

riot

not  
quiet

grrrl

music, design, and  
zine culture.

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# WHAT IS RIOT

## GRRRL?

Riot grrrl was a feminist movement started in Olympia, WA in the early 1990s. It was all about women supporting women, making music, and fighting for change!

Bands like Bikini Kill, Sleater-Kinney, Le Tigre, and more led the way for girls everywhere to express themselves through music and design. Riot Grrrl music is easily recognizable by its garage demo sound, heavy drums, and feminist subjects. Many riot grrrls wrote and published their own zines (short magazines) which were raw expressions of their opinions about society and the roles of women. Zine culture went hand-in-hand with the riot grrrl music scene.

# Zine Culture!

In the 1990s, young people started making and sharing their own magazines and called them "zines." Zine culture was all about self-expression, collaboration, and the do-it-yourself attitude. Anyone could create zines no matter their experience with art or design.

Zines and riot grrrl evolved together to eventually include topics beyond feminism and music. By the end of the 1990s there was an emphasis on LGBTQ+ rights in the riot grrrl and zine scene.

Some people are still self-publishing successful zines today!



KISS  
MY A\*\*  
HODE

TOM  
HILFERS

# 7 Year Bitch



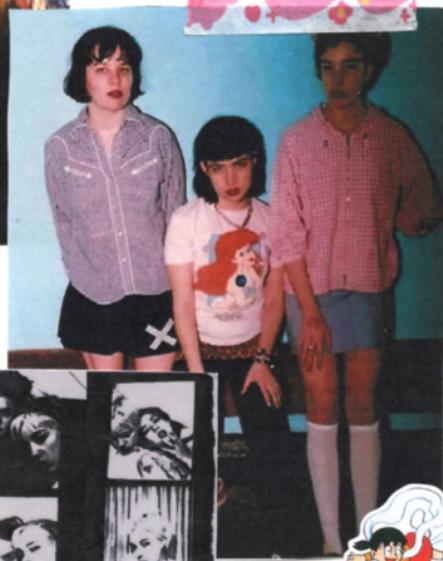
7 Year Bitch was another "first generation" riot grrrl band formed in Seattle in 1990 by Selene Vigil, Elizabeth Davis, Stefanie Sargent, and Valerie Agnew.

The band's music was influenced by the member's frustration with their experiences and the experiences of their friends as women.

After the passing of Stefanie Sargent in 1992, the band continued for another 5 years before breaking up in 1997 due to the (physical) distance between members.

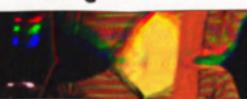


RAH RAH!



# Bikini Kill

Bikini Kill was one of the first riot grrrl bands formed in Olympia, WA back in 1990. Kathleen Hanna, Billy Karren, Kathi Wilcox, and Tobi Vail paved the road for riot grrrl musicians and the subsequent movement.



While Bikini Kill has its own distinct sound, the members cite Babes in Toyland as one of their biggest musical influences.



The band had its own zine, created by Kathleen Hanna and Tobi Vail, but also has a plethora of fanzines.



COOL  
SCHMOOL



bratmobile is

Molly Newman drums



Allison Wolfe

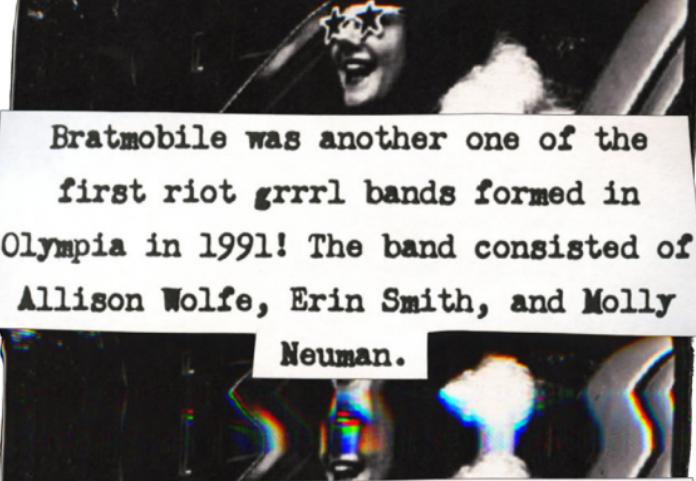
voice

Erin Smith guitar

FIRE UP THE  
bratmobile



# Bratmobile



Bratmobile was another one of the first riot grrrl bands formed in Olympia in 1991! The band consisted of Allison Wolfe, Erin Smith, and Molly Neuman.

