



Lady Fest

Tijuana, Baja California Mexico

Friday 13 - Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 June 2008

Convocation

As we are indigenous, sissies, lesbians, bitches, old ladies, poor women, full of debts and without resources, young and more, the people in power see the words we use to define ourselves with skepticism, and we are fighting in order to define ourselves; our vices, our loves, our struggles, and our places in societies, to name who we are because from where we stand the neo-liberal western democracy offers us nothing, and wickedly uses mere illusions of participation to shove their doors in our faces.

Maria Galindo, Mujeres Creando, Bolivia

We invite . . .

-Workers -students -painters -bitches -poets -queers -punx -lesbians -journalists -cooks -philosophers - folksingers -transgendered people -writers -dancers -zinesters -actress -performance artists -witches - photographers -activists -homemakers -ecologists -scientists and many more!

All people who feel that they are women in body and spirit!

Lady Fest Tijuana 2008 is a project with a mission to bring together different communities who struggle day by day in order to destroy gender roles, clichés, and oppression that is forced upon us by society for solely the benefit of those in power.

In this festival, we want to create a resistant culture. We want to get to know each other, learn, create and

share in an autonomous space free of authority, with individuals, collectives, groups and organizations (not-for profit) of all different types that fight against sexism, homophobia, misogyny, heterosexism, and all the "isms" that grow from the sickness called patriarchy.

We want to create a space where it is possible to meet each other and communicate in many different ways: from critical analysis to creative expression.

People from all gender orientations are welcome in Lady Fest Tijuana 2008.

If you are interested in participating in Lady Fest Tijuana 2008, here are the following themes that we consider the foundation of this event:

- Feminism in the 20th/21th century
- Anarcho-feminism
- Anti-patriarchy/Patriarchy
- Sexuality
- Sexual violence (sexual harassment, verbal harassment, rape,) homophobia, heterosexism, mysogeny/sexism
- Queer/Lesbian/Gay/Trans rights and movements
- Pro-choice and the abortion debate in Mexico and in other countries (we are sorry but we don't accept participation from anti-choice organizations or whatever work that people do that will get in the way of a women's right to choice)
- Women and migration
- Women and labor movements
- Indigenous women
- Stories of when women have succeeded in different struggles
- Repression (political, ideological, gender and aesthetic) (FIX)
- Femicide and impunity (Murder of women and men getting away with their actions)
- Political prisoners
- Zapatism
- Ecology
- Art of all different types (photography, painting, sculpture, stencils, graffiti, performance, installations, etc.)
- Documentaries testifying to the reality of women or films created by women
- Vegetarianism/veganism
- Self-Management
- Indymedia
- Information about NAFTA, ASPAN, and other free trade agreements

If you are interested in creating or participating in a workshop and you don't see it listed above, please send your ideas to the organizers.

If you want to get involved in the organization of Lady Fest Tijuana 2008 please contact us at ladyfestj@riseup.net

What are we going to see at Ladyfest Tijuana 2008?

Art and craft fair/bazaar

Zines, independent newspapers, magazines, books, independent book and record distributors, clothing, accessories, art, vegetarian and vegan food, music, HIV testing, contraceptives, movies, etc.

(To sell, trade, or give away)

It is our desire that these items will be made autonomously or be in line with the festival's themes

Music/Musical expressions/Dance

Types of music we'd love to see:

Political punk rock, riot grrrl, power violence, thrash, crust, d-beat, pop, experimental, jazz, indie, folk, musica latinoamericana, hardcore, trova, blues, bossanova, electronic, percussion ensembles, soneras, dj's, etc.

Types of dance we'd love to see:

Contemporary, African, jazz, experimental, ballet folklorico, Belly dancing, tribal, etc.

We would prefer if the members of the ensembles are majority women, or at least have one woman involved in the performance.

Potential workshops/presentations/discussions/artistic expressions/informational tables:

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- Bike repair
- Ecological building
- Sewing, knitting, embroidery
- Roof gardens
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The people who want to participate in any of these activities have to send a short description of their project or collective: who is involved and the names of the members, where you are coming from, what it will look like/what type of space that you will need during the festival, and how your idea relates to lady fest.

For the artistic expressions: please send a short description of your work, format, and how you will present it/ what type of space you will need during the festival, the name of the person or collective, where you are

coming from, and how your idea relates to Lady Fest.

Food

Food Not Bombs, collective kitchens, and individuals who would like to cook for the festival
All food will have to be cheap or free, healthy, (without preservatives or chemicals,) vegetarian, or vegan

ATTENTION

Lady Fest Tijuana 2008 is a not-for profit event organized autonomously, and because of this, it will be nearly impossible for us to pay artists or bands for their presentations at the festival, or if they are from out of town, for their trip to Tijuana.

Details for the 2008 Lady Fest Camp

During the days the 2008 Lady Fest activities will be taking place, certain space will be delimited for the participants and visitors for camping, so it is very important to remember the next few points:

- Since the event will be a 3 day camping it is a must to bring your Camping Tent, Sleeping Bag, lanterns and batteries or combustion supplies, dishes, cutlery, bottles, containers, hygiene supplies (toilet paper, soap, tooth paste, toothbrush. etc.), and some other provisions you will need.
- You don't need to bring a lot of stuff (don't bring high importance documents or other valuable personal items you could lose or brake).
- It is really important to bring your own cutlery and your own dishes, mugs, glasses and other table ware, so we can avoid filling the place with trash and with it, contaminate the place.
- If you suffer any disease, allergy or other suffering, don't forget to bring your own medication. Always try to prevent by carrying with you some analgesic or palliative you could need (band aid, bandages, adhesive tissue, isodine or other disinfectant, etc.).
- Drugs and/or alcohol are not welcome to the 2008 Lady Fest Camp, so please try not to bring any. It is an event where there will be workshops, talks, conferences, art, music, dialogue and more, we don't want any hard-to-handle situations or violence during the camp.
- We firmly want to prevent and avoid any form of authoritarianism, fights, troubles and confrontations, so bringing any kind of weapon or knives to the Camp is not allowed.

Cooperation, creativity and respect are always welcome.

