

# MUSIC INSIDE/OUT

MUSIC INSIDE/OUT is an infant project organized by women imprisoned in the California Institution For Women with a support collective based in Los Angeles. We are a multi-ethnic collective committed to respond through music and the arts to the cultural diversity of women locked up. Music can bring each of us in touch with our deepest feelings and needs, and it can bring us together in a unified spirit. Women in prison are denied almost all the pleasures that the rest of us can take for granted. To bring music to women in prison is to respond to one of their most frequently expressed needs.

MUSIC INSIDE/OUT is committed to bringing musical performances, workshops, lessons, instruments to women incarcerated in C.I.W. We hope to provide instruments and lessons to any woman at C.I.W. who wishes to be musically involved. Prisoners with music skills, as well as outsiders, will volunteer their teaching skills to this work. An ongoing series of concerts is already in motion. The project is an outgrowth of a California tour of women's music produced in 1976 by Women on Wheels.

MUSIC INSIDE/OUT sees culture as a way of advancing social, economic and political change, and to providing women artists an opportunity for non-exploitive expression. Our attention goes to women in prison with an understanding of the criminal justice system as it functions to imprison women who are disproportionately from Third World communities, victims of the racism to which poverty is the normal adjunct. Through the efforts of prisoners and outside supporters, women in prison are finally being acknowledged and supported by their sisters.

MUSIC INSIDE/OUT is greatly in need of funds to carry out the project. Any donations of money, musical instruments, records, songbooks, sheet-music, any music-related items will be accepted and appreciated. We wish to generate interest, awareness and education among women in California for this important project. We are asking women to donate their energy and talents to raise money, awareness and enthusiasm for MUSIC INSIDE/OUT.

Women interested in finding out the ways they can participate in the project should contact Laraine Goodman 548 58th St., Oak., Ca. 94609  
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