



Media Advisory

"I'M STILL NOT A FEMINIST, BUT..."

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2010

March 3, 2010 - On International Women's Day 2010, international, national and local community organizations are coming together to celebrate by hosting an event entitled "I'm Still not a feminist, but..." based on last year's successful event. This year at the National Archives, we will host two improv groups to present women's issues in a funny and engaging way for a broad audience. A French and English group will alternate performances, based on the audience's requests, to present both the funny and serious side of each sketch. This will be followed by audience discussion and contributions.

The improv groups include alumni of Second City in Toronto and La Ligue d'improvisation étudiante universitaire de l'Université d'Ottawa. The event hosts are Joanne St. Lewis, Law professor at the University of Ottawa and Maxine Turcotte, performer and teacher at École secondaire publique De La Salle.

The event will also feature a hilarious video parodying *International Men's Day* as well as the second annual Femmy Awards, which are presented to recognize the contributions of women activists in the National Capital region, hosted by Oni the Haitian Sensation. The five Femmy Award winners for 2010 are Awatef Rasheed, Anna Besch, Andrée Côté, Erin Lux and Jane Stinson.

WHY: A fun and engaging feminist improvisation, film screening and Femmy Awards.

WHAT: International Women's Day Event

WHEN: March 8, 2010, 7:00 - 10:00 pm (doors at 6pm)

WHERE: National Archives auditorium

WHO: Amnesty International Canada

Nobel Women's Initiative

Oxfam Canada

Harmony House

Women Against Slavery

Inter Pares

Women's Worlds 2011

Ad Hoc Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights

Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women (OCTEVAW)

PACT Ottawa

Match International

Planned Parenthood Ottawa

Ottawa RebELLEs

Feminist Alliance for International Action

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