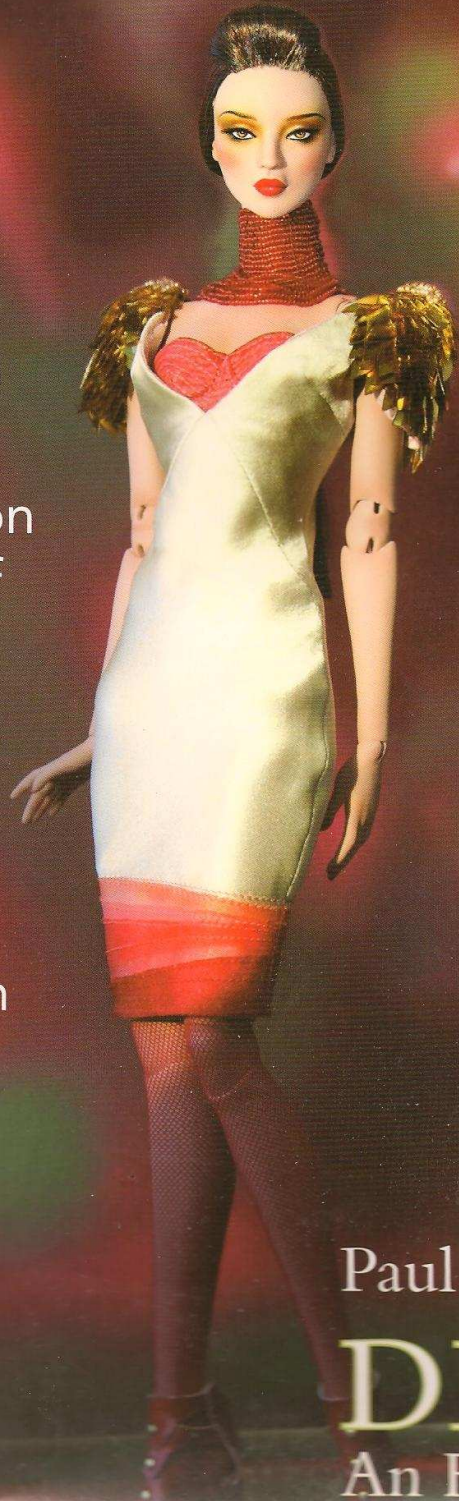
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Barbie & The Rockers Reunion Tour!

July 21-25, Cleveland, OH

It was hot outside and scorching inside at the Rockers Reunion Tour bash in the city of the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, Ohio this summer, as Barbie and all her fans gathered to celebrate!

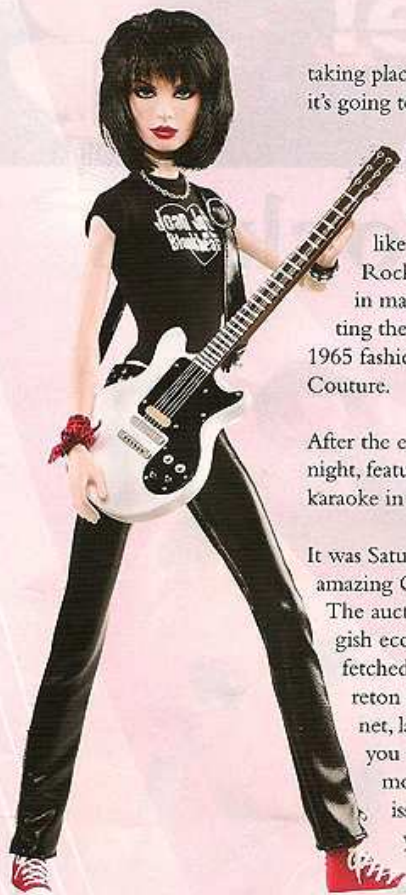
It was an action packed week, starting with room sales, raffles and the fantastic array of competition dolls created by talented collectors. Everyone came away with their own rocker at the Record Release Party, a Joan Jett "Ladies of The '80s" Barbie doll.

The sales room was very busy, whether you were looking for the latest Barbie Basic or a vintage American Girl. If workshops were more your style, you could learn the secrets to Chef Gina's Kitchen, how to make stop action films with Bob Young, or even learn the "Barbie Dance" with Paul Bruce! If that was too much activity, you could also take in a seminar featuring a panel of experts including Joe Blitman, Sandy Holder, Marl Davidson and Priscilla Wardlow, or brush up on your photography with Pat Henry of FDQ.

