

# THE ART OF DISMANTLING THE PATRIARCHY



# BERSAMA PROJECT

## CREATIVE INTERVENTION FOR GENDER EQUALITY

Every human society cultivates music and the arts. These vital components of human social life often direct collective attention toward shared problems and potential solutions. They educate as they entertain, inspire emotional response and empathy, and have the potential to reach large audiences with a clear and repetitive call to action.

- **SOCIAL CAMPAIGNS**
- **COLLABORATIONS**
- **DEVELOPMENT**



WHAT I DO

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ARTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
FEMINIST ART SPACE

• PROGRAMS AND PRODUCTION

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• PUBLICATIONS

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• EDUCATION

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# WHY ART ?

DISCOVERING RESISTANCE

# AMERICAN POP CULTURE INFLUENCE

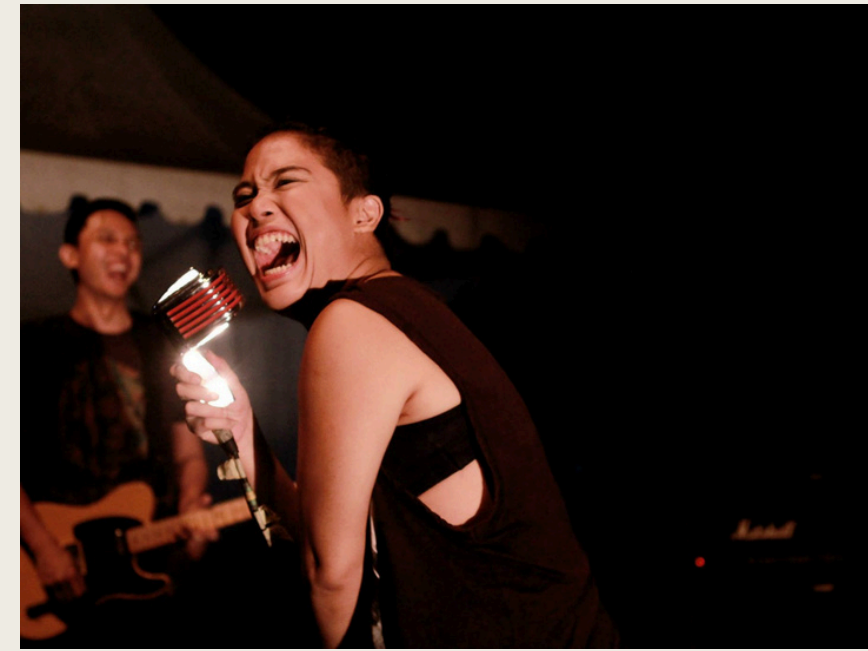
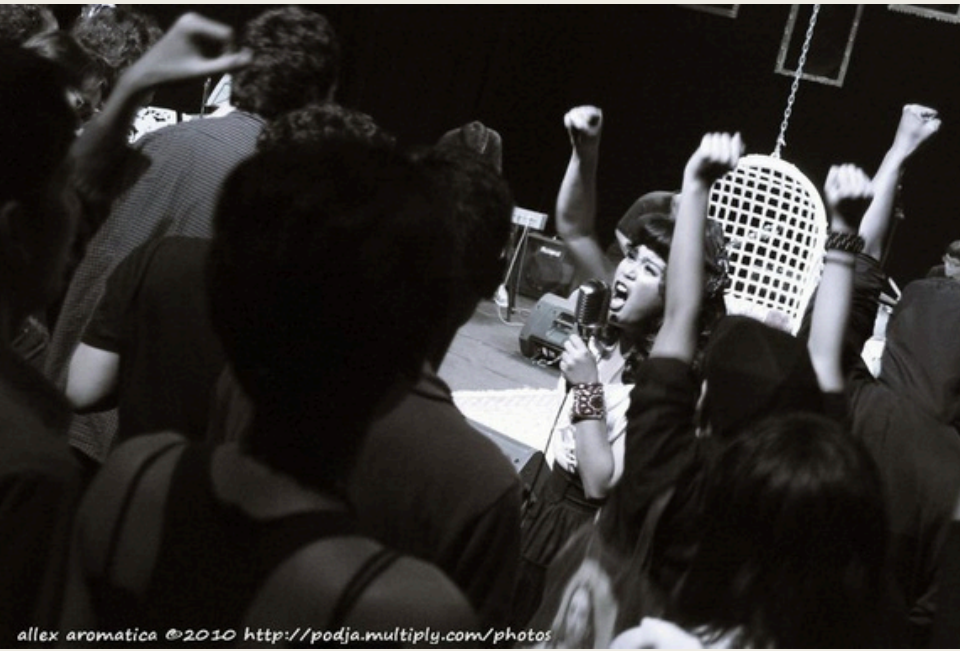
Finding feminism in pop culture when academic and literary spaces feel out of reach

Censorship during the New Order made Western resistance more accessible than our own local dissident narratives.



