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Gender Offenders Attack Violence in NYC!

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In the emerging New York City arts scene, a new group has taken the city by storm --- and with a unique twist.

Meet The Gender Offenders, the city's queer/alternative performance troupe, comprised of drag queens, drag kings and everything in between.

Formed in 2006 as a joint venture between The Barbarians and resident NYC showgirls, Candy Samples, Chic, and Sassy, the Offenders use song, dance and political imagery to provoke and entertain audiences.

In the wake of a tumultuous summer, where attacks on the GLBT community have been on the rise, The Gender Offenders have come together to help raise awareness and help bring an end to violence in this great city.

Their debut show, "Vitality", a cabaret to benefit The New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project will be Saturday, September 23 at the D Lounge (101 East 15th Street, basement level, Union Square) at 10pm. On Sunday, September 24, the Gender Offenders bring the show to Cattyshack in Brooklyn (249 4TH Avenue). There, doors open at 6pm, with drink specials and an 8pm show time. Admission at each venue is \$10 and all proceeds will benefit The New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

The Anti-Violence Project is the nation's largest service agency for victims of bias crimes against the lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, and HIV-affected communities. Since 1980, AVP has provided counseling and advocacy for tens of thousands of survivors of bias-motivated and domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, HIV-related violence, and police misconduct. AVP documents incidents of violence against and within LGTB communities, educates the public about the effects of violence, against or

within our communities, and works to reform public policies impacting all lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, and HIV-affected people. www.avp.org

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About The Gender Offenders

Gender Offenders was formed in 2006 by a group of radical, queer artists seeking to break traditional ideas of gender and sexuality as well as address ideological constraints imposed onto individuals by mainstream society, government and religious dogma. Gender Offenders is dedicated to pushing the envelope and advancing live performance by creating politically and socially relevant work. Infusing burlesque, music, mixed-media and traditional theatrical conventions, GO desires to create visually stimulating works that ask questions and provide new ideas for all types of audiences. Visit us on the web at www.genderoffenders.com.