Womxn Who Rock 2020 - Ofrendas for the Future

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The Womxn Who Rock: Making Scenes, Building Communities collective is celebrating its 10th year!

When: May 30th, 2020, 1-3pm Pacific

Where: On-line

LINK TO MAY 30TH VIRTUAL GATHERING: https://uw-phi.zoom.us/j/92283654240

LINK TO OUR ON-GOING VIRTUAL OFRENDA https://spark.adobe.com/page/Xs2rMcNTSUdkw/

We had been planning our annual (un)conference "Ofrendas for the Future" to honor the resilience practices of those who came before. We pivoted our planning to created an online gathering that will at least capture a bit of the convivencia we generate together. We will celebrate together in a two-hour virtual gathering with beloved altar-maker and National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellow, Ofelia Esparza, Rosanna Esparza Ahrens and other guests to reflect on the communal, on-line altar and honor resilience practices of people and groups from the past who help us envision and create a more free and just future.

Local healers Polly Olsen (Tribal Liaison Burke Museum, Yakama), Francisca Garcia (teacher of ofrenda tradition) Omi of Earth Pearl Collective & Patricia Chookenshaa Allen-Dick of Chief Seattle Club will be in dialogue. Our ceremony and program runs 1-3pm Pacific Time on this Sat. May 30th.

Please join us!

The Womxn Who Rock organizing committee 2020

We have also posted a series of skill share workshops on different elements of ofrenda-making and community building at https://spark.adobe.com/page/Xs2rMcNTSUdkw/. We hope these workshops inspire your own creative processes for making ofrendas for the future, in many forms, including visual artwork of all kinds, songs, videos, photos of traditional ofrendas, personal or community stories, written poetry, short films, recipes, video workshops, and more.

We envision our collective online altar as an intergenerational experience that represents your creativity, your loved ones, communities, organizations, or issues or populations that matter deeply to you.

Children and families are welcome.

Womxn Who Rock's 10th Anniversary virtual UnConference, Ofrendas For The Future, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Order of the day:

1. Intro/ welcome 1:00-1:15, pivoting to the digital on the 10th Anniversary
2. blessing and call for transformation/ action (Polly Olsen, Yakama Nation), 1:15-1:25
4. Panel of Ofelia Esparza and Rosanna and response by local healers Francisca Garcia, Omi (Omitosin), and Chookenshaa Allen-Dick, 1:30-2:25
6. Reveal of Altar--2:30-2:45, narrators Angelica on building it out! Michelle & Sonnet (students)
7. Q & A about the WWR digital "Ofrendas for the Future," 2:45-3:00--Jovita Mercado, Miche Morado, and Barbara Rodriguez talk about the WWR process, the workshops, what will happen this October with Dia de los Muertos?
8. Draw Give Away winners, 3:00 sharing of poems/ songs (open mic--descriptions of what you want to present, name,
pronouns), 3:00-?

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