# MUSIC. COMMUNITY. COLLECTIVISM

## PUNK, COLLECTIVISM, AND DIY ETHOS



## THE INDONESIAN INDIE MUSIC SURGE

Indonesia has one of the largest underground music communities—metal, hardcore, punk—in the world. The punk scene is where I learned to have a political voice, understanding the power of collectivism, and organizing resistance. A lot of which are influences from the west, but became very distinctly Indonesian once adopted by our local punk communities.

In the early 2000s the indie music scene was born, and became one of the most vibrant scenes in Asia to this day. While less political than the punk scene, the bigger platform allows for diverse artistic expression, defying industry norms, to a larger audience like never before.

# NAVIGATING TRANSITION: ORDE BARU TO REFORMASI

ACCESSING FREEDOM: PREVIOUSLY BANNED VOICES, LITERATURE, AND ART

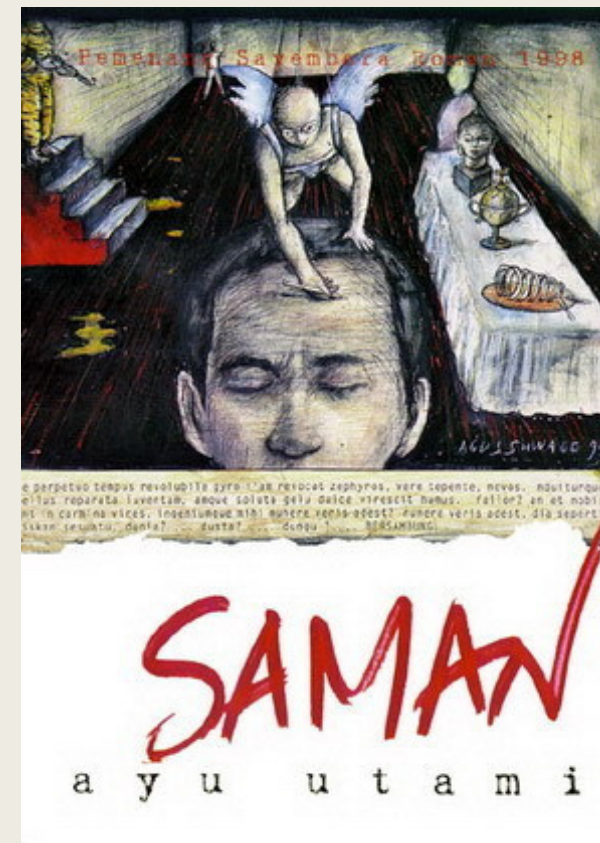
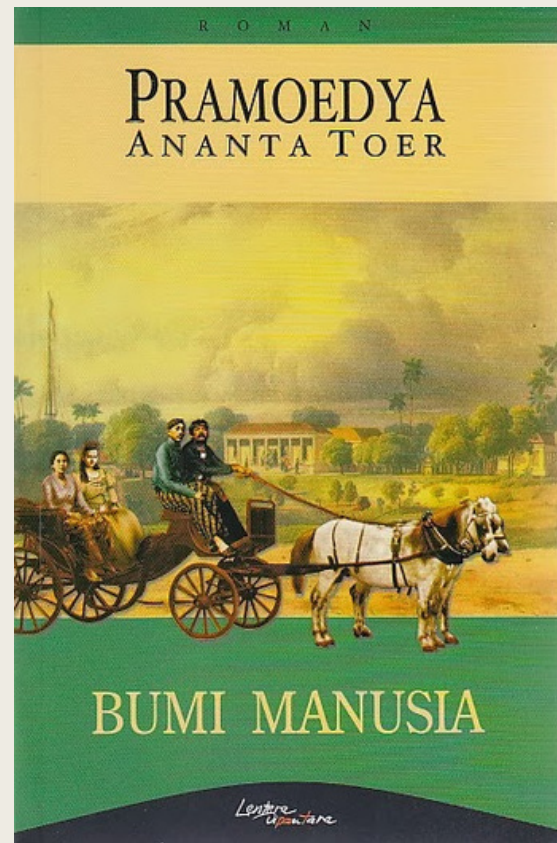
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RECLAIMING IDENTITY: UNLEARNING AND RELEARNING INDONESIA THROUGH ARTS AND LITERATURE

