



## Focus on Women and Creativity

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## The North Shore Women's Centre presents Hot Lips: A Celebration of Women



at Centennial Theatre  
Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007  
Silent Auction: 6pm  
Showtime: 7pm  
Ticket Price: \$30

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!**

*Hot Lips is a proud and fierce testimony of women's ideas,  
opinions and creative expressions and a celebration of the  
power and passion of women's voices.*

*This engaging evening will showcase*

funky beats  
farcical drag  
fiery songstresses  
fantastical dance  
flirtacious burlesque  
flamboyant comedy  
ferocious spoken word

and all kinds of fabulous female folks...

For more information, please see: [www.northshorewomen.ca/hotlips/](http://www.northshorewomen.ca/hotlips/)  
All proceeds go to the North Shore Women's Centre

**To order tickets, please call 604.984.6009**

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# the Women are angry!



<http://thewomenareangry.org/>

Call the  
**EQUALITY HOTLINE!**  
**613-941-6888**

Tell Stephen Harper why  
equality still matters to you!

# Harper owes me 29¢



## Last chance to sponsor a bulb in **THE HOPE GARDEN**

and support the work of  
the North Shore Women's Centre  
and Amnesty International  
to End Violence Against Women



**\$3 suggested donation**

please call 604.984.6009

[www.northshorewomen.ca/fundraising.html](http://www.northshorewomen.ca/fundraising.html)

## Hot Lips: The Power and Passion of Women's Voices

On Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the North Shore Women's Centre will be putting on its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual signature fundraiser at Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver. The Centre will be following up its tremendously successful two year run of Eve Ensler's play *The Vagina Monologues* with an event called "Hot Lips: A Celebration of Women".

Described as "a proud and fierce testimony of women's ideas, opinions and creative expressions and a celebration of the power and passion of women's voices", this event will celebrate International Women's Day with a showcase of musicians, dancers, instrumentalists and much more.

Confirmed acts include a women's drum group, two contemporary dancers (one of whom will be performing with her 10 year old daughter), a spoken word poet, a self-described "violin-extremist", drag king and burlesque troupes, a theatrical monologue, and three singer songstresses. Acts still in the works include clowns, Bhangra, Flamenco and traditional Persian dancers, a Capoeira (Brazilian Martial Arts) demonstration, several women's voice ensembles, and Traditional First Nations singers and dancers.

The performances will be accompanied by a Silent Auction of items donated by generous local individuals and businesses. Items range from Reiki and massage treatments to gardening and pet care supplies, to handcrafted jewelry and a white water rafting trip. The Silent Auction will begin one hour before showtime at 6:00 pm, and resume during intermission.

There will also be free goodies, refreshments, an information table, and funky North Shore Women's Centre merchandise for sale...including the ever-popular "I Love My Vagina" hot shorts and several t-shirts designed by North Shore Women's Centre staff.

The foyer of Centennial Theatre will be transformed into a miniature festival. Says Supriya Ryan, event coordinator for Hot Lips, "we're trying to make it more than just a fundraiser...we want it to be a dynamic, interactive experience and an opportunity to support and build community. We encourage people to come early because there will be lots to see besides the show."

Continues Ryan, "This is a space for women to come together and express themselves....to celebrate how far we've come and to continue to advocate for change. We are trying to create a venue that centers the diversity of women and their creative expressions in a way that challenges stereotypes and exposes people to vibrant local artists that they might not otherwise see."

Danielle Gauld, Communications Coordinator at the North Shore Women's Centre adds "The Vagina Monologues is a hard act to follow, but I think we've done it. We have such a wide range of performances and other activities that there is sure to be something that suits everyone's taste, as well as something that surprises them or enhances their musical and cultural spectrums. That's the strength of events like these....they are a chance to see what you already love as well as expand your horizons. It also gives people a chance to support a crucial community resource that has been working with women for over 30 years on the North Shore."

All funds raised by this event will be used to maintain the programs and services of the North Shore Women's Centre. **Tickets are \$30 and are available now at the North Shore Women's Centre by calling 604.984.6009 and at the Centennial Theatre by calling 604.984.4484.** For more information, please see [www.northshorewomen.ca/hotlips/](http://www.northshorewomen.ca/hotlips/)

## Women, Creativity, and Activism

### Radical Cheerleading

Radical cheerleading is a form of cheerleading originating from Florida, but now spread across the United States and to Canada, Europe and beyond. The idea is to use the aesthetics of cheerleading but changing the chants to be promoting feminism and left-wing causes. Many radical cheerleaders (some of whom are male, transgender or non-gender identified) are far in appearance from the stereotypical image of a cheerleader. Radical cheerleaders often perform at demonstrations. They also often perform at feminist and other radical festivals and events. Radical cheerleading is used at demonstrations to promote a radical message in a media-friendly, people-friendly way.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical\\_cheerleaders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radical_cheerleaders)



### Creative Women Craftworks

Creative Women Craftworks is an emerging artisan' co-operative created by and for women living in and/or accessing services in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES). We envision that women in the community will personally and economically be empowered by working together, expressing their creativity and producing and selling handmade products as a means to generate or supplement income. Sponsored by Enterprising Women Making Art, a program of Atira Women's Resource Society.

