

Benefit concert for human rights group

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On Friday, November 6, there will be an all-ages benefit concert for Enlacé, a human rights organization working with the peasants of Chiapas, Mexico.

Enlacé is one of many groups helping to protect Chiapans against military and paramilitary intimidation and violence.

The show is being put on by members of the Charlottetown Youth For So-

cial Justice, and will be featuring local hard core and punk bands.

The concert will also feature two bands from Halifax: Led By Regret and Snot Party.

Led by Regret is "an 80's straight-edge influenced hard core band," while Snot Party plays "crazy, fast goof-core" music. The latter's crazy stage antics have already had them chased by a mob out of one Maritime city.

Also on the roster are

PEI bands POS, Watchmaker, Bliss and Master Disgrace.

Recently, one of the organizers, UPEI student Lionel Stanley, spoke about the event.

"After costs [for production of the show] are met, all proceeds will be given to Dr. Tim Bood from Halifax, to deliver to Enlacé when he goes to work in a Chiapas hospital the following week," says Stanley.

Violence against the Chiapans has been commonplace since the region was mili-



Organizer Lionel Stanley with the Enlacé poster

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tarized four years ago in an attempt to crush an insurrection by the EZLN (Zapatista Army for National Liberation), a group that demanded an end to the poverty and oppression that characterizes the region. Many villages are forced to endure continued military occupation and daily harassment.

One of the more dramatic examples of the terror facing the people of Chiapas occurred last December, when 45 indigenous peasants were brutally massacred by a state-sponsored paramilitary group.

At the concert, there will be further information available regarding the Chiapas

situation. If the concert is successful, the organizers hope to do more in the future to benefit other causes.

The concert will take place at the Basilica Recreation Centre (200 Richmond Street) on the lower level, with the doors opening at 7pm. Cost is \$5.

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