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UNMUZZLED: JOURNEY FROM CENSORSHIP TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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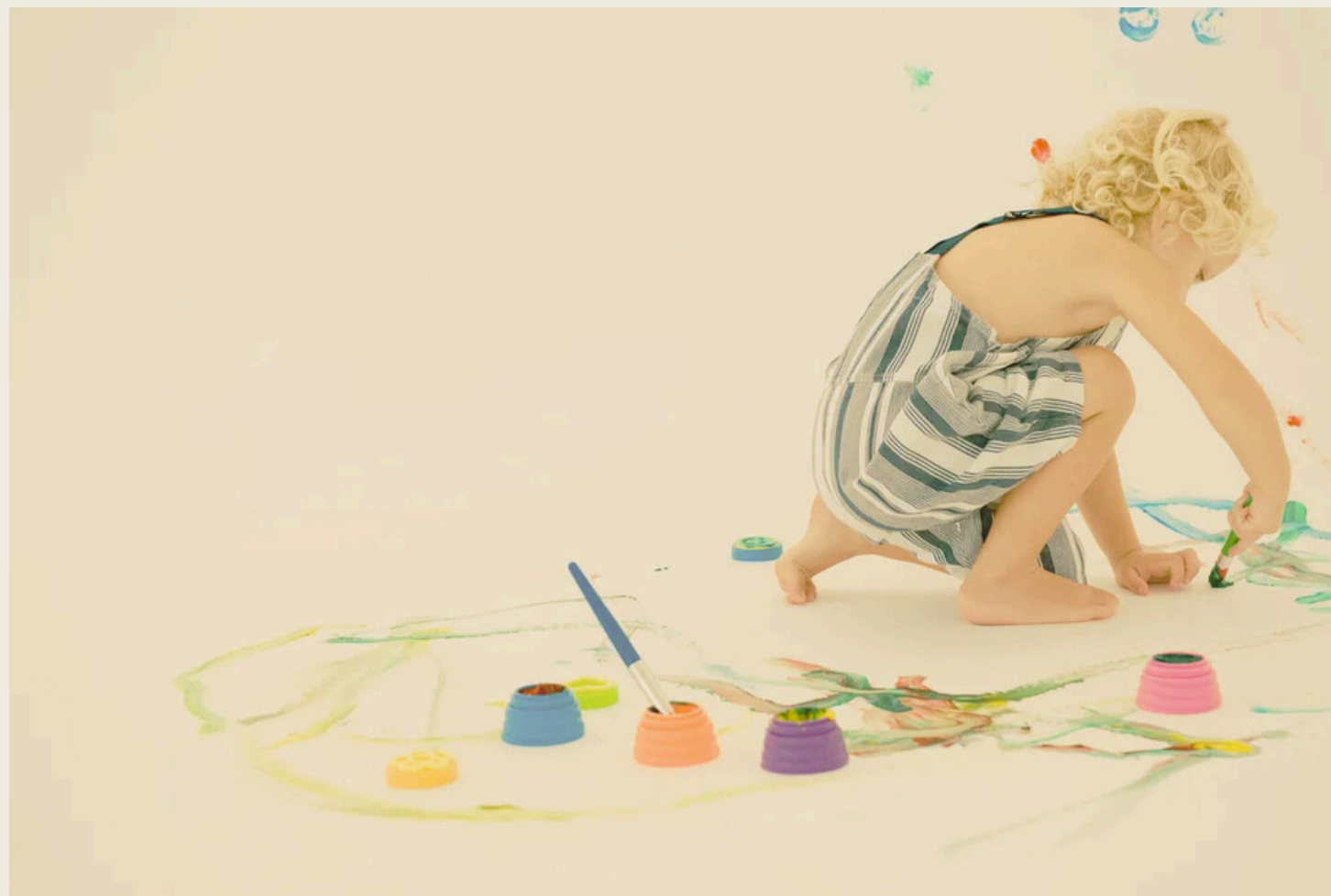
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**HUMANS HAVE AN INNATE NEED FOR EXPRESSION.  
VOCALIZATION, MOVEMENT, DOODLE, SOUND.**

