



WV FREE to host All Access Concert on Charleston's West Side, Saturday

Charleston selected as satellite site for live broadcast show from Cleveland featuring Sia, Jessica Williams, Leslie Jones and more supporting reproductive justice; Mike Pushkin and the Roots Music Industrial Complex to perform locally

Advocates for reproductive justice will come together on September 10 in cities across the country for a night of music and comedy.

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CHARLESTON, WV – Across the country on September 10, the nation's leading reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations will host free music and cultural events that shine a light on the majority of Americans who support abortion rights and show how access to comprehensive reproductive health care benefits women, their families and ultimately, the country.

All Access, a series of high-energy concerts, is bringing top musical and comedic talent to Cleveland with four other events taking place simultaneously in Atlanta, Chicago, Miami, and Philadelphia. From dance parties to slam poetry contests, thousands more will participate in more than 30 smaller events across the country to show that abortion rights supporters are visible, active, and willing to speak up. WV FREE, the state's leading reproductive justice advocacy organization, was selected as a grantee to coordinate an event in Charleston.

Charleston's All Access Concert will be held Saturday on the West Side outside of Kin Ship Goods, located at 613 Tennessee Ave. The event will take place from 6-10pm, and includes food and beverage vendors, as well as an appearance by **Miss West Virginia USA, Nichole Greene**. Mike Pushkin's newest band, **Mike Pushkin and the Roots Music Industrial Complex**, will be kicking off the evening's festivities at 6pm. Following the local live performance, there will be a broadcast of the All Access anchor event in Cleveland. Hosted by Comedy Central's **Jessica Williams**, the livestreamed concert will feature a show-stopping headlining performance by five time Grammy-nominated artist **Sia** and a performance by eight time Latin Grammy Award-winning musical artist **Natalia Lafourcade**. **Leslie Jones**, the star of *Ghostbusters* and *Saturday Night Live*, will be a featured comedian.

"WV FREE is dedicated to raising awareness for fair, equal healthcare to all and is excited to partner with such a broad array of groups to host this nationally featured, large-scale event in Charleston," said Margaret Chapman Pomponio, Executive Director of WV FREE. "It's a great chance to support an important cause while having fun. The arts and entertainment can be a powerful vehicle for advocacy." She added, "We are inspired by the community interest in this event."

Local partners include ACLU-WV, WV Citizen Action Education Fund, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, NAACP Charleston, WTSQ-88.1FM, United Universalist Congregation, CompassionWV, WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Covenant House, Healthy Kids and Families Coalition and Fairness WV.

Event Information: Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 6 to 10pm – Kin Ship Goods (613 Tennessee Ave, Charleston)

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