[www.atira.bc.ca](http://www.atira.bc.ca)



### Aboriginal Angel Doll Project

Gloria LaRocque, Artist  
Commemorating and educating  
the public about missing and  
murdered Aboriginal women in  
Canada with handmade dolls

### The DIY Revolution: Arts and Crafts for Social Change



**Revolutionary Knitting Circle** <http://knitting.activist.ca/>

**Steal This Sweater** <http://www.stealthissweater.com/>

**MicroRevolt** <http://www.microrevolt.org/>

**Get Crafty: Home of the Craftistas**  
<http://www.getcrafty.com/>

**Seamrippers Craft Collective (Vancouver):**  
<http://www.seamripperscraftcollective.blogspot.com/>

**Craftivism** <http://www.craftivism.com/>

"My whole idea for this site is based on the idea that **activism + craft = craftivism**. That each time you participate in crafting you are making a difference, whether it's fighting against useless materialism or making items for charity or something betwixt and between. ... Because we create to connect beyond ourselves. Whether it's next door or across the globe. Craft and activism both take and inspire passion. When used as a joint force, they can quite possibly begin to slowly challenge and change things." - **Betsy Greer, [Craftivism.com](http://www.craftivism.com)**

### The Raging Grannies

<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/ragigran/>

The Raging Grannies are caring older women who endeavour to raise awareness of issues relating to peace, the environment, and social justice through satirical songs and skits. Even if politically conscious, we are not partisan... And we often show up where we are not wanted! We dedicate our efforts to the children of the world.

We are enraged about the conditions in which people are forced to endure their lives and about the state of the Earth we are leaving for our grandchildren. We rage against a system that has allowed this to happen, and the institutions that perpetuate the atrocities against our planet: toxic waste dumps, landfills, nuclear facilities, gas, pipelines, and hydro towers.



## NSWC STAFF HOT PICKS: WOMEN AND CREATIVITY

**Sabrina Ward Harrison:** *Spilling Open: The Art of Becoming Yourself*, [www.sabrinawardharrison.com](http://www.sabrinawardharrison.com)

**Bitch Magazine:** *A Feminist Response to Pop Culture*, [www.bitchmagazine.com](http://www.bitchmagazine.com)

*Succulent Wild Woman*, by **Sark** <http://www.planetsark.com/>

*Women Who Run with the Wolves*, by **Clarissa Pinkoles Estes**

**Crystal Pite and Kidd Pivot** (dance): At Vancouver East Cultural Centre March 13-17, 2007, [www.kiddpivot.org](http://www.kiddpivot.org)

*Snowflower and the Secret Fan*, by **Lisa See**

Double Dare, by Filmmaker **Amanda Micheli**, <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/doubledare/film.html>

**Regina Spektor**, Pianist, <http://www.reginaspektor.com/>

**Emily Haines**, Singer Songstress, <http://www.emilyhaines.com>

**Starhawk:** *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, <http://www.starhawk.org/>

*Keepers of the Fire*, Directed by **Christine Welsh**, <http://www.nfb.ca/trouverunfilm/fichefilm.php?id=32012&v=h>

**Vandana Shiva**, physicist, ecologist, activist, editor, and author, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vandana\\_Shiva](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vandana_Shiva)

**Kinnie Starr**, "MC-singer-poet-actress-beatnik-musicmaker", <http://www.kinniestarr.com/>

*Prozac Highway*, by **Persimmon Blackbridge**

*Antonia's Line*, Directed by **Marleen Gorris**, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonia's\\_Line](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonia's_Line)

**Sarah Lucas**, Visual Artist, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah\\_Lucas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Lucas)

## Upcoming Events

### Growing Our Community

### North Shore Festival of Volunteers

#### Featuring:

Local Entertainment, Prizes, and an information table and display by the North Shore Women's Centre

Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

9:30-6:00 pm

Park Royal Shopping Centre

*And don't forget Hot Lips  
Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>!*

### Financial Literacy

### Workshops For Women

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>

at the North Shore Women's Centre

131 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, North Vancouver

12:30-3:30 pm

This three week program is designed for women on limited incomes who want to build their skills and knowledge in order to effectively manage their money, make positive choices, develop self-sufficiency and plan for their future. In this program you will learn about:

**BANKING** - learn about different options and which are appropriate for you

**BUDGETING** - learn how to budget and get control over your money

**CONSUMERISM** - learn to make choices based on what is good for you.

**CREDIT** - learn how to make good credit possible!

### North Shore Women's Centre Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Drop-In Group

Mondays at 7:30-9:30 pm

At the North Shore Women's Centre

131 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, North Vancouver (1/2 block off Lonsdale)

Meet, socialize and discuss ideas with other North Shore women. Plus, find out about upcoming events, learn about available resources, and get involved in community issues! Trans inclusive and open to women questioning their sexual identity.

# appreciations

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and to all of our anonymous and in-kind donors...you know who you are!

*"No matter how brilliant our attempts to inform, it is our ability to inspire that will turn the tides."*

*--Jan Phillips, Syracuse Cultural Workers Co-founder*



Cristina Quisumbing Ramilo / Isis International-Mentia



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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Organizational

I would like to make a donation in the amount of:

- \$20     \$35     \$50     \$75     \$100

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to be contacted about making a monthly donation through pre-authorized payments.
- I would **not** like my donation acknowledged in the North Shore Women's Centre Newsletter *the Nellie*.

Membership offers: Opportunities to be a part of a diverse network of women, a subscription to the *Nellie E-News* and our print newsletter *the Nellie*, library borrowing privileges and voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting. Please make your cheque payable to the North Shore Women's Centre and return it with this form. The NSWC is a non-profit registered charity. Income tax receipts will be issued for donations.

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