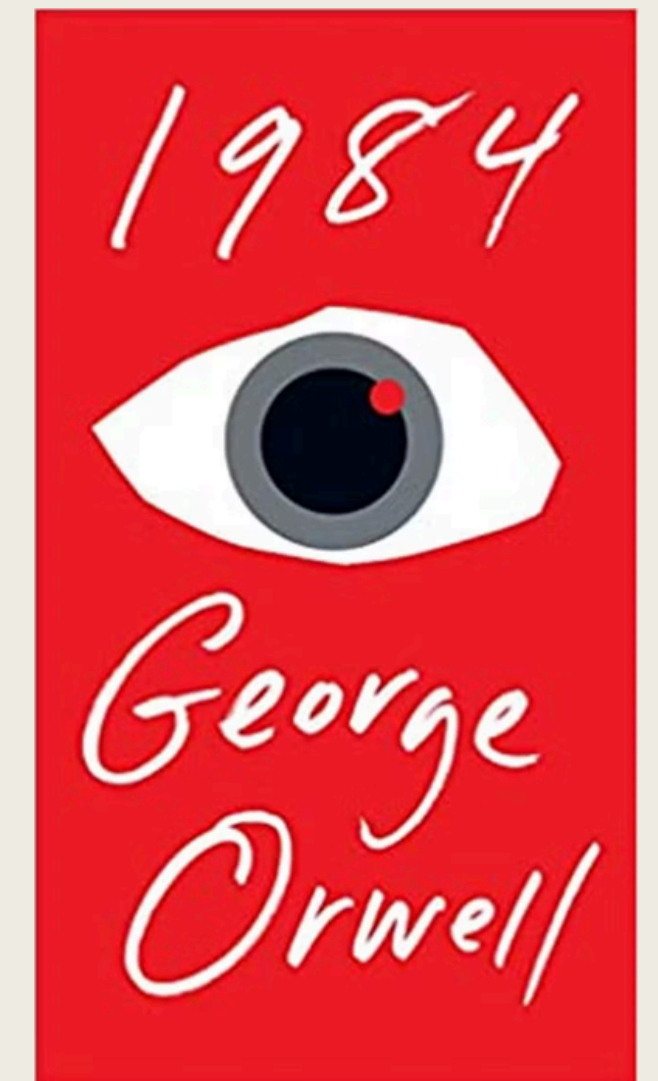
**SOCIAL CONFORMITY: AS WE ENTER SOCIETY,  
WE TRADE OUR (ARTISTIC) EXPRESSION  
FOR A SEAT AT THE TABLE  
YOUR IDENTITY DETERMINES HOW MUCH YOU HAVE TO PAY**



# ARTISTIC EXPRESSION IS A HUMAN NEED

THOSE WHO HAVE DULLED (OR BEEN DULLED) IN THEIR CAPACITY FOR ARTISTIC EXPRESSION WILL SEEK TO FIND THEMSELVES MIRRORED IN THE ART OF OTHERS

ART IS A MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH PEOPLE CAN SEE THEIR EXPERIENCES, PERSPECTIVES, AND HUMANITY REFLECTED IN A TANGIBLE FORMAT; JOY, PASSION, GRIEVE, **INJUSTICE.**

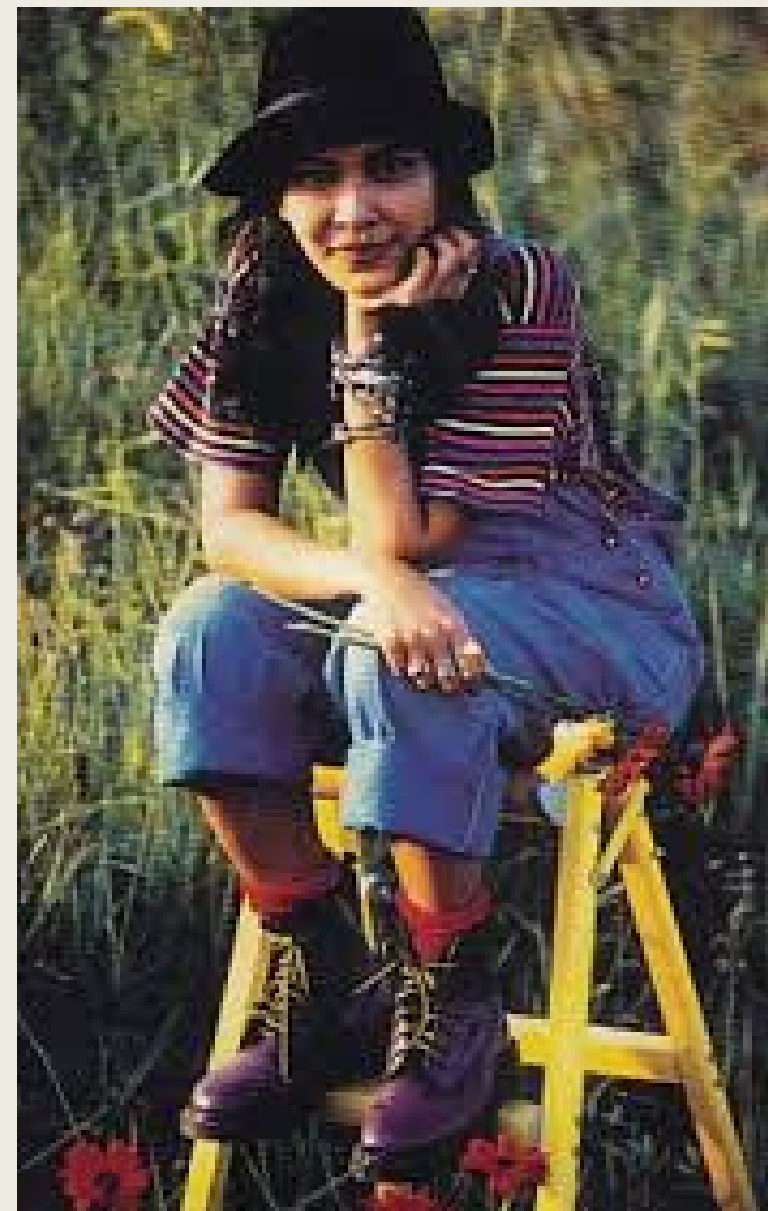




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**ART FUNCTIONS TO AWAKEN SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS**

