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WOMANISH

WOMANISH Explores Socio-Political Topics Affecting Women + Gender Non-conforming People

Announcing Monthly Panel Activations + Progressive Cultural 2020 Exhibition



Chicago, IL -- The “Discover Your -ISH” launch event introduced a taste of what Chicago can expect from [WOMANISH](#) as they displayed an interactive art exhibition of experiences, artwork, and socio-political topics expressed by women and gender non-conforming people living in the United States. Featured artists included Ariana Bailey, Zoe Rain, Jane Georges, Kiah Grace, Xandra Louvre, Ashley DeJesus, Falyn Huang and more. The womxn behind WOMANISH announce a lineup of progressive, cultural experiences around Chicago that physically and emotionally explore identity and perspective, which will culminate in a main visual and physical art exhibition in 2020.

WOMANISH founders Dionna and Danyelle Gray and Creative Director Emily Dahlquist collaborated on a lineup of monthly experiences focusing on a different “-ISH” experienced by womxn. Starting with monthly panels at Ace Hotel, Soho House and The Hoxton, WOMANISH will lead monthly conversations in November, December and January followed by a VIP launch event in February leading up to the major exhibition launch in Spring 2020. Each activation follows the mission of WOMANISH by creating safe spaces where people from all different backgrounds and walks of life could come together, share experiences, and have fun.

The upcoming monthly panels will showcase an array of experiences and expressions of womxnhood with conversation aimed at breaking single-definition adjectives as stereotypes. **FAMISH** will take place at the

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Ace Hotel on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6-8pm. This communal conversation explores a combination of family-ish perspectives with a deeper focus on how familial love, non-traditional structures, and culture play into our need for love within our relationships, friends and chosen family. Expect a dissection of how each panelists' upbringing taught them what love or lack of love was and how it plays a role in their lives today. Panelists include:

- **Jae Rice (DJ Dapper):** A non-binary composer, cultural curator and advocate of non-monomogous family structures who is one half of Small World Collective
- **Alexandria Ott:** An openly bisexual, bi-coastal single mom and Founder + CEO of Chrome City Creative who was raised by a single mother
- **Sheyssa Rosado:** Raised by a strong Puerto Rican mother who came out of the closet when she was 15, Sheyssa is a Chicago-based model, food stylist and producer of Books, Brunch and Botanica

STYLISH will take place at Soho House on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 and focus on style sustainability, entrepreneurship and dressing for all body shapes and sizes, while **SELFISH** will be hosted at The Hoxton on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 featuring holistic health practitioners and self love gurus. Details and panelists to be announced soon.

The Spring 2020 **WOMANISH EXHIBITION**, which initially sparked the idea for WOMANISH as a whole, aims to define the many “-ISHs” that have made womxn feel misunderstood, celebrated, disconnected, liberated, proud or wrongly-labeled. Attendees can expect to enter into a ticketed exhibition composed of multiple, exploratory, large room activations, where each of the experiences represents an identifying factor of womxnhood from various perspectives. In a space imagined and built by womxn, WOMANISH is for everyone--however, they identify--to encounter, contemplate and connect with some component of the intimate installation experiences and curated special programming.

UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS:

Name: FAMISH

Location: Ace Hotel

Date: Thursday, November 14th

Time: 6-8pm

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/famish-a-panel-by-womanish-tickets-80164824147?aff=ebapi>

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