



Creative Womyn Down Under

16 February 2013

Mardi Gras, Fran Kelly's Fundraiser, Martine Locke
Bodhi Festival, One Billion Rising & IWD

HAPPY MARDI GRAS!

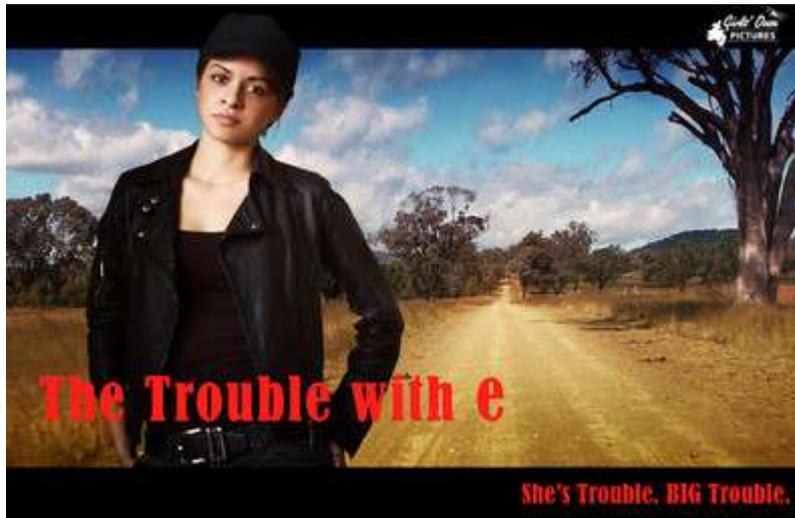


We hope you had a wonderful festive season over the new year. We are now enjoying the Sydney Mardi Gras Festival month, with all sorts of entertainment and feminist activism to participate in. Take a look at our [noticeboard](#) for our 2013 Mardi Gras highlights which include 55upitty's official launch 21 February; "Afternoon Tease" with readings and delicious afternoon tea at The Women's Library Newtown 23 February; and "Trouser Wearing Characters" a hit show from UK writer/actor Rose Collis 26-28 February.

We will be marching in the 35th Mardi Gras Parade Saturday 2 March with [Rainbow Babies and Kids](#). On that day, our baby daughter **Sofara** will turn **1** and the fabulous **Frederique Landgraf** (known to many of us as *Freddie*) will be turning **40!** Happy Birthday to all the Pisceans. For full details on what's happening throughout the festival visit <http://www.mardigras.org.au/>.

Thanks very much to Carolyn Austin for the Mardi Gras Fair Day photo of Georgina (left) and Gabe Journey (right) above. We hope those of you in Sydney are enjoying and celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex pride!

**ONLY 21 DAYS LEFT TO SUPPORT THE NEXT AUSTRALIAN LESBIAN
FEATURE FILM - Pledges close on International Womyn's Day 8 March 2013**



The Trouble with e is a full length feature film. A beautiful, sexy DJ is forced to run when she stumbles on a stash of cash. Can she keep the money, conquer her demons, and get the girl? The film is a road movie, a love story, and a thriller – an adventure about finding the courage to live your dreams, full of love and laughter along the way.

The Girls' Own Pictures crew **Louise Wadley** and **Jay Rutovitz** have raised 70% of the money they need to shoot the film, and are now going out to our community – you! – for the rest. **Please support lesbian creativity, check out the great promo on www.pozible.com/thetroublewithe** - and look carefully - there may be someone you recognise!

SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT 7 MARCH 2013
FRAN KELLY'S FILM & TV TRIVIA WITH A TWIST
Gingers Upstairs at the Oxford Hotel 7pm
134 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW

Thank you to all the Creative Womyn who have contributed already to "[The Trouble with e](http://www.pozible.com/thetroublewithe)" film Pozible campaign. In a final effort to meet the crowd funding target there will be a special event hosted by ABC's [Fran Kelly](http://www.abc.com.au/frankelly). **Trivia with a Twist** will be a fun night for table's of 6 to answer Fran's questions on Film and TV.