**ART AS AN ENTRY POINT**  
ACCESSIBLE IN ITS FORM AND PALATABLE IN ITS DELIVERY  
OPENS GATES THAT ACADEMIC DISCOURSE OFTEN LEAVES LOCKED.



**ART AS AN ARCHITECT OF PERCEPTION**  
CREATING ARCHETYPE THAT EITHER CHALLENGE OR CEMENT HARMFUL PREJUDICES



EXAMPLE: THE GAY SIDEKICK TO THE HETERO-NORMATIVE HERO

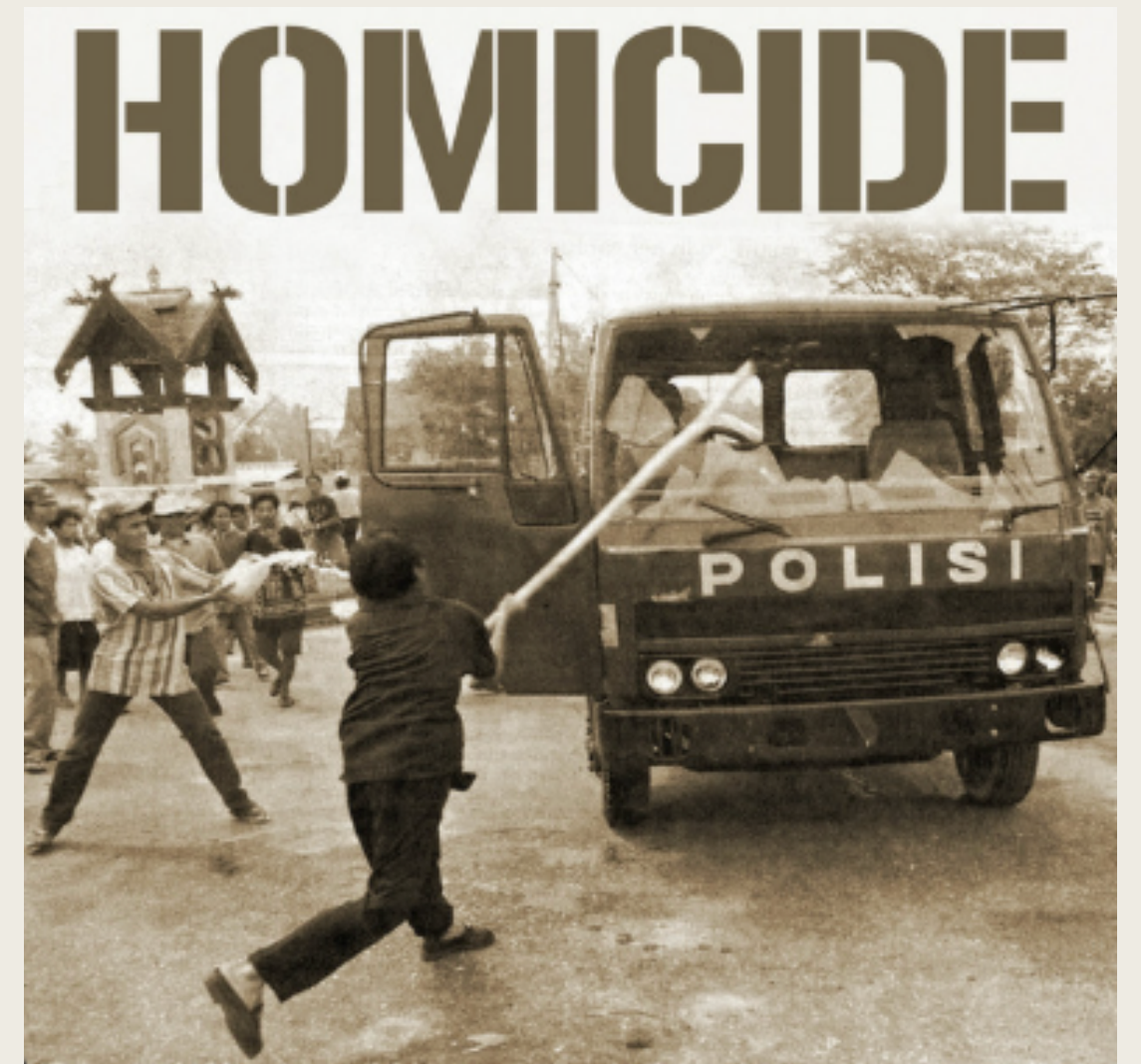
**ART AS UNIFIER**

FORGING DEEP SOLIDARITY, LIKE A CONNECTIVE TISSUE, AMONG PEOPLE WITH SHARED EXPERIENCES





