

RIOT GIRL LONDON MANIFESTO (by Soph: scarlet@antisocial.co.uk)

Riot Grrrl is a network of women & men who want to change society through active & creative means - writing zines, being in bands, creating websites, making art... The law grudgingly gives women equality, but people's attitudes towards us are still disrespectful, oppressive and belittling.

Riot Grrrl & feminism are still needed for a myriad of reasons - because women are accused of "asking for it" when they're raped, because beauty is valued over intellect, because female musicians are dismissed as worthless, because enjoying sex makes you a slut, because because because... The list is endless.

Riot Grrrl has now evolved into more than just a branch of the punk scene - we come from all sorts of backgrounds, like all sorts of music, dress in all sorts of styles... Riot Grrrl is open to everyone. Riot Grrrl is inspiring, empowering and most of all fun, so why not join our group or start your own and help infiltrate society with REAL grrrl power. Forget the media lies - this is about equality, not superiority. Man-hate does not figure in our beliefs - the deconstruction of gender roles will benefit everyone.

AGENDA: RIOT GRRRL EVENTS:

LADYFEST

Since 2000 dozens of Ladyfests have taken place all over the world. If you want to know if there is a Ladyfest taken place near you soon, check: <http://www.ladyfest.org>. For the European Ladyfests, check: <http://www.ladyfesteurope.org>.

EXPO IN THE VILLA

DIY/activist/alternative expo: Paintings, film, spoken word, comics, music, recycloart, nonsense, sculptures, poetry, photography, ...
+ other activities
21-22-23 November 2003
in Villa Skwattus Del
Schapenstraat 29, Leuven, Belgium
<http://squatexpo.tk>

BARAWA FEST

grrrl punk festival in warsaw/poland
"fabryka" squat
13 december probably
entrance: very cheap :)))
(first plans:)
CONCERTS
-fuck finger (all grrrls crustpunk-blais podlaska/poland)
-centrala rybna (scream emo a'capella-warsaw/poland)
-masskotki (electrogrrrlz -warsaw/poland)
-babybutchers (pro-choice punk -poland)
-zero buntu (grrrl punk youth crew from zambow)
(and some more not confirmed yet - but we are still waiting for submissions!!)
WORKSHOPS
-about zine making
-about creating international anti sexist networks

also
films (powerpuffgrrrls all night long:))
performances (girls in action-biaystok/poland)
theaters
visuualisations
exhibitions (witches by wiedzma, grrrlz in comix and others)
yummy food
distros

and many many more!
for more details, if you want to come/ take part in (yeah!!!) write to:
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those are first plans, SOME THINGS MIGHT CHANGE!!

Christ. The Expo - Crass Art and Other Pre Post-modernist Monsters

(by Dominique Van Cappellen vancap@agentdouble.tv)

Such was the title of the exhibition by Gee Vaucher which closed its doors mid-October at CC De Luchtbal in Antwerp. If you are in your late thirties, you may remember seeing punks with the Crass logo written in Typ-ex on their leather jackets. But Crass was more than just punk band. They were an anarcho-pacifist, anarcho-feminist, vegetarian collective and their idea of anarchy had nothing to do with the anarchy of the Sex Pistols. From 1977 to 1984, they gave the Thatcher government a hard time with their numerous actions of resistance. They managed to breathe life back into the peace movement and set up a huge underground network of do-it-yourself activism. Gee Vaucher played an important part in Crass. She designed leaflets, record sleeves, posters and films. But she was already very active in the sixties, mixing techniques such as photography and collage. Around 1977, she collaborated with several american publications, illustrating articles for New York Magazine and Rolling Stone. Personally I found that her most disturbing work was in reaction to the Falklands war. One shivers at the sight of the inside poster for the Crass single *How Does It Feel to Be The Mother of a Thousand Dead*, depicting a soldier with one half of his face deformed, greeted by his laughing wife and child. A similar thought-provoking effect is achieved with a collage from 1983 subtitled *Still Life with Nude*, showing a dead soldier with the picture of a naked woman straight out of a porn magazine.

When Crass disbanded in 1984, Gee Vaucher pursued her artistic career. She is still as involved today, only Blair and Bush have replaced Thatcher and Reagan in her artwork, which also includes various techniques such as photography with oilpaint, acrylic with crayon and pastel, all of them equally well mastered.

If you would like to find out more about Gee Vaucher's work, take a look at the following website: www.southern.net/southern/band/crass/biog/book.html

If you go to: www.southern.com/southern/label/crc you can read about the Crass history and their imaginative protest actions, as well as about current events involving former Crass members.

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REBEL GRRRL IS... first and foremost a feminist distro. We are anti-sexist, anti-racist, pro queer/trans/etc. We are political, liberal, and anti-authoritarian. We are pro-choice. We are environmentalists. We believe in challenging learned behavior, especially -isms (racism, ablist, classism and so forth). We are (safe) sex-positive. We are anti-copyright. We believe in change through creativity, community, and the exchange of information.
Rgchicago@rebelgrrrl.org (Chicago's feminist happenings listserve) for protest/meeting/happening posts

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Are you part of a Riot Grrrl Chapter or Collective that isn't listed here? Do you want to be a contact person? Please let me know!