Georgina is putting together a table for Creative Womyn Down Under. If you would like to be on our table, or set up your own please contact Georgina as soon as possible on 0406 372 142. This is a fund raiser event, tickets are \$45 and there will be opportunity to get online and pledge final donations to the Pozible campaign at this exciting special event. Food and drinks will be available at the bar.

To contact Lou and Jay directly about this event email louise@girlsown.com phone 0422 958 415 or jay@girlsown.com phone 0421 651 958.

MARTINE LOCKE - HOUSE CONCERT
SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2013

13 Potter Avenue, Earlwood 2pm - 5pm



Creative Womyn Down Under invite you to another intimate house concert at Hanumani and Shanti Devi's welcoming home in Sydney's Inner West. Australian lesbian singer /songwriter, now Indianapolis, USA resident, **Martine Locke** is the epitome of an independent musician.

For seven years she has toured solo around the USA & Australia, bringing her brand of acoustic rock and engaging performance to music festivals and house concerts. She has independently released six solo CDs and four with favourite W.A. duo The Velvet Janes.

Heading back home to Australia for a series of shows, Martine brings two new CDs – a live CD recorded in her new hometown of Indianapolis before a sold out crowd and a brand new solo acoustic CD that features 10 tracks completely unplugged and raw. Warm and witty with a killer set of pipes and mad guitar skills, Martine will charm you - making you want to dance like no one is watching.

Tickets only available at the door. All welcome. Please let us know if you will be joining us. Contact Georgina on 0406 372 142 or email georgina@creativewomyn.net

Find out more about Martine and listen to her music at www.martinelocke.com

RSVP and invite your friends at the facebook event page
<https://www.facebook.com/events/471427196256992/>

BODHI FESTIVAL - EASTER 2013

Saturday 30 March - Monday 1 April

Newcastle Town Hall, 290 King Street Newcastle

Presented by Shanti Mission, Bodhi Festival 2013 features: 39 artists, 7 spaces, and one transformational experience. A standout line-up of international and Australian kirtan musicians. An awesome array of spiritual leaders, yoga teachers, meditation masters and inspirational speakers.

Bodhi 2012 was entry by heartfelt contribution event. Bodhi 2013 will be a combination of heartfelt contribution and ticketed sessions – check them out at <http://bodhifestival.com.au/> The kirtan evening concerts, music and yoga workshops will be ticketed and the rest of the entire festival including the interactive speakers' forums, the Gathering of the Tribes Satsang, Yoga on the Beach, many musical performances and all other workshops will again be by heartfelt donation.

As the number of people who can access Newcastle Town Hall at one time is strictly limited to ensure you can enjoy the Festival **register online from Tuesday 19 February 2013** and pay \$25 for general admission to the Festival in the Town Hall. You can also click through (after completing your registration) to buy tickets for kirtan concerts (including music workshops) and/or yoga workshops.

CWDU's Gabe Journey will be holding a womyn's drum circle on Saturday 30 March and Georgina will be running a workshop on "Mantra and Meditation", Monday 1 April. [Kerriane Cox](#) shares at the Sunday night concert with her soulful music and stories, joined by [Tranceportation](#) drummers on percussion. Kerriane is also facilitating an Aboriginal spirituality workshop on the Monday morning.

Other popular performers on the program include Donna De Lory (USA), Jai Uttal, Dave Stringer, Sacred Earth and Shakti Durga and the Shanti Musicians. Visit the website to register and find out more about all of the fabulous music and workshops. <http://bodhifestival.com.au/>.

A lovely relaxing way to spend the Easter long weekend. There are quite a few of us booked at the [Newcastle Beach YHA](#) and will be car pooling from Sydney. Contact Georgina if you want to join us or meet up.