**ART AS CATALYST FOR MOVEMENT**  
**EDUCATE. AGITATE. ORGANIZE**



# ART AND THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT



# ARTIVISM IS POWERFUL, BUT IS IT FEMINIST?

Artivism is a powerful tool for resistance, yet its production and recognition is disproportionately cis het male-coded.

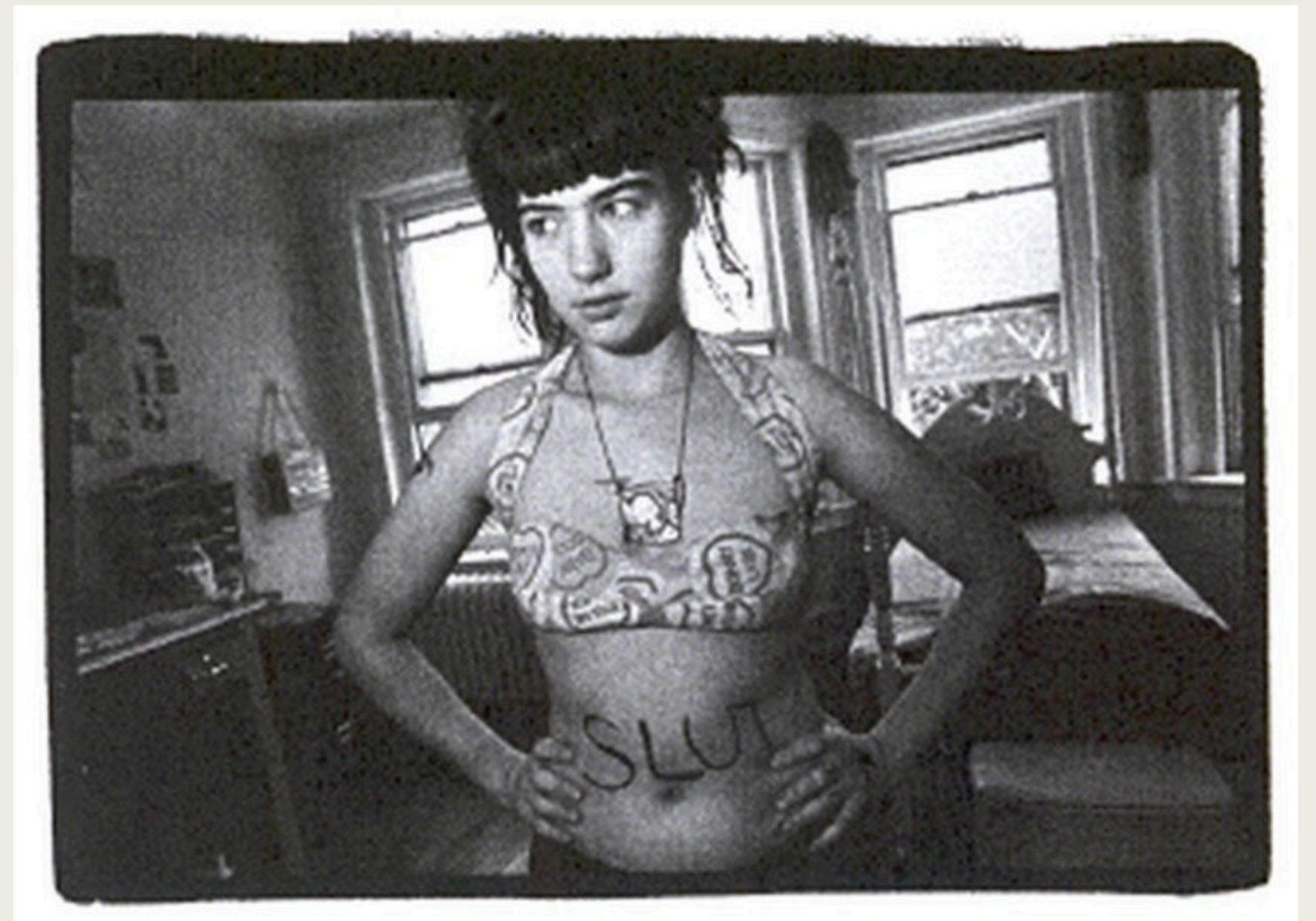
As a result, 'political art' often adopts a hypermasculine approach.

For women and queer artists, simply occupying these spaces is an act of resistance.

