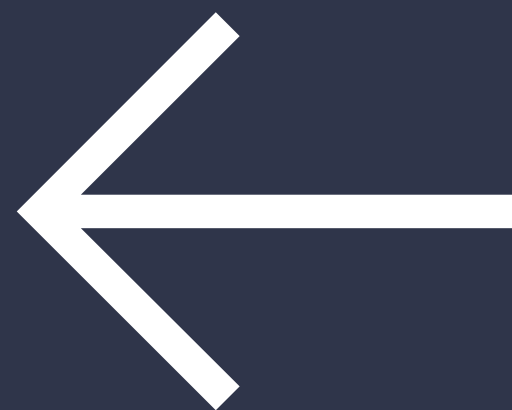




**BANJEE
BOOMBOX
A HIP HOP
50TH
CELEBRATION**



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BANJEE BOOMBOX
AUGUST 5, 2023
1PM-8PM
GOVERNORS
ISLAND

NYC

CELEBRATING HIP HOP'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE MUVASHIP PRESENTS 

WHY BANJEE BOOMBOX?

BANJEE BOOMBOX IS A QTBIPOC FESTIVAL COLLECTIVE THAT CELEBRATES, AMPLIFIES AND PROVIDES A SAFE SPACE FOR THE VOICES OF WOMEN, LGBTQAI+ AND NON-BINARY ARTISTS/DJS/MUSICIANS



MUVASHIP PRESENTS IS A MUSIC-HEALING JOURNEY.

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WHY HIP HOP'S 50TH?

HIP HOP WAS FOUNDED **AUGUST 11, 1973**, IN THE BRONX BY **DJ KOOL HERC AND CINDY CAMPBELL**. WHILE HIP HOP IS A MALE DOMINATED GENRE, WOMEN AND QUEER ARTIST HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING SINCE ITS INCEPTION.



CHECK-IN & MAPS

THESE LINKS MAY BE HELPFUL WHILE YOU ARE HERE
THE ARTCRAWL HARLEM HOUSE IS IN COLONELS ROW
ON COMFORT RD. HOUSE #406B



THE BAR IS INSIDE THE ART HOUSE, DRINK TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED WITH DONATIONS AT THE CHECK-IN TABLE. PIZZA YARD IS RIGHT BEHIND THE ART HOUSE.

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FERRY SCHEDULE
THE LAST FERRY LEAVES AT 10PM

BANJEE BOOMBOX TRIBE (FESTIVAL STAFF)



Faybe'n Mickens,
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Volunteer



Hassan Ghanny
Volunteer

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2023 Banjee Boombox Homies (Partners)

Ulysses Williams and ArtCrawl Harlem
Sherry Antoine and AfroCROWD Wiki Media
The Harlem Connection Radio Show
Brooklyn Community Pride Center
Recess
Rokmil Fitness
Ten to One Rum
Laboratory Co.
Myx & Mingle by Mona Scott Young
Harlemclx
Harlem Blue Beer
The Weekly Top 40 with DJ Doo Dirty
WeRuRadio
Good Vibes in the Park
LOCnificent Festival
AJS Sound

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GOVERNORS ISLAND RECAP 2023 (COMING SOON)



TOOLKIT #1 PROTECT BLACK WOMEN YEARROUND

"WHITE WOMEN AND BLACK MEN HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. THEY CAN ACT AS OPPRESSOR OR BE OPPRESSED. BLACK MEN MAY BE VICTIMIZED BY RACISM, BUT SEXISM ALLOWS THEM TO ACT AS EXPLOITERS AND OPPRESSORS OF WOMEN. WHITE WOMEN MAY BE VICTIMIZED BY SEXISM, BUT RACISM ENABLES THEM TO ACT AS EXPLOITERS AND OPPRESSORS OF BLACK PEOPLE. BOTH GROUPS HAVE LED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THAT FAVOR THEIR INTERESTS AND SUPPORT THE CONTINUED OPPRESSION OF OTHER GROUPS. BLACK MALE SEXISM HAS UNDERMINED STRUGGLES TO ERADICATE RACISM JUST AS WHITE FEMALE RACISM UNDERMINES FEMINIST STRUGGLE. AS LONG AS THESE TWO GROUPS OR ANY GROUP DEFINES LIBERATION AS GAINING SOCIAL EQUALITY WITH RULING CLASS WHITE MEN, THEY HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION OF OTHERS." -

-bell hooks

CONVERSATIONS

• BLACK WOMAN SAVIOR SYNDROME

- The expectation for Black women to show up for countless forms of activism while ignoring her own boundaries, self-care, and well-being is not realistic for anyone. Actively correcting and refraining from reinforcing stereotypes that dehumanize, erase or exaggerate the capacity of Black women is the first step in breaking this cycle.
- How does language affect how we subconsciously view Black women and their experiences?

