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### **The Woman Project will be holding an Art-In for Reproductive Rights in RI on Saturday, May 13 on the RI State House lawn from 1-3 pm.**

This interactive event will bring together Rhode Islanders who support a woman's right to make her own reproductive health choices, and the passage of The Reproductive Health Care Act (H. 5343/S. 0274), which ensures safe and legal access to abortion services in Rhode Island.

"The purpose is to show the legislature, through art projects and the act of gathering, that the majority of people in this state support the passage of the Reproductive Health Care Act," says Mara Trachtenberg, a co-founder of The Woman Project. "Visual objects can be very compelling, because they resonate with people and the impact on political persuasion can complement more traditional forms of contact, like letters and phone calls. We're also trying to make civic engagement fun and accessible."

The Art-In will feature:

- Performances by Girls Rock! RI
- Choral flash mob singing 'I Cant Keep Quiet'
- A massive free yoga session
- A giant scroll petition
- A Story Wall, where people can write their personal stories or messages of support.
- A human "Pass It" sign captured in an aerial photo.
- A knitting circle
- A Maypole and other activities for children
- The Five-Second Protest, an opportunity for attendees to make a short video statement of support.
- The Shimmy Mob, Belly Dancing Flash Mob
- Speaker Natalia Reagan, an anthropologist, primatologist, producer, host and comedienne. She was the co-host on Spike TV's show 10 Million Dollar Bigfoot Bounty and is now the new All-Star host on Neil deGrasse Tyson's podcast StarTalk

The scroll petition will be presented to members of the General Assembly. In addition, the videos and the stories gathered at the event will be submitted as a book and DVD.

The Woman Project was founded in February 2017 by four Wakefield women: artists Mara Trachtenberg and Jocelyn Foye, and activists Jordan Hevenor and Sarah Markey, to take political action on issues important to women through art and community-organizing. In March, The Woman Project organized a Dinner Strike March to commemorate International Women's Day. About 250 men, women and children marched through Wakefield and convened at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation for a community supper. In addition, the Woman Project has produced postcards constituents can send to their representative or senator in support of the reproductive health care act, bearing images created by Rhode Island artists.



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- GIRLS ROCK, RI
- SPEAKER NATALIE REAGAN
- MAYPOLE DANCE AND FOLK MUSIC
- MASSIVE FREE YOGA SESSION
- KNITTING CIRCLE
- "I CANT KEEP QUIET" CHORAL FLASH MOB
- GROUP PHOTO OF HUMAN MESSAGE
- MANY INTERACTIVE ART INSTALLATIONS
- FACE PAINTING & OTHER KID EVENTS
- SHIMMY (BELLY DANCING FLASH) MOB

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