

THREE WEEKS IN JANUARY

WELCOME

Tonight, we are celebrating the many people who have participated in *Three Weeks in January* and reflecting together on how to END RAPE IN LOS ANGELES.

You are an important part of this event – which involves sound/video/audience participation.

AUDIENCE AS PERFORMER

At different times you will be prompted to participate by:

- Talking to the person sitting next to you
- Speaking briefly on a question with offered microphone
- Joining representatives from local organizations to talk about possibilities for *Billion Women Rise LA*

Please limit any comment via microphone to one minute.

Act 1: Reflection

I know someone who was raped, do you?

Act 2: Silences

*What prevents rape from being discussed in your circles?
How can we break this silence?*

Act 3: Commitment

How will Los Angeles participate?

ONE BILLION WOMEN RISING

Three Weeks in January is a re-invention of a 1977 artwork, calling attention to the incidence of rape in Los Angeles. The project focuses on a movement started in the 1970s, which is still thriving today; it asks us to consider the next forty years with renewed commitment to ending violence.

What we now know is that sexual violence is a global phenomenon with deep and lasting repercussions on the lives of women, children, and men. Acting locally, we also connect ourselves to a worldwide effort to end sexual violence – in war, in slavery, in marriage, in a woman's home and in the streets.

At the conclusion of *Three Weeks in January*, we will launch *Billion Women Rise LA* to answer the call of the Nobel Women's Initiative's Campaign to Stop Rape and Gender Violence. Tonight, many of you have signed up online to be counted as one in a billion.

In February 2013, the organizations and individuals of Los Angeles will join as one in a global response to rape – *One Billion Women Rising*.

For more information: www.billionwomenrise.org