• PRONOUNS & GENDER

- Use gender affirming language to break down barriers of gender injustice. While pronouns are pivotal to an individual's gender identity and how they relate to the world and others, it is important to keep in mind that a person's pronouns are not exclusively linked to gender and may not match your perception of that individual. (gaycenter.org). When unsure of pronouns, use "they/them" or when addressing groups, use neutral language such as "siblings", "folks", "homies", "my people".
- Cisgender & Transgender: Cisgender is a term used to describe a person whose gender identity corresponds to their sex assigned at birth. Transgender is a term that describes people whose gender identity is different from the gender they were assigned at birth. By acknowledging trans and cis identities, we affirm the existence of gender outside of white patriarchal constructs.
- Do you refer to yourself as cis or trans when having conversations around gender? Why or why not?

• MISOGYNOIR

- Coined by Moya Bailey (2010), misogynoir refers to the hatred of, contempt for, or prejudice against black cisgender and transgender women where race and gender simultaneously play a role.
- Referring to Women as "Female" reduces a human being to their biological category. While women can be females, so are plants, animals and connectors. By reducing women to only their sex, you ignore the rest of their existence. Consider if you refer to a group of guys as "males" or "men".
- How do you interpret misogynoir in lyrics? Are you able to separate art and real life, or does it overlap for you?

TOOLKIT #1 PROTECT BLACK WOMEN YEARROUND

ACTION

- SUPPORT BLACK WOMEN BUSINESSES
 - The average black woman must work 8 months into the next year to earn what the average man earns the previous year.
 - Focus on Equity. Equality simply means everyone is treated the same exact way, regardless of need or any other individual difference. Equity, on the other hand, means everyone is provided with what they need to succeed.
 - Consider hiring a black woman owned business first.
 - Rate, recommend and share black women owned products year round- not just in February or March.
- BREAK THE SILENCE (ONLINE & IRL)
 - In 2022, 18% of missing persons cases were black women and girls, despite them only making up 7% of the population.
 - Black femicide, violence against Black women and girls is a national epidemic, is overlooked and underreported. Black women are far more likely to experience multiple forms of violence and trauma than other groups. As homicides increased nearly 30% nationwide that year, the rate for Black women and girls rose 33%, a sharper increase than for every demographic except Black men, and more than double that of white women, according to a Guardian analysis of homicide data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (The Guardian).
 - Every 68 seconds an American sexually assaulted. 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime. 21% of TGQN (transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming) college students have been sexually assaulted, compared to 18% of non-TGQN females, and 4% of non-TGQN males. (RAIN)
 - How do you support Black women and girls who speak up when they've experienced violence?
- IT'S OKAY TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE BLACK WOMAN
 - Eliminate the "First Lady" syndrome. Book multiple women, non-binary and non-gender conforming acts for your event.
 - Creating safe spaces for black women to exist freely, further contributes to the liberation of all black femme identified individuals.
 - Do you have women represented on your stage and in the boardroom? (Representation matters across your organization.)
 - How many black women in your company control budgets?

RESOURCES (Further reading, listening and researching)

- [National Black Women's Justice Institute](#)
- [Louder than a Riot](#)
- [PFlag Glossary](#)
- [National Black Justice Coalition](#)
- [The Center](#)
- [Equal Pay Day Org](#)
- [Human Rights Campaign](#)

TOOLKIT #2 CONSENTING CONVERSATIONS

Black women are disproportionately at risk of sexual violence. Nearly 1 in 5 Black women are survivors of rape, and 41% of Black women experience sexual coercion and other forms of unwanted sexual contact. For every Black woman who reports rape, at least 15 do not report. Many cultural considerations can hinder healing for Black women survivors: the burdensome expectation of strong Black womanhood; the power of the Black church; the desire to shield Black men; and the lack of self-care examples are all real dynamics Black women survivors endure.
-[Ujjima Womens Violence Statistics](#)

