

## **Tragedy Gives Expression to Art and Writing**

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"She was a rule breaker -- she didn't let society dictate her goals, her dreams and she always had time for those who just wanted to spend time with her. Ashlie's words are echoed in Rowan Lore's novel, *Fall On Me* -- 'I don't make the trends, I break the trends.' That was my Ashlie -- that is what my tour is going to be -- I'll be treading on waters where not many authors would dare to go. But watch, you'll see it will make all the difference in the world. She would have wanted things this way. For a tiny 4 foot 11 inch, 80 pound girl she would have stood up to the world to show you -- she wore no labels -- she was no better than you or I but everyone knew different. They knew who she was bound to be, but sadly she was taken from us far too soon," stated her mother, horror author Kristy Tallman.

On December 2nd there will be a benefit in Ashlie's name of a different kind because that's the kind of girl she was. Tallman will be doing a book signing at the Red Dragon Tattoo Studio while she gets a tattoo of her daughter's last piece of artwork. A self-portrait she sketched out for her portfolio she was building as she was trying to get acceptance into VCU's School of Arts. A tattoo of this is no coincidence because in Ashlie's eyes, tattoos are a form of art just as Rembrandt or Salvador Dali only the canvas is different. She would have been proud to wear it herself, though she didn't seem to realize the beauty her own spirit held -- it was a piece of artwork in itself and her mother will wear it proudly.

Tallman is not the only one dedicating the day to her daughter but she is also dedicating the day to the arts which is something she feels is not recognized enough here in the state of Virginia -- and she's not alone in feeling this way. The Red Dragon Tattoo Shop located on West Broad Street in Richmond has teamed up with Tallman to take the steps toward doing just that by opening up their doors on December 2 to just such an event.

"This event is not just a book signing -- there's a lot more to it," says Tallman. "Red Dragon's owner, Robbie Villalpando is going to be opening her shop not just to me but to the friends of my daughter and anyone else who wants to attend. Ashlie's artwork will be displayed, it's going to be a dedication and celebration of our love for her and Robbie's devoted the day in her name as well as celebrating bringing the arts together."

Villalpando commented, "Without boundaries, together we come as artist, and free spirited souls to celebrate the life and art of one of our own, Ashlie Stell, the talented storytelling of her mother, and of the artists of Red Dragon Studios. It's going to be a unique experience - I'm really looking forward to it."

"She's got a goal -- she's trying to bring all the arts under one roof -- art of all forms -- music -- film-making and yes even the writers. If anyone can do it -- she'll be the one," said her publisher, Lauren Ferrell. "There's a lot more to come for Virginia. She's determined to bring back to life the dying love the state once used to pride itself upon -- the arts. Celebrating her daughter's love for the arts, the love for challenges didn't come from afar -- it was within her all along -- given to her by a truly talented author and mother, Kristy Tallman."

The day's events will begin at 2pm and will continue until such time as Stell's artwork is finished being recreated upon her mother's back.

"All her friends will tell you, as small as she was, she would always tell you "I got your back. I got your back momma -- she would say. December 2nd my baby will have my back always." said her mother as she held back the tears.

All those who knew her, and all those who wish not only to support the arts, but benefit other families who face times as Tallman's family did a year ago are invited to attend. Please though, if you wish to get a tattoo call ahead and let Red Dragon set your appointment -- extra artists will be brought in for the event but time and space is limited for the day's events. For those who wish to get a book signed just drop on by and if you wish to support the arts, sit around with us as we tell stories that will bring you closer to the beautiful girl who touched so many lives. Celebrate with us our time with her -- the honor and blessing we had in knowing her. And as for the press give her the props she deserves -- make the balance -- share the good that is coming from such a tragedy.

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