When they explicitly dismantle patriarchal norms through their craft, it is nothing short of revolutionary.

# HOW FEMINIST ART CHALLENGES THE PATRIARCHY

## DEMANDING REPRESENTATION IN COMMUNITY



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## SPEAKING BACK TO POWER



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## CONFRONTING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE



## HANDS OFF - BY YACKO

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## REFRAMING CULTURE THROUGH FEMINIST LENSE



PONTIANAK - BY YEE I LAN

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## STORYTELLING



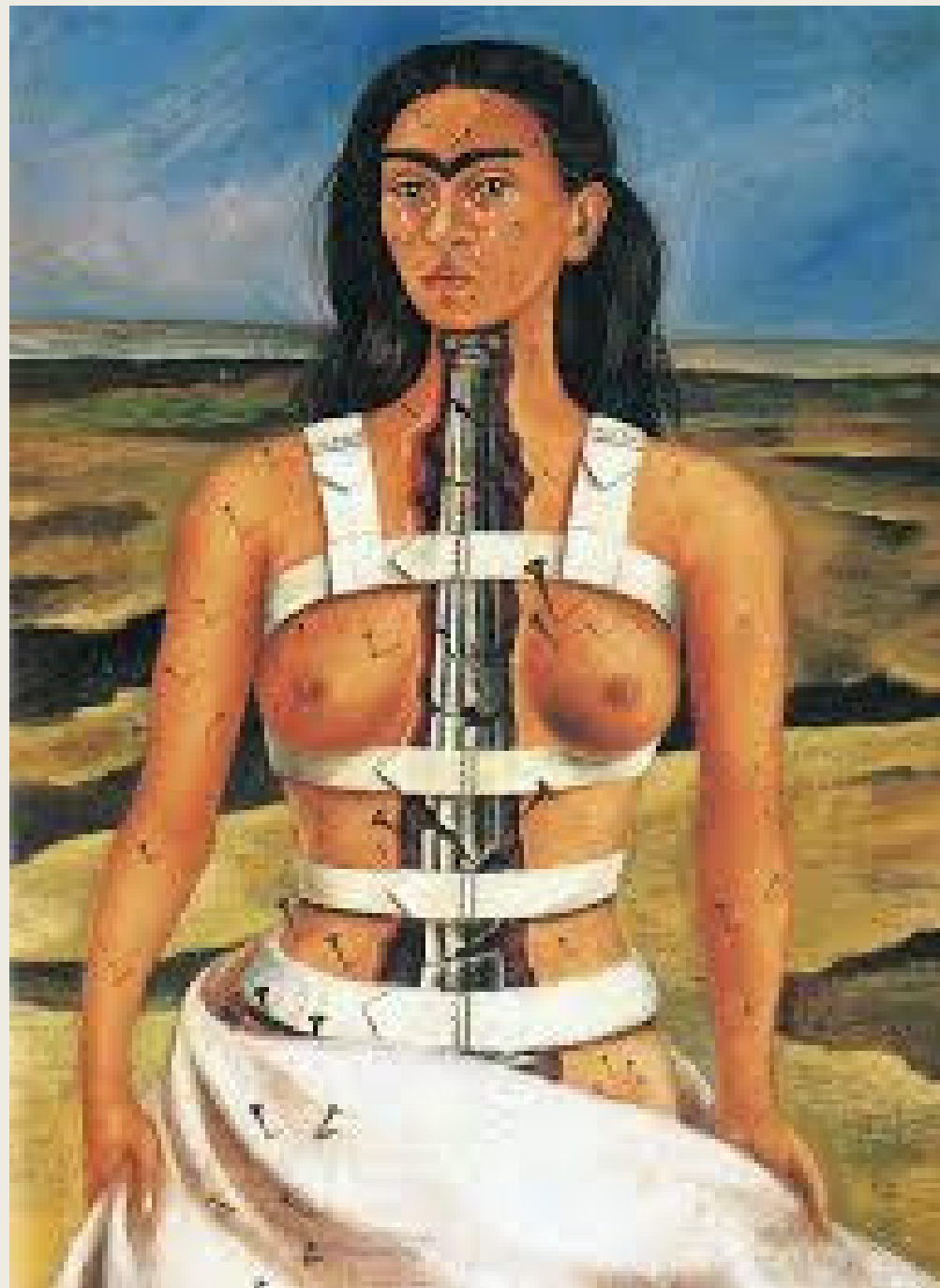
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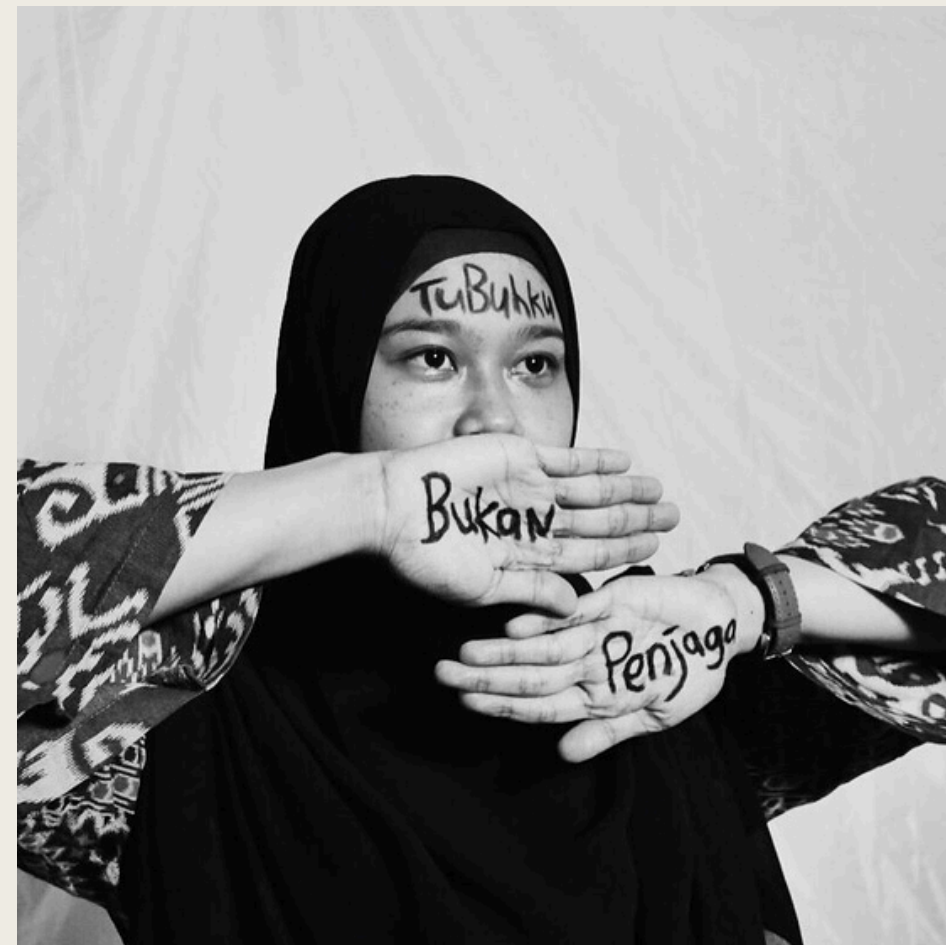
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## RECLAIMING THE BODY