CONVERSATIONS

- **Black women and girls are human beings**, not their genitalia. Referring to women as “pvssy” is not only dehumanizing, it is also perpetuates gender violence.
- **Let Black Girls be Girls.** Little girls are not responsible for the actions of grown men. The same way that black boys face adultification in the judicial system, black girls face oversexualization in society. Black girls are viewed as “more adult-like” from the age of five, and that increased when they're 10 to 14. At that age range, they're considered “more mature, more sexually aware and less innocent,” and not just by non-Black people, but within the Black community as well. (The Guardian)
- **Mapouka (or Twerking) is not for the male gaze.** Black Women engaging in communal dancing circles is common in America but dates back to the Ivory Coast. This form of bonding is for the women in the circle and not for male stimulation or adoration.

ACTION

How can I help as a bystander? (RAIN)

Whether you're taking home a friend who has had too much to drink, explaining that a rape joke isn't funny, or getting security involved when someone is behaving aggressively, choosing to step in can affect the way those around you think about and respond to sexual violence.

“Bystander Intervention”, where someone who isn't directly involved steps in to change the outcome, can be an easy way for men to step in and de-escalate sexual assault. (C.A.R.E.)

- Cut off the conversation with a diversion or start an activity that draws other people in, like a debate, a dance or social media trend
- Ask Directly “Would you like me to stay with you?”
- Rally the Crew: Enlist the friend of the person you're concerned about. “Your friend looks like they've had a lot to drink. Can you check on them?”
- Extend Support: “Do you want me to walk with you to your destination?”

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TOOLKIT #2 CONSENTING CONVERSATIONS

TAKE THE PLEDGE: COMMIT TO CONSENT

Pledge #1: I will wait for the presence of a YES. Consent is not a choice, task, or option. Consent is your right! Consent protects you and your partner. When in doubt, talk it out and never assume. It's not the presence of a "No" it's the absence of a "Yes" that determines consent. Consent can be verbal and nonverbal. Due to freeze, fight or flight- it's always best to verbally ask permission before a sexual advance. Even if you are 100% sure, still ask anyway! Consent, or permission is key. (Ro James made a whole song about it.)

Pledge #2: I understand that consent has a deadline. Just because you hooked up before doesn't mean that it's a green light to hook up again. No one owns your body; in that same sense, you don't own theirs.

Pledge #3: I will check-in when I'm unsure. All day, I dream about sex! As a teenager, adult, hell, even our golden years, we're all horny, you're not alone! But you being horny for someone doesn't solidify their desire for you in that way. So daydream all you want about those encounters- but check-in before acting on it. Set boundaries for yourself and listen to your partner's. Both parties have to actively want to participate in an activity for it to be consensual. Remember- Consent is a sexy two-way street. Pegging might be a fantasy for her, but a nightmare for you. Think about it- now read the rule again...front door entry doesn't guarantee a key to the backdoor.

Pledge #4: I understand that consent is for me ONLY. Just because a girl or a guy is interested in you that is not an invitation for you and your friends- THIS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE ON THIS LIST- but unfortunately, here we are. Can group sex be consensual - YES- but before you decide for another human being- read #3!

Pledge #5: I know that consent applies to sex AND MORE! Before sending that picture of the family jewels, grabbing, kissing, fondling or even sexting- ASK!!!

Pledge #6: I understand that if a person is severely intoxicated, asleep, or unconscious that is A RESOUNDING "NO"! You cannot receive consent from a non-responsive person. *READ IT AGAIN* Further, if you're responsible for their non-responsiveness then you should probably seek counseling immediately. Lastly, if you feel like you have to get someone incapacitated to sleep with you, you should also seek counseling.

TOOLKIT #2 CONSENTING CONVERSATIONS

Pledge #7: I understand that women don't owe me anything! Not even a smile. If you think that getting a woman drunk can BUY you consent...YOU'RE WRONG. The only thing that grants you consent is a YES.

