

# CULTURAL EVENING IN SOLIDARITY WITH ASSATA SHAKUR AND WOMEN IN PRISON



WOMEN'S CULTURE

BLACK CULTURE

LESBIAN CULTURE

OTHER REVOLUTIONARY CULTURE

FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**friday, oct. 14 7:30pm**  
**nyu catholic ctr.**  
**58 wash. sq. so.**

DONATION: \$2.50 - FOOD SERVED 6:30 to 7:30 (small extra donation).

Women and men invited.

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Sponsors: New York-PFDC Assata Committee, PO Box 613, Brooklyn 11215  
Solidarity With Sisters Inside Committee, Box 291, 161 East  
Houston Street, New York 10002  
NYU Women's Prison Committee



Assata Shakur (slave name: Joanne Chesimard) is a Black revolutionary currently serving life plus 35 years in prison, having been railroaded by a racist judge and an all-white jury in Middlesex County, New Jersey. The charges arose out of a shoot-out on the New Jersey Turnpike in 1973, in which Assata's comrade Zayd Malik Shakur was murdered and a trooper was killed. Another comrade, Sundiata Acoli, was also convicted and is serving life plus 35 as well. Assata, Sundiata and Zayd were acting in self-defense: both from the troopers' attack and from COINTELPRO, the continuing government counter-insurgency campaign of murder, disruption and surveillance aimed at the Black movement and at the Native American, Puerto Rican and Mexicano/Chicano struggles for liberation.

Assata has spent four years in jail and has been acquitted four times before this conviction. She has constantly been subjected to isolation and brutality because she is a leader in her people's liberation struggle-- and as such she poses a deadly threat to US imperialism. This system depends on the continued oppression of Third World people for its existence, and uses its courts and prisons as a means of exerting its vicious control over their lives.

Imperialism also depends on the oppression of women: women who perform thousands of hours of unwaged labor (housework) to keep the system going; women who are expected to train the next generation of workers to fill their "proper places." As women we have always fought back against male supremacy and for our liberation: for the right to control our own bodies; for an end to the terror of rape and all forms of violence against women; for an end to the oppression and degradation of lesbians.

Our sisters in prison-- 70% of whom are Black and Third World-- have long been fighting back for an end to racism and brutality, and for the right to be treated as human beings and not as animals.

Often we have not been there to support their struggles. White women and lesbians need to see that Assata and other Black and Third World revolutionary leaders in prison are the leaders of the fight for all our liberation. Their struggle and the struggles of their people aim at the very heart of the system of imperialism that oppresses every one of us. We cannot sit by this time while Assata faces another frame-up trial in Brooklyn. She needs our solidarity now!

# COME TO COURT!



October 13 -- 9:30 A.M.  
Brooklyn Supreme Court  
9th Floor  
(all trains to Jay St./  
Boro Hall, Brooklyn)