Thursday night was the Rock Star Dinner, when brave and talented competitors brought their "A" game to the stage, singing live to popular hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s. Everyone was a winner as the representative from the Hall of Fame bestowed trophies on all the participants. Everyone was a "Rocker" for the night!

Those who were part of the Barbie Collectors Club got to mix and mingle in the morning and come away with their own Barbie & The Rockers doll. The Recording Studio luncheon was a great place to catch up with friends and see what everyone had bought, won or found during their room shopping excursions. It was also at the luncheon that this year's "Barbie's Best Friend" award was given to The Western PA Doll Club and to Duane Adle, co-chair of this year's convention and a long time mainstay of convention planning and organization. Duane will be the Chairman of next year's convention, "Where The Boys Are",





taking place in Fort Lauderdale, July 27-30, 2011. Next year is Ken's 50th birthday, so you know it's going to be a great celebration and beach party for the ages!

After the luncheon, it was time to get ready for everyone's favorite part of the weekend—the fashion show! Every year, collectors raise the bar with their fantastic reproductions of *Barbie*, *Ken*, *Skipper* and *Francie* fashions. This year there were rockers like Elvis and Hard Rock *Barbie*, lots of Basics in little black dresses, Elvis, Cyndi, The Rockers themselves, and a fashion skirmish right on the runway featuring Lucy and Ethel in matching evening gowns! The kids are always the best part, with tiny Ferrari *Kens* hitting the runway along with elegant little ladies like Catherine Fraser in a reproduction of the 1965 fashion, "Country Club Dance", designed by daddy Steven Fraser of Dressmaker's Details Couture.

After the excitement of the fashion show, nighttime activities included a pajama party movie night, featuring the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, an appropriate choice for the rocking theme, and karaoke in the downstairs pub until the wee hours.

It was Saturday before you knew it, and the big gala event would include the auction of seven amazing Ooak dolls, and the unveiling of this year's convention doll, designed by Ninimomo. The auction raised over \$58,000 this year; an incredibly impressive showing for a sluggish economy, and Ninimomo's own four-doll display (inspired by Hall of Fame guitarists) fetched \$18,000 all by itself! It was a great reference point to the inspirations of Marie Lebreton and Nik Moronese's fantastic rock star convention doll, who was adorned in chains, net, lace and embroidery with a "dirty pink" blouse that reminded you that this lady, was after all, still *Barbie*. If you are looking for more *Barbie* goodness, make sure to pick up our "Rock On" issue celebrating *Barbie* and the Rock 'n Roll theme of this year's event. There are some spectacular vintage samples that have not been seen before in this issue for the vintage fans, too. It was a fantastic convention, and we are looking forward to celebrating Ken's big birthday next year in the sun and surf of Florida! ♦

Do you love Rock 'N Roll? We do! And we loved getting our own Joan Jeff at the luncheon on Friday! Right: Designer Steve Skulka created two Rock Star ensembles, seen here on a Barbie Basic girl with a Fashionista body, and a Fashionista Ken. The fabulous sofa and chairs were also part of the goodies that weekend, produced by Horsman, Ltd.





The fantastic fashion show this year featured Barbie Basics, Harley Davidson girls and guys, vintage "Campus Sweethearts", and a dueling Lucy and Ethel, who wowed the crowd! Above, a diorama winner featured a Rocky Horror Picture Show theme. Left: If you felt like singing, you might win an award! Right: There were also delights in the showroom for the vintage collector, like this Color Magic Barbie, from Mari & B.





THIS PAGE: As always, the independent designers outdo themselves year after year. The 2010 selection of OOAK dolls brought over \$58,000 to this year's charity, The 32nd Masonic Learning Center, which helps children with dyslexia. From top left: Linda Kyaw's fabulous trio from Mattel, Artist Creations elegant beaded gown, Magia2000's fantastic glamour Geisha, Matt Sutton's sophisticated lady, Melissa Windham's gorgeous peachy pink confection, Steven Fraser and Rob's Dolls cotton candy girl, and Edge of 17's punk pair.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The amazing convention doll has jet black hair and a tattoo on her left temple, along with the signature Ninimomo style. Inset shots: The four dolls featured in the Ninimomo auction piece referenced Rock 'N Roll Hall of Famers Prince, The Grateful Dead's Bob Weir, Metallica guitarist James Hetfield, and Jimi Hendrix as inspirations for each fashion.

Far right: The convention designers Marie Lebreton and Nik Moronese with Liz Grampp and Katie Phillips of Mattel.