Pledge #8: I will not be a dick! The clitoris has 8,000 nerve endings, that's double the amount of nerve ending of the penis. Contrary to the lie that men can't control their penises, women actually have more nerve endings and TWICE AS MANY HORMONES as men to manage. So grow the fuck up and control your penis.

Pledge #9: I will only have sex with people my own age. This is important, if you're over 18 and she is over 18; then rules 1-9 should suit you fine. If by chance you're over 18 and she is under 18 consent gets tricky. A kid cannot consent to a sexual encounter with an adult. (use common sense here guys- if her age ends in "teen" and your age ends with or contains a "y", then she's too young for you bro). Similarly, if you are a teenager and he's your moms age- he's too old fo you, bro.

Pledge #10: I understand that THE ABSENCE OF A "NO" IS NOT CONSENT and that SILENCE IS NOT CONSENT If you don't verbally hear a confirming "yes", consider it a no.

SHARE THIS WITH A FRIEND

Normalize consent conversations. Consider teaching boys consenting conversations as opposed to teaching girls "rape prevention". Yes, About 3% of American men—or 1 in 33—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. And yes, 1 out of every 10 rape victims are male. However, 82% of all juvenile victims are female and 90% of adult rape victims are female with the perpetrators being cisgendered heterosexual men.

RESOURCES (Further reading, listening and researching)

- [Me Too](#)
- [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#)
- [The Guardian](#)
- [RAINN](#)
- [Cosmopolitan](#)

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TOOLKIT #3 BEING BLACK & GAY & SPIRITUAL

CAN'T GATEKEEP GOD

- Your relationship with God is between YOU and GOD.
 - God loves Gays! The relationship between religion and the LGBTQ community is a complicated one, and everyone experiences it differently. It all depends on how you feel, and what you choose. (The Trevor Project)
 - Sexuality has nothing to do with religious belief, and every soul has a right to their own hermeneutical journey. Hermeneutics is what we do when we take a text and ask not just “what does this say,” but “what does this mean?” In asking, “What does the Bible say about homosexuality” (or more appropriately stated, “what does the Bible say about attraction to someone of the same sex,”) our task is to explore what the relevant biblical passages on the topic meant in their original context and what they mean for us today. (Human Rights Campaign)
 - Does your church have open and honest conversations about sexuality and religion? Do you have programs that reach out to LGBTQAI+ teens?

GOD IS LOVE

- The capacity to give and receive Love is one of God's greatest gifts to us all.
 - Words, actions and practices that express support and love are of God. Hatred, threats and harm are likely the opposite of love and therefore the opposite of God.
 - Sodom and Gomorrah was about rape. It's commonly assumed that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah out of his wrath against same-sex relations, but the only form of same-sex behavior described in the story is an attempted gang rape — nothing like a loving, committed relationship. The Bible explicitly condemns Sodom for its arrogance, inhospitality and apathy toward the poor — not for same-sex behavior. (TIME)
 - While spiritual leaders and religious guides help us understand the sacred texts, do you think that it is still your responsibility to read, research and interpret the doctrine for yourself?

CHOOSE LIFE

- No mortal is above GOD (God the universe, God the ancestors, God whom is greater than us) therefore no human (religious or not) has the right to decide who has the right to exist because of their sexuality or gender.
 - Churches, religious organizations and political policies that perpetuate harm against LGBTQAI+ groups are not of God, they act on behalf of white patriarchal western practices.

RESOURCES (Further reading, listening and researching)

- [The Trevor Project](#)
- [Human Rights Campaign](#)
- [NBC](#)
- [Time Magazine](#)

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ARTIST STATEMENT

We call for the end of the murder of innocent black people by sworn civil servants.

We call for change on the federal, judicial and legislative level.

We call for an end to the funding for the militarization of police officers.

We call for the eradication of laws, practices, sanctions and policies that destroy black communities, communities of color and immigrants (this includes but is not limited to redlining, excessive bail, mass incarceration, stand your ground laws in red states and excessive force used by law enforcement on unarmed citizens.)

We stand with women who have every right to decide what is best for their minds, bodies and souls.

Further we stand with all survivors, the youth, the elders and those too afraid to speak up for themselves against the visceral grips of patriarchy and toxic policy.

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Artists' Manifesto:

Joy is a form of protest

Healing is a form of protest.

Restoration is a form of protest

Wealth is a revolutionary act.