



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Sex Workers Protest ClusterFest Comedy Festival; We are Not Your Punchlines!

June 2 is International Whores Day; In Light Of Recent Legislation Sex Workers Want Support From Comedians, Not Cheap Punchlines And Lobbying To Restrict Online Free Speech

SAN FRANCISCO — June 2nd is International Whores Day. And the Erotic Service Providers Legal Education and Research Project (ESPLERP) will be protesting at Clusterfest.com in San Francisco, Saturday June 2nd 2018, to let the audiences of comedians like Amy Schumer know that sex workers are not cheap punchlines!

Schumer, like many other comedians, often uses sex workers as punchlines. For example, she recently had a skit on her show where she buried a dead stripper after partying with her co-workers - using violence against women to make the point that women do more work than men and get paid less. She is also a prominent supporter of the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA), which meant that many internet platforms closed and/or censored - so that sex workers lost their ability to screen clients, lost their community online, and in some cases were forced back onto the streets. Sex workers will die because of FOSTA - Amy Schumer has blood on her hands.

WHAT: Sex Workers Protest Amy Schumer at ClusterFest Comedy Festival

WHO: Sex worker organizations including ESPLERP (Erotic Service Providers Legal Education and Research Project), SWOP Bay (SF Bay Area chapter of Sex Workers Outreach Project), and the US PROStitutes Collective.

WHEN: 4pm to 6pm, June 2nd, 2018

WHERE: Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

The Erotic Service Providers Legal Education and Research Project (ESPLERP) is a diverse community-based coalition advancing sexual privacy rights through litigation, education, and research. Contributions to support the court case can be submitted at www.litigatetoemancipate.com.

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