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A Web Double Bill

2nd March 2013

Join in on your phone, by your computer at home
or at a Viewing Party near you!

8pm – Live Stream of Words of Choice Theatre from New York City

Log in to: <http://virtualarts.tv/wiredartsfest/march-2-program-c/>

****To view this stream ad free, purchase your online ticket prior to the performance****

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About

Words of Choice is a dynamic pro-choice theatre performance – smart, funny, endangered. Created by Cindy Cooper, it weaves together a dozen stories of women, men and reproductive rights.

For the full programme for this event go to: <http://wordsofchoice.org/upcoming-performances/> and <http://virtualarts.tv/wiredartsfest/words-of-choice-digitalprogram/>

Audience Interaction

The audience is invited to interact on Twitter during the performance and post-performance discussion with reproductive rights activists using these hashtags: [#WOClive](#) and [#WiredArtsFest](#). Irish Twitter followers can identify yourselves and connect using [#Screenforchoice](#)

To download an app for this event go to: <http://wordsofchoice.org/upcoming-performances/viewing-parties/using-an-app-for-wiredartsfest>

More Information

For a tutorial about live streaming go to: <http://youtu.be/CdPDQ6cxPI8>

For more information about Words for Choice go to <http://wordsofchoice.org/>

Words of Choice also host a blog with updates on this event and news on other international creative and direct actions at: <http://wordsofchoice.blogspot.ie/>

How do I sign up?

If you're interested in watching the show free of commercials (we recommend it), there's a \$2.50 charge. If not, don't worry about it.

1. Click on this site <http://virtualarts.tv/wiredartsfest/online-tickets/>
2. Choose the program you're interested in; Saturday (March , Program C-TITS & Words of Choice: Roe at 40) (8pm)
3. Go through the online and billing process as directed.

*****Note: Definitely pay and get all set up ahead of time. You will have to set up a PayPal. It takes about 15 minutes to go through the process and you want to make sure you're all squared away before your party.*****

If you're not interested in watching commercial free, find the link at <http://www.ustream.tv/new>

What's the Twitter deal?

As a viewer, you'll watch the performance on a screen like this. This will allow you to connect your social media platforms and share your opinions and stories. Make sure to sign for Ustream social chat ahead of time. You will receive an email confirmation and will be able to chat either on the social stream through Facebook or Twitter OR through the social stream, disconnected from your social media platforms. Using the hashtags [#wiredartstv](#), [#woclive](#) and [#Screenforchoice](#) you can share your stories, react to individual pieces, and tweet questions for the post show discussion.

or the user can choose the Chat tap and keep their comments will only appear in the chat room- they will not crosspost to facebook or twitter.

Add your own remarks. Be the first to comment!

Start a discussion...

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1. User types their comment in the dialogue box
2. They click the Twitter or Facebook icon
3. They are prompted to sign into the social network they have chosen (they only need to sign in once)
4. Their comment appears in their twitter or facebook feed - as well as in this chat panel.

In addition, any tweet hashtagged #WiredArtsFest will show up in this stream

What about the app?

WiredArtsFestTV developed an app for the event, which will allow you to set an online appointment to remind you about upcoming shows and take and share photos of your viewing party instantly. You can also connect to your Facebook and Twitter, so that you can tweet directly from the app and see what other viewers are saying as you watch the performance!

Just look up [VirtualArtsTV Wired Arts Fest app](#) on iTunes and Android to get started!

You've watched the show, now send a postcard!

The Abortion Rights Campaign are delighted to invite you to join our first major campaign 'Greetings From Ireland: Postcards to Your TD'.

The Abortion Rights Campaign and our supporters will send 30,000 postcards to our TDs between now and summer reminding them to Legislate for X, because women's lives matter.

We want all who support legislation on X to send a postcard to EACH of their representatives in the Dail.

More Information

How can I get postcards?

Drop us an email – info@abortionrights.ie, and we'll send you 5 postcards and an information sheet. We'll have a downloadable version up here soon that you can print off and stick in an envelope either.

How many can I get?

How many people can *you* get to send them? We'll send you 5 postcards for each. Just let us know in your email.

Who are my TDs?

Check out this fabulous website – www.whoismytd.com – where you can simply type in your address and it will give you contacts for all of your representatives in the Dáil.

I'm part of a group who supports this campaign, how can we help?

Have a table / stall at an event: do you have a public event between now and summer? The Abortion Rights Campaign can give you a box of postcards and explanatory flyers and you can have a 'postcards' table at your event. All members need to do is sign their name and home address on 5 postcards and we can take care of the rest. If you need people to run these stalls, the Abortion Rights Campaign will be happy to help. Please drop an email to info@abortionrights.ie to let us know about your event. We will happily publicise it to our members too.

Notify your members of the campaign so they can request postcards themselves:

Let your members / supporters know that this campaign is happening, and they can email info@abortionrights.ie to request postcards that we can send out.

Send postcards to your members: the Abortion Rights Campaign can give you a box of postcards and explanatory flyers and you can send 5 postcards and a flyer to each of your members. Your members can find their representatives by entering their home address in www.whoismytd.com. We appreciate there is a cost incurred for organisations here but appreciate any financial support available. Please drop an email to info@abortionrights.ie to request postcards and information sheets.

