

****LADYFEST TACOMA****

Empowering women through art and music

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Worldwide Womens' Music and Arts Festival Comes to Tacoma *First-ever LadyFest Tacoma on June 6*

TACOMA, Wa.— In the hopes of building and empowering a community of women activists, artists, and musicians, a group of women have come together to create the first-ever *LadyFest* event in the city of Tacoma on Saturday, June 6 at Sanford and Son in downtown Tacoma. *LadyFest* is a worldwide event put on by local organizers with the goal of building a community around female artists, performers, and musical groups. *LadyFest* is a community-based non-profit festival established in Olympia in 2000.

LadyFest Tacoma aims to celebrate, encourage, and showcase the talents of female artists and performers in the local area. Its goal is to give women the space to create, share, and inspire other women while simultaneously giving back to the community in support of women. All of the proceeds from the June 6th event will benefit DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network), a South-Sound non-profit organization whose mission is to end domestic violence by empowering survivors and fostering communities where abuse is not tolerated. Event organizer, and local artist and musician, Sydney Eggleston was inspired to bring the well-known festival to Tacoma because "I wanted to bring the community together and create an environment, if only for a day, where female expression and creativity is celebrated - and hopefully contagious. My desire is to inspire generations of girls and women to express themselves creatively."

WHAT: *LadyFest Tacoma*

WHEN: Saturday, June 6 from 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.

WHERE: Sanford and Son, 744 Commerce, Tacoma, WA 98402

WHO: All-ages event. For a list of performers visit www.LadyFestTacoma.com

COST: \$10 at door. All proceeds benefit DAWN (www.dawnonline.org).

LadyFest Tacoma is the first time this festival will be held in Tacoma. Events have been held in Olympia and Seattle and other U.S. cities including New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., as well as the following countries: Netherlands, Germany, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and Canada. The festival originated out of the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) ethic and "Riot Grrrl" movements in Olympia, as well as the many contributions by authors on inclusive feminist philosophy. The first *LadyFest* in Olympia showcased Sleater-Kinney, Cat Power, and Neko Case.

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