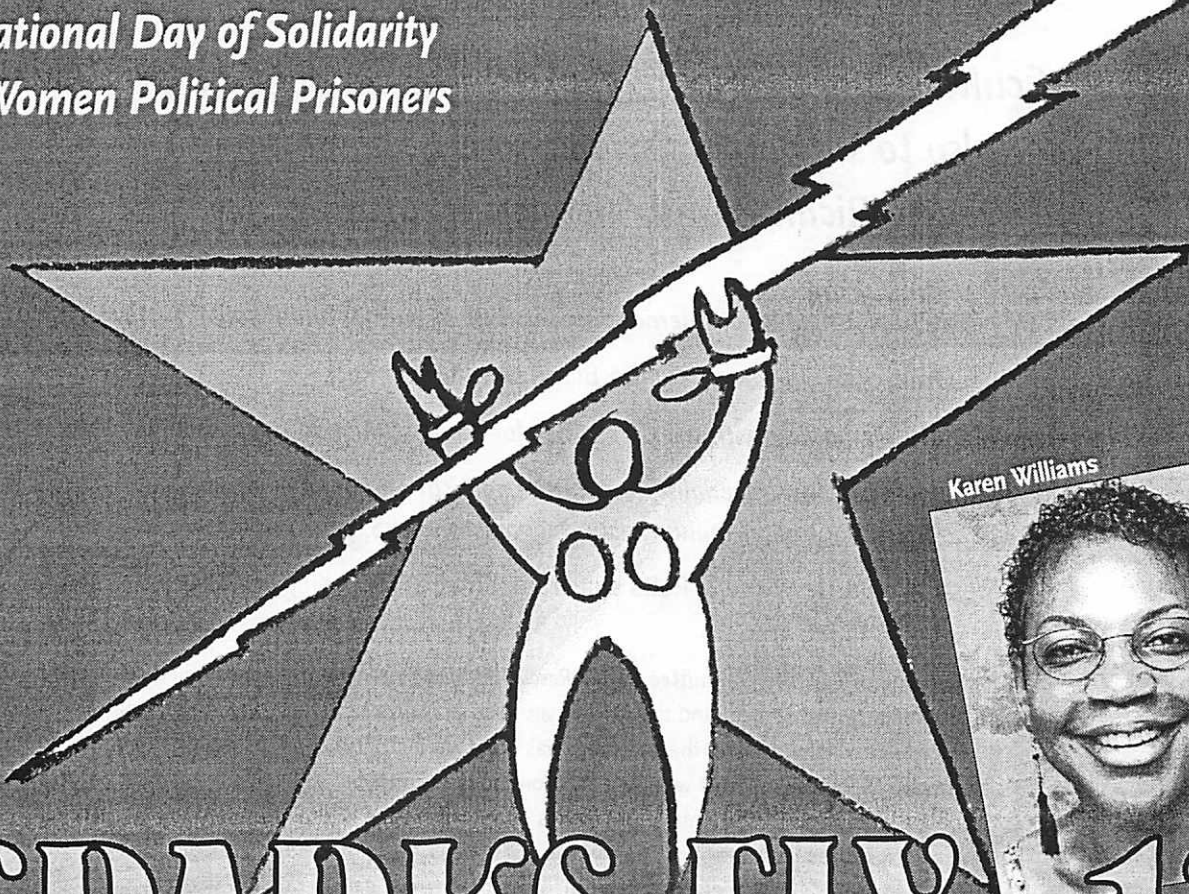


*International Day of Solidarity
With Women Political Prisoners*



Karen Williams



SPARKS FLY-12

Karen Williams ★ OMEYOCAN

Nilda Medina ★ Linda Evans

Fresh aka Barrie White &

Reffs aka Frank Sinatra, Drag Kings

Sunday,

November 17, 2002 ★ 4:00PM

Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club

1650 Mountain Blvd. in Oakland

(complete directions on the other side)