The band toured the US over their almost decade-long run (interrupted by a hiatus from 1994-98), performing with Sleater Kinney, Fugazi, Heavens to Betsy, and other punk rock bands. Neuman and Wolfe also collaborated on the riot grrrl zine "Girl Germs," to which other prominent riot grrrls like Kathleen Hanna eventually contributed.



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# Le Tigre

Le Tigre is one of the best-known riot grrrl bands. The band was formed in NYC in 1998 by Kathleen Hanna, Johanna Fateman, and Sadie Benning. Hanna was also a founding member of Bikini Kill prior to Le Tigre. Like many other riot grrrl bands, Le Tigre has gained and lost members over the years and the band has broken up and reunited several times. It now consists of 3 members, Hanna, Fateman, and J.D. Samson.

Along with Kathleen Hanna's own zine creations, the band has a dedicated following with multiple fanzines.



# Sleater-Kinney

Sleater-Kinney is a punk feminist band formed in Olympia, WA in 1994 by Carrie Brownstein and Corin Tucker. The band was one of the original riot grrrl bands to arise from the early 1990s, and developed a large following with dedicated fans, some of whom created their own fan-zines for the

band.

Since their formation in 1994, the band has expanded and contracted to include new members but now consists of the original duo, Carrie and Corin. Brownstein is also well known for her performances with Fred Armstein on IFC's *Portlandia*.

REBEL  
GIRL!!



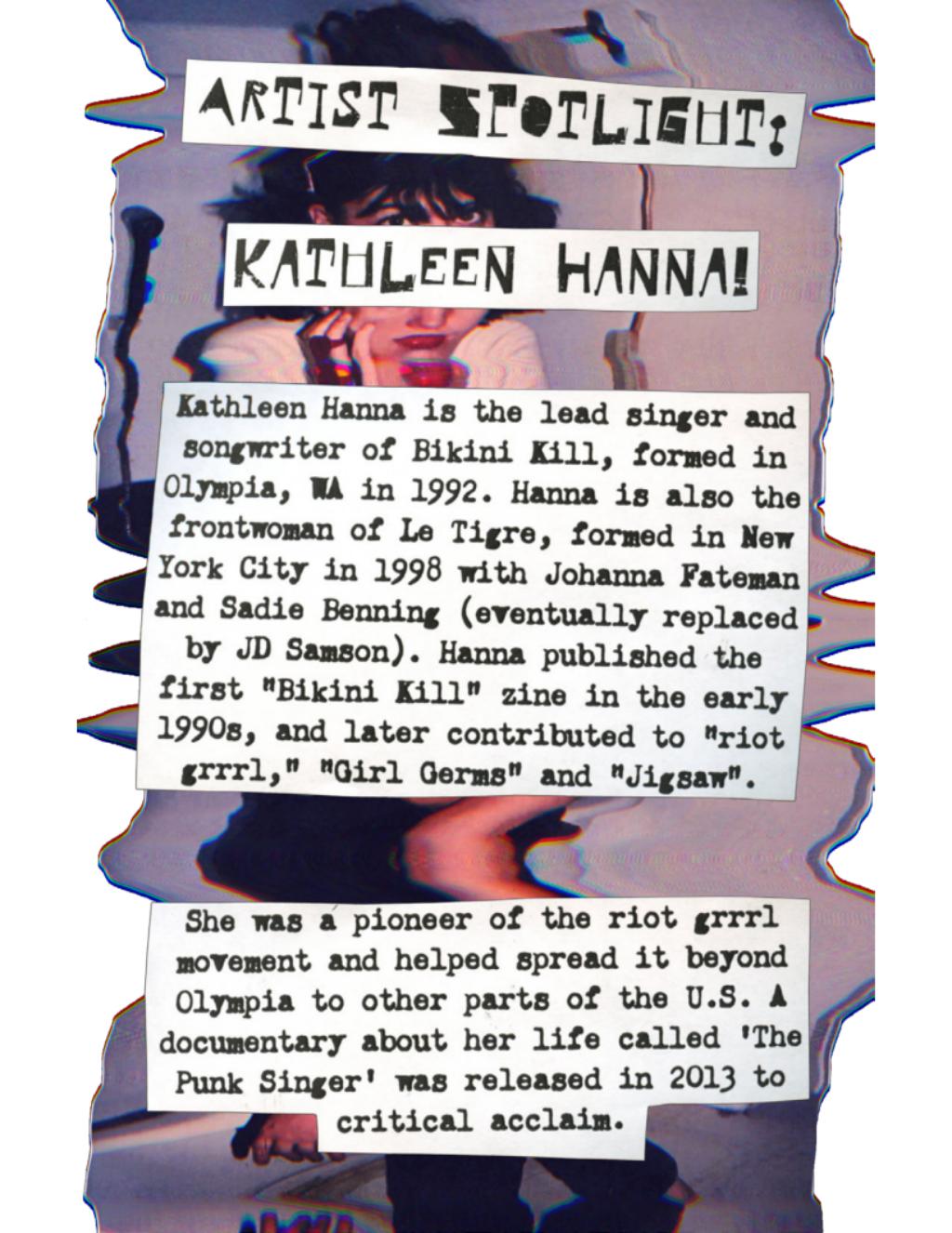
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OF MY WORLD!