1st Bodhi Festival Anniversary Satsang
Next Sunday 24 February 2013 9.30am - 11.30am

The Bodhi Festival team will be in Sydney next Sunday morning for Satsang at the Henley Community Centre, Crown Street Henley to celebrate the anniversary of the 2012 Bodhi Festival. All welcome to join in and re-live the excitement of last years festival and hear all about the 2013 event. Shakti Durga and Shanti Musicians will lead the celebrations! Entry by donation. More information visit <http://bodhifestival.com.au/>

ONE BILLION RISING



This week many of us have been involved in dancing and chanting (and drumming) as a creative way to speak out about violence against women for One Billion Rising V-DAY events on 14 February. We have listed links on our [noticeboard](#) to some of the events that were held around Sydney, where you may find video footage. If you go to the main website you can also have a look at what happened around the world <http://onebillionrising.org/>. This is how they describe the action:

One Billion Rising is:

- A global strike
- An invitation to dance
- A call to men and women to refuse to participate in the status quo until rape and rape culture ends
- An act of solidarity, demonstrating to women the commonality of their struggles and their power in numbers
- A refusal to accept violence against women and girls as a given
- A new time and a new way of being

Our own very Creative Woman from Wollongong Mignon Lee-Warden wrote a One Billion Rising "Flash Chant", which was performed at Sydney Spiritfest 2013 and made it to some of the V-DAY gatherings. Check it out on youtube (a clickable image may appear at the beginning of this newsletter in your email browser for you to view the song) at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDh-Eyj6fcg&feature=youtu.be>

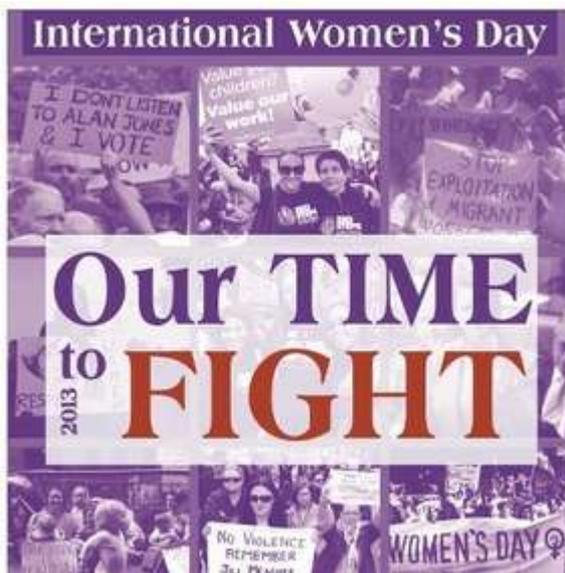
People in the Illawarra NSW area can join Mignon on Sunday 24 March 7pm for more chanting at her regular Songs from the Heart Circle, Bulli Community Centre. \$10 entry, includes workshop, song circle and short guided meditation. More information on the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/537863399587266/> or phone 0411 486 192.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



International Women's Day 2013

Finally, its that's time of year again when we hold an extra special focus on celebrating womyn and taking stock of challenges ahead for International Women's Day. Our [noticeboard](#) has some listings which have been sent to us from the NSW South Coast - 8 events in the Nowra area, and a concert in the Blue Mountains. The Sydney march is at Town Hall, midday on Saturday 9 March. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/IWDSydney>



If you have any IWD events you would like us to include on our noticeboard and facebook page, please email details to gabrielle@creativewomyn.net. You can also list and find events at the global hub for IWD <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/> There are currently 80 events listed in Australia. The theme for 2013 is "The gender agenda: gaining momentum".

On International Women's Day 2013, we are celebrating **7** years since the launch of our original Creative Womyn Down Under website. **A HUGE thank you** to everyone who has emailed over the years with your news, events and creative resources for us to share with our community of fabulously creative womyn. **Special heart felt thanks** to our close friends who have supported us in so many ways with our creative adventures.

In sistahood, colour and movement,

Georgina JD Abrahams
& Gabrielle Journey Jones

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