FRIDA KAHLO



I GUSTI AYU KADEK MURNIASIH

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## UNITY. [TRACK 2]

ADA PELECEHAN SEKS DALAM SKENA  
SATU KAWAN PEREMPUAN DALAM ARENA  
DIJAMAH KETIKA STAGEDIVE RUANG  
DANSA  
MENJADI RAMAI MENJADI BERITA.

KAWAN LAIN LALU BERSABDA,  
“(HARUSNYA) PEREMPUAN TIDAK BERLAGA,  
AGAR SELAMAT AMAN SENTOSA.  
MARI KITA SUDAH SAJA,  
DEMI UNITY KITA SEMUA.”

AKU TAK MAU UNITY-MU,  
BILA BERARTI MENYEPELEKAN BEGITU.

BULLSHIT UNITY.

SOLIDARITY



NEGATIFA

# EXAMINING CHALLENGES





## CHALLENGE 1: WITHIN THE ARTS ECOSYSTEM AND CREATIVE INDUSTRY

- Structural sexism prevents diverse leadership. When 'bro-culture' leads, the art suffers from a poverty of perspective.
- Feminist concerns are consistently pushed to the backseat as other 'more urgent' social issues claim priority
- Problematic individuals allowed to gatekeep creative spaces by prioritizing the preservation of their legacy over the safety of the community.

## CHALLENGE 2: WITHIN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT



- The 'feminist question' is deemed as distraction from the 'real' struggle. Internal gender-based violence is frequently silenced or ignored to preserve a 'united front'
- Art viewed merely as a supplement, mood setter, crowd generator for the 'real' activism. Failing to harness its full potential, often resulting in the exploitation of creative labor.

MAINTAINING AN  
IMPACTFUL AND  
SUSTAINABLE  
FEMINIST  
ARTIVISM





## Decolonize Feminism

- Deconstruct white feminism. Anchor the feminist movement on diverse cultural heritage and local social contexts. Enriching dialogs with Global South feminists.



- **Embedding feminist values in all walks of creativity**

Films and books with characters and stories that defy stereotypes and gender roles. Visual art that portrays diverse bodies. Love songs that empower.

