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## Judi Kaufman: "Judi Kaufman Had a Set Back" & "A Tumor is a Tumor"

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Judi Kaufman is a long-time community activist and entrepreneur; she is also an active member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Jewish committee. Her previous book of poetry was *Passion and Shadow: The Lights of Brain Cancer*. In 2000, following her first diagnosis of brain cancer, she founded [Art of the Brain](#) at UCLA Medical Center. "My Body's History Is My Geography" may be found in her book, *Do You Want Your Brain to Hurt Now or Later?* Copyright © 2007, Bombshelter Press.

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### Judi Kaufman Had a Set Back

Whale watcher, river monster, some things I used to love  
 I was a custom fan grower, pit bulls and paradise  
 Under butterfly carpets  
 Alligator kids, hoodie, poodles are people  
 Wheaton terrier pub, barbeque  
 Judi Kaufman had a set back  
 Tyrannosaurus Rex, I wore his hat to the royal wedding  
 My God I'm beautiful, historical and alive  
 Judi Kaufman had a set back  
 Help me be extinct  
 Judi Kaufman had a set back  
 Modern definition, feathers, skeleton, extinction  
 Paleobiology, paleobiogeography, distinguished anatomical features  
 How to die, smile, communication, vocalization  
 Judi Kaufman had a set back

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### A Tumor Is a Tumor

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We are proud to premiere 'A Tumor Is A Tumor' in Cultural Weekly.

Image: Judi Kaufman with her husband, Roy, celebrating her one woman show, May, 2010. (Photo

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