

Air Dance

A no-contact update from The Feminist Strip Club

We hope that you are safe and doing as well as possible.

The FSC is saddened and enraged by George Floyd's murder by the Minneapolis Police Department. Other concerns can feel trivial right now, but the MPD's brutality shares historical roots with its overpolicing of sex work. While we're putting effort toward the larger struggle, we must also take a moment to focus on the future of our work.

Minnesota has been taking a cautious approach to reopening bars, but indoor service can resume at 25% capacity on June 10. The uncertainty and the financial strain take a toll on us, but as long as there is no vaccine, no real treatment for COVID-19, strip clubs are not safe for workers or patrons. Contact with dancers was a selling point, but now it's a health risk. How can we reimagine stripping during the pandemic?

Labor conditions are a key concern of The FSC. That work is even more urgent now, and we'll continue to do it. Until we bring out Issue 2 of The GRIND, we offer this newsletter with resources for dancers and an invite to a City-hosted meeting about health and safety in strip clubs on June 29.

See you in the streets, The Feminist Strip Club Team

The Feminist Strip Club is a group of current and former erotic dancers who explore the present conditions of and utopian visions for stripping. We hold events, make performances, publish zines and more.
www.thefeministstripclub.com

Resources

click on the name for more information

Soldiers of Pole's Coronavirus Information for Out-of-Work Strippers

Unemployment Insurance:

Step-by-step guide to completing the Application for Self-employed and Contract Workers

Instructions to make a correction or file an appeal

Springboard for the Arts Self-employed

Unemployment Insurance Application FAQ

SNAP (Food Stamps) Application

Mental Health Services

Walk-In – Counseling Center | Minneapolis, MN
(free, local counseling by phone or zoom)

Mutual Aid (All of these funds also accept donations, if you're in a position to do so.)

Twin Cities Hospitality and Event Workers Relief Fund

Twin Cities Queer and Trans Mutual Aid

Springboard for the Arts \$500 emergency grants to artists, including dancers

Sex Worker Specific Mutual Aid

Lysistrata

Black Sex Worker Collective



Have you been working in states where the clubs are already open?

We'd like to hear your story.
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Justice for George



Strippers Only!

Meet with the city ladies to discuss the enforcement of the Minneapolis Adult Entertainment Ordinance and the inspections of the clubs.

Monday, June 29 at 4pm

Online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/StrippersandtheCity>