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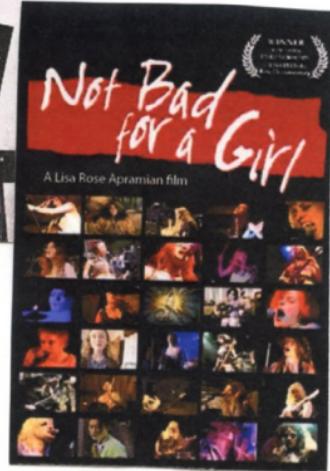
# ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:

## KATHLEEN HANNA!



Kathleen Hanna is the lead singer and songwriter of Bikini Kill, formed in Olympia, WA in 1992. Hanna is also the frontwoman of Le Tigre, formed in New York City in 1998 with Johanna Fateman and Sadie Benning (eventually replaced by JD Samson). Hanna published the first "Bikini Kill" zine in the early 1990s, and later contributed to "riot grrrl," "Girl Germs" and "Jigsaw".

She was a pioneer of the riot grrrl movement and helped spread it beyond Olympia to other parts of the U.S. A documentary about her life called 'The Punk Singer' was released in 2013 to critical acclaim.



# MOVIE NIGHTS!

*MOXIE - SAT, AUG 6, 6PM*

*INSPIRED BY HER MOM'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE RIOT GRRRL MOVEMENT, A HIGH SCHOOLER STARTS PUBLISHING AN ANONYMOUS ZINE.*

*THE PUNK SINGER - SAT/SUN, AUG 13/14, 6PM*

*A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT KATHLEEN HANNA, HER LIFE AND MUSIC CAREER.*

*10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU - SAT/SUN, AUG 19/20, 6PM*

*JULIA STILES AND HEATH LEDGER STAR IN THIS 1999 ADAPTATION OF THE TAMING OF THE SHREW, SET IN SEATTLE.*

*NOT BAD FOR A GIRL - SAT, AUG 27, 6PM*

*A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE FIRST RIOT GRRRL CONVENTION IN 1996, FEATURING L7, COURTNEY LOVE, BIKINI KILL, AND MORE.*

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# RIOT GRRRL SOUNDTRACK ESSENTIALS

*REBEL GIRL - BIKINI KILL*  
*GIRLS' ROOM - LIZ PHAIR*  
*DECEPTICON - LE TIGRE*  
*DIVINE HAMMER - THE BREEDERS*  
*LOLA - THE RAINCORTS*  
*COOL SCHMOOL - BRATMOBILE*  
*MEG HER - HEAVENS TO BETSY*  
*KNOT - 7 YEAR BITCH*  
*EAT THEM - LADY PILLS*  
*FEED THE TREE - BELLY*  
*WORRY WITH YOU - SLEATER-KINNEY*