Wheelchair Accessible and ASL Interpreted, No scents please

\$10-\$25 (no one turned away for lack of funds)

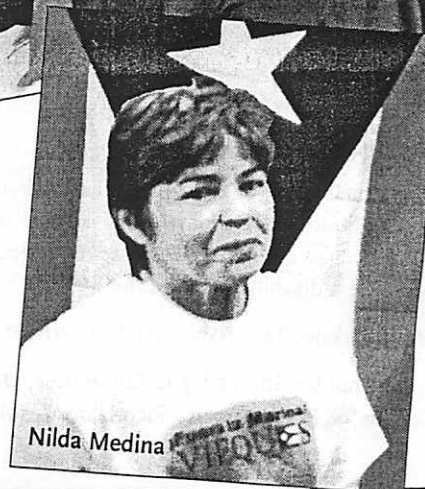
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Omeyocan



Linda Evans



Nilda Medina

***An evening of culture and politics to support women political prisoners,
this year also to support resistance to U.S. bombing of the
Puerto Rican Island, Vieques—featuring:***

Karen Williams, comic-writer-actor-founder of International Institute of Humor and Healing Arts (HAHA)

Omeyocan (formerly Veronica Black), Afro-Urban Rock

Nilda Medina, Vieques resident/organizer with the Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques

**Linda Evans, lesbian, anti-imperialist, and former political prisoner who served
16 years in federal prison for militant actions against the U.S. government.**

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Nilda Medina, from the Committee for the Rescue and Development of Vieques, will discuss the history of U.S. military involvement and the current situation of Navy bombing in Vieques. Vieques is a populated Puerto Rican Island where the U.S. Navy has conducted experimental testing of non-conventional (chemical, biological, nuclear) weapons and continues to conduct "conventional bombing" for training purposes. Ships and troops trained in Vieques go directly to the Middle East and the Persian Gulf. Military explosives have been found in public water wells. Tests of Vieques residents show high levels of mercury and other heavy metals. Vieques also has the highest cancer rate in Puerto Rico, in addition to other serious health problems—particularly among children. Nilda Medina, an environmental and peace activist who has lived on the island of Vieques since 1980, is a key organizer of the Peace and Justice Camp, located in front of the gate to the Navy's Camp Garcia. Activists at the camps continue to organize civil disobedience campaigns to get the Navy out of Vieques. Medina stresses the ecological and

public health threats of the bombing and other military exercises in Vieques. Her work today includes developing an innovative program of education for school dropouts and other at-risk youth, in a demilitarized, decontaminated, and sustainably developed, community-controlled Vieques. Medina is also firmly and openly committed to independence for Puerto Rico.



Linda Evans is a lesbian and former political prisoner, an anti-imperialist who served 16 years of a 40-year federal prison sentence for militant actions against the U.S. government. While in prison she was a founding member of an inmate-to-inmate AIDS peer counseling organization, and of the Council Against Racism, an inmate organization that worked against institutional racism and to lessen racial tensions inside the prison. She and her partner Eve Goldberg co-authored the booklet, "The Prison-Industrial Complex and the Global Economy." She was released from prison by President Clinton's commutation of her sentence on his last day in office, January 20, 2001. She is currently working with the Center for Third World Organizing in Oakland, organizing former prisoners to fight the discrimination they face when coming out of prison. She also is active with Friends of Marilyn Buck and the Jericho Amnesty Movement, working to free her comrades, the political prisoners who remain in prison.

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Directions: Take 580 toward Oakland (whether coming from Bay Bridge, Richmond bridge or North) to 24 toward Walnut Creek. Take 13 South toward Hayward. Take 2nd exit, called "Thornhill/Moraga." Take the left fork and then turn left at light onto Thornhill. Go one block. We're at 1650 Mountain Blvd (SE corner of Mountain and Thornhill.) Do not park in the back lot unless you have a disability. Park on the Street.

From Berkeley, take Ashby, past Claremont Hotel to 13 south. Second exit at Thornhill/Moraga etc.

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