

(Somerville, MA) January 24, 2017- In response to the recent inauguration of the 45th President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, and his first six days in office, women at Tufts University have organized NASTY WOMEN x TUFTS, a free art show exhibiting works by self-identifying “nasty women,” protesting these most recent political events.

Women have been historically marginalized, discriminated against, and disrespected as unequal human beings to men. Only in 1920 did women get the right to vote—with black women remaining disenfranchised and obstructed from voting until the 1960s. It took until the 1973 ruling of *Roe v. Wade* to give women autonomy over their own bodies. Presently, the safety and lives of LGBTQIA+ individuals, especially trans women of color, remains at stake; millions of indigenous women continue to be silenced and ignored by our government; Latinx women still make 54 cents to the white man’s dollar. And despite all of this, in 2016, America elected an openly bigoted, hateful, megalomaniacal promoter of sexual violence into the most powerful office in our country, threatening the progress our country has made in the past century.

The power now lies with us—women, the majority—who will say what we shall or shall not do. We refuse to turn our clocks back in time. We must stand together to voice our opposition of these injustices, and only through lifting up all marginalized people can women truly be equal. Through art, we will protest the hatred and misogyny that Trump and his supporters promote, and will raise our collective voices to say No to his administration.

Through fine art, film, performance art, music, comedy, poetry, and all other uncensored creations, all women who identify as a NASTY WOMAN—regardless of age, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or non-gender identification, and socio-economic background—can express exactly what they are feeling. This exhibit will also act as a fundraiser to raise money for organizations in the area that have been targeted by Trump and his administration, including Planned Parenthood, ACLU, and Rosie’s Place.

The art show is Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 8:30 PM until 11 PM. It will be held in the basement of 32 Adams St, Medford, MA, 02155. To find out more about NASTY WOMEN x TUFTS or to submit artwork, please contact: Cecily Lo, Cecily.Lo@tufts.edu