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**THE SAN FRANCISCO
LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER
COMMUNITY CENTER**

AND

**QUEER
CULTURAL
CENTER**

ALONG WITH: UNDERMINING ACCEPTABLE VIOLENCE ART COLLECTIVE

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**The San Francisco LGBT Community Center, Queer Cultural Center and Undermining
Acceptable Violence Art Collective Present a Unique Art Exhibit on Gender and
Nonviolence**

EXHIBITION: ***WHO YOU CALLIN' QUEER?: AN INTERACTIVE ART EXHIBIT ON GENDER & NONVIOLENCE***
On Display February 1 to March 13, 2010 at the San Francisco LGBT Community Center
Opening Reception: Wednesday, February 3rd, 6 – 8 p.m.

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA – JANUARY _____ (DATE OF RELEASE), 2010) The San Francisco LGBT Community Center (the Center), Queer Cultural Center (QCC) and Undermining Acceptable Violence Art collective (UAV) are pleased to announce the opening of a unique exhibit at the Center, 1800 Market Street, San Francisco. The public is invited to attend and create the exhibit beginning Monday, February 1st. Opening reception for the exhibition will be Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 6-8p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Center. The exhibition and opening reception are free of charge. Donations received on opening night will benefit the Transgender

Economic Empowerment Initiative, a joint program of the Center, Jewish Vocational Services, the Transgender Law Center, and SF TEAM that helps connect transgender and gender nonconforming people with jobs in safe workplaces in San Francisco. Donations received throughout the course of the exhibit will partially benefit the Center's youth art program, Free Your Mind. The exhibit will run through March 12, 2010.

"Who You Callin' Queer?" is designed as a three dimensional personal workshop exploring gender and nonviolence. Visitors are invited to touch, move and create the art in order to learn about hate speech and its impacts. This exhibit brings together community service organizations to speak on the impacts of gender-based violence. In addition to its co-presenters, "Who You Callin' Queer?'s" station sponsors include A Home Within, El/La Program Para Trans Latinas, A Fein Mess Productions, Genderfork.com, GSA Network, Lyon-Martin Health Services, LYRIC, POOR Magazine and Safe2Pee.org. Collaborating artists who have created the stations include the Bathroom Liberation Front, Sarah Dopp, Martin Rawlings-Fein and Tee J. Tagor.

"Who You Callin' Queer" is presented in English and Spanish and is appropriate for all ages. The Center is open from noon to 10:00pm, Monday through Thursday, noon to 6:00pm on Fridays and 9:00am to 6:00pm on Saturdays. The Center is closed on Sundays.

Presenting Organizations:

About UAV and "Who You Callin' Queer?"

Undermining Acceptable Violence is an artist collective producing educational art on social justice issues. We look deep into social issues to find the segments of violence we learn are acceptable or unavoidable and expose them as unacceptable and avoidable. Most of our art is targeted to and through mainstream venues to create it as part of the "common" voice and to accelerate the process of peace. In this unique way, we create more safety and more space for those most marginalized. For more information about UAV, "Who You Callin' Queer?", the exhibiting artists or further details on our Spring 2010 Program on gender and nonviolence, contact Tom Birch at 415.244.5623 or director@UnderminingViolence.org. Please visit us on the web at www.UnderminingViolence.org or on Facebook at Undermining Violence for more information and volunteer opportunities.

About Queer Cultural Center

Founded in 1993 Qcc is a multidisciplinary arts presenting, producing and community-building organization that conducts artistic and interpretive programs exploring queer identity issues. Our programs promote the careers of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender artists and foster the growth of queer artists and arts organizations. By presenting, exhibiting and screening queer artists' work Qcc contributes a multicultural perspective on the Lesbian/Gay/ Bisexual and Transgender experience. Visit www.queerculturalcenter.org to tour the virtual gallery or to learn about Qcc performances, screenings and shows exhibiting elsewhere.

About the San Francisco LGBT Community Center

The San Francisco LGBT Community Center, formed in 1993, is the nexus of the LGBT community in the Bay Area, offering facilities, a central location in San Francisco and vibrant programs in health and wellness, children youth and family programming, community initiatives, arts and culture, economic development and facility services. The Center serves over 9,000 visitors and hosts more than 250 events each month. The Center is located at 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. Visit The Center at www.sfcenter.org for a full calendar.

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