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The Downstairs 66 East 4th Street, NYC, 10003 November 29 - December 9, 2018

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Light Design by Hao Bai

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You can read about Slanty Eyed Mama at www.slantyeyedmama.com

You can read about Kate Rigg at www.katerigg.com

You can read about Lyris Hung at www.lyrishung.com

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### **CREATORS' NOTES:**

Welcome to Zombie Asian Moms by Kate Rigg and Lyris Hung.Based on oral history interviews with Asian American Moms. This project is designed to be a live music and comedy concert, an online portal to more oral history interviews, and a documentary film. The live show you are about to see is a

collection of songs, memories and characters inspired by themes that came up in those interviews.

When Lyris Hung and Kate Siahaan-Rigg graduated from Juilliard (in

violin and drama respectively) they noticed that there were not very many

popular culture representations of American Asians. A lack of representation in media, culture, and popular forms like comedy and music leads to both social and personal despair-- which often results in a lack of civic engagement. Despite being the fastest growing "minority" in America, A/Pi people have the lowest percentage voter turnout, and predominantly so in young people. Representation not only provides a validation of someone's experience "I see you and you matter" but also closes the distance between cultures (=xenophobia, racism, exclusion) by asserting that our family stories are American stories. The duo "Slanty Eyed Mama" was created to address, immediately, on sight of our name, a conversation about race and

We decided to center this project around Asian moms—both because they have a large presence in pop culture as Tiger Moms and other commonly seen characters, and because it is a way of talking about family that everyone can understand. Lyris and Kate and our designer Leda's moms have all passed on to the Great Beyond, and this show is dedicated to them.

**SLANTY EYED MAMA** Thoroughly modern, urban, sexy sounds from the very

representation in America from an Asian American point of view.

fresh, street infused Asian-American duo that always causes a stir...You've never seen anything quite like it--part hip hop, part rock, part electroclash, from two rock n roll asian chicks. Slanty Eyed Mama sees the world through the searing electric violin and beats of virtuoso Lyris Hung and the iconoclastic rants from Kate Rigg, aka. Lady K-Sian. Kate is also a Juilliard trained actor/playwright and a well known comedian, who has been on Fox's Family Guy, 2 seasons of the Dr. Phil show where she talked about the Asian American Experience to 5 million people, and has toured extensively as a stand up comic. Electric violinist Lyris Hung is also a Juilliard graduate who also has a

metal band called HUNG, tours with The Indigo Girls and has played with Jay

Z, Bono, Quincy Jones, and many others.

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