See more at: <http://www.abortionrightscampaign.ie/2013/02/21/postcards-to-your-tds/>

Get active!

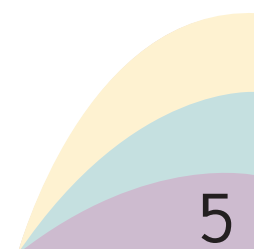
a.k.a. What else can I do now?

- 1. CONNECT** - Abortion Rights Campaign with regional groups represented by delegates around Ireland. To connect to a group in your locality, contact info@abortionrights.ie or go to <http://www.abortionrightscampaign.ie/get-involved/>
- 2. DROP INTO** your local councillors and let them know that their constituents represent the pro-choice majority.
- 3. GET INFORMED** - Visit an IFPA or local clinic. Speak with the volunteer coordinator to find out more about what they do. Research organizations in your community. What is their perspective on pregnancy, contraception and abortion? Contact people in your constituency. Where do they stand on the issues you care about and what action have they taken? Inform others about what you have learned.
- 4. SUPPORT** an abortion fund that helps low-income women who travel from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to Britain for abortion services. The Abortion Support Network (<http://www.abortionsupport.org.uk/>) Host a screening of Words of Choice as a fundraiser for your local abortion fund.
- 5. SURVEY** the availability of emergency contraception in local hospitals and pharmacies. Emergency contraception is supposed to be available for sale without a doctor's prescription at pharmacies in the Ireland for women age 17 and over. Ask your local pharmacies if or another brand of emergency contraception is immediately available for purchase and what it costs. Know your rights; read the advice of the IFPA <http://www.ifpa.ie/Hot-Topics/Emergency-Contraception/Emergency-Contraception-Explained>

6. USE YOUR CREATIVITY! Words of Choice developed out of Cindy Cooper's background as a playwright and journalist. How can you combine your creative side (art, music, writing or anything that helps you express yourself) with your interest in protecting and supporting reproductive freedom? If you'd like to work in a supportive group, why not get in touch with the Creative and Direct Actions Working Group, one of the five pillars of the national campaign. This group organizes meetings, workshops, cultural events, street actions, skill shares, community projects, film screenings and more. Contact actionsforchoice@gmail.com for more info. Connect on Twitter with [@actions4choice](https://twitter.com/actions4choice). See images from prior projects on <http://www.flickr.com/photos/actionsforchoice/>

8. WRITE AN ARTICLE or op-ed about why you support pro-choice legislation and submit it to the editors of your local and school newspapers, your professional or community organization's newsletters, and your favorite blogs and on-line news sites.

9. WRITE A SONG, a poem, a rap. Explore your thoughts using your artistic imagination. To start, write new words to a tune you already know. Check out <http://laurenzuniga.com>



Resource List

1. READ BLOGS!

In Ireland:

<http://considertheteacosy.wordpress.com/>

<http://sharrowshadow.wordpress.com/>

<http://feministopenforum.wordpress.com/>

<http://corkfeminista.com/>

In the UK:

<http://www.thefword.org.uk/blog/>

<http://dmhatingfemisfromhell.blogspot.ie/>

<http://cruellablog.blogspot.ie/>

<http://www.pinkstinks.co.uk/>

In the USA:

www.Feministing.com

www.RHRealitycheck.org

www.Abortiongang.org

2. **TALK ABOUT ABORTION** with your friends and family. Find tips at <http://www.abortionconversation.com/conversations.php>

3. **STOCK UP ON BASICS** on abortion with some perspective on legal history in Ireland at <http://www.ifpa.ie/Hot-Topics/Abortion/Abortion-in-Ireland-Timeline>. International news can be found at <http://www.guttmacher.org/> and <http://www.prochoice.org>

4. **TELL YOUR STORY ONLINE!** Check out a project in Ireland at <https://www.facebook.com/shareyour.abortionstory> and internationally at <http://wordsofchoice.blogspot.com/2010/06/where-to-tell-your-story-online.html>

5. **KNOW ABOUT PRO-CHOICE RESOURCES** for friends in need in Ireland:
<http://www.positiveoptions.ie/>

6. CHECK OUT SOME DOCUMENTARIES!

X is for Anonymous

Stop the Silence, End the Stigma –

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SafeAndLegalIreland>

The Abortion Diaries

Contact actionsforchoice@gmail.com to access films and excerpts to screen in your locality.

7. HERE ARE SOME GREAT BOOKS!

The Abortion Trail: the Making of the London-Irish Underground by Anne Rossiter, 2009

The Irish Journey by the IFPA (Free to download from http://www.ifpa.ie/sites/default/files/documents/media/publications/irish_journey.pdf)

8. AND DRAMAS!

Front Lines: Political Plays by American Women (including Words of Choice) , ed Shirley Lauro and Alexis Greene

Special Thanks to [Words of Choice: Up the Creativity](#) Blog for inspiring this Viewing Party Resource Pack

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