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ABC No Rio is fortunate. We have a lot of people like you, who believe in what we do and want to see ABC No Rio continue, to see us grow and expand. ABC No Rio can pull this off if everyone pitches in.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW. PLEASE SEND A CONTRIBUTION TODAY.

YES! I want to support ABC NO RIO.

Enclosed please find my tax deductible donation for:

- \$10 \$100
 \$25 \$500
 \$50 OTHER _____

Please make checks payable to ABC NO RIO

I Can't make a donation right now, but I want to help in other ways: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Send your donations to:

ABC No Rio 156 Rivington St.
New York, NY 10002

ABC NO RIO is a 501(C)(3) organization. Contributions are fully tax deductible.



156 RIVINGTON ST NY, NY 10002
212.254.3697

YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL!

You can help ABC No Rio develop into an expanded community center for the arts.

- **SEND A CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**
- **SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT ABC NO RIO!**
Tell your friends and colleagues about ABC No Rio. Tell them to contribute!
- **ORGANIZE A BENEFIT FOR ABC NO RIO!**
ABC No Rio supporters in New York, across America, and in other countries have organized benefits on No Rio's behalf! Some ideas:
 - House & Dinner Parties
 - Punk Shows & Other Music Events
 - Film & Video Screenings
 - Poetry Readings

Feel free to call us to discuss your plans. We'll send you materials about ABC No Rio and our proposal for the building.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL BRING RESULTS!

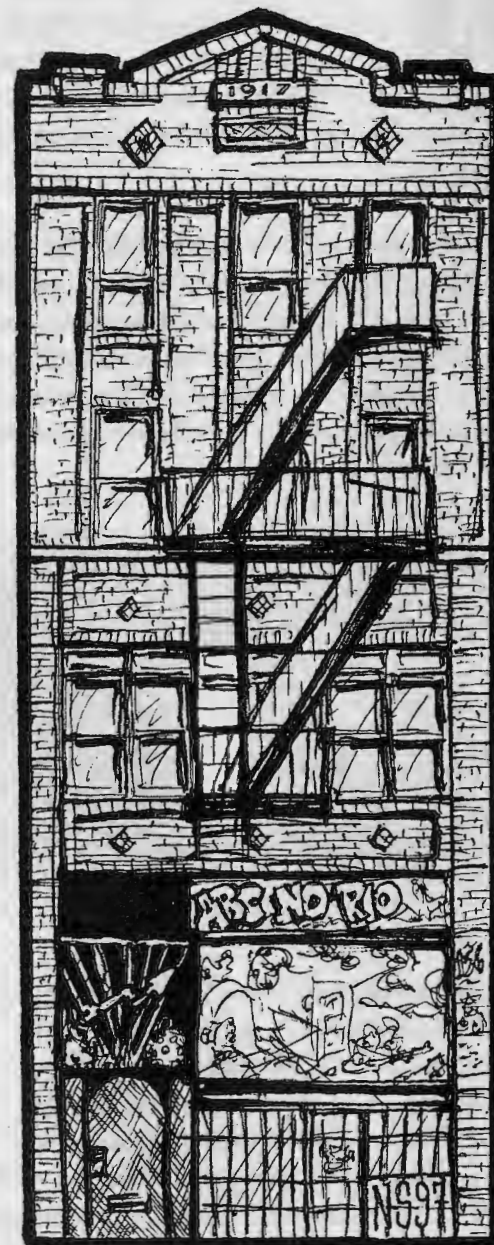
- \$500 will put emergency lighting in the performance space.
- \$1,250 gets us new walls.
- \$2,000 will give ABC No Rio a new wood floor in the gallery and
- \$3,000 a new ceiling.
- \$5,000 will build a professional kitchen for Food Not Bombs.
- \$10,000 will make ABC No Rio wheelchair accessible.

HELP ABC NO RIO SEIZE THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY!

For more information visit our website www.abcnorio.org or call 212.254.3697 for our current schedule of events

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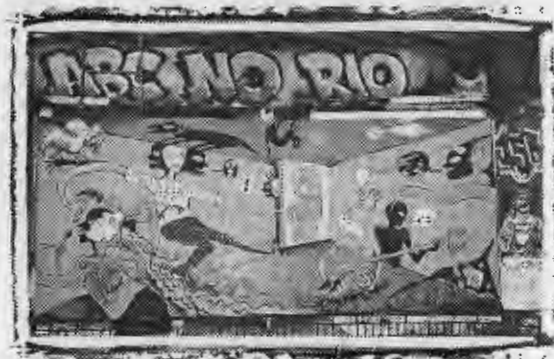
**ABC NO RIO
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ABC NO RIO ART AND ACTIVISM

A ABC No Rio is a performance space and gallery located on Manhattan's Lower East Side. We are known internationally as a venue for oppositional culture. ABC No Rio was founded by artists committed to political and social engagement, and we retain these values to the present.

ABC No Rio's genesis was on New Year's Day, 1980, when more than thirty artists occupied an abandoned building and mounted The Real Estate Show, an installation commenting on skyrocketing rents for both housing and art space. The show was quickly shut down by police, the artwork confiscated. The City was forced into negotiations with the artists and offered the storefront and basement at 156 Rivington Street.



Storefront mural by FLY

Over the years ABC No Rio has been host to an incredible range of artistic expression dealing with war, homelessness, drugs, sex, violence, and the politics of housing and real estate. In the mid-eighties No Rio helped energize the burgeoning East Village performance scene and was instrumental in the resurgence of spoken word and performance poetry. We also became active in the hardcore music scene and instituted a policy of not booking racist, sexist or homophobic bands. ABC No Rio is one of the best-loved punk venues in the world.

ABC NO RIO IS NOT ONLY AN ARTS CENTER BUT A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE SHARE RESOURCES, IDEAS TO IMPACT SOCIETY, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT ART AND ACTIVISM SHOULD BE FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST THE PROFESSIONALS, THE EXPERTS, AND THE COGNOSCENT



Stencil by Rebecca Howland

B ABC No Rio has always been available to community and activist organizations for meetings, workshops, forums, benefits and other community services. Groups that have used the space include the New York Committee for Democracy in Mexico, the Coalition to Free Mumia Abu-Jamal, the National Lawyer's Guild Mass Defense Committee, Act Up, the Rainforest Action Network, Steal this Radio, and many others. In recent years we have been closely associated with the New York City squatters' movement.

Recognition and support for ABC No Rio is widespread and intense. Kunstlerhaus in Hamburg, Germany mounted the show 10 Years, 7 Days, a celebration of ABC No Rio's first decade. The founding of ABC No Rio played an important part in the Cultural Economies show at the Drawing Center in New York. This past summer we reviewed our own history for the Urban Encounters exhibition at the New Museum of Contemporary Art. When the City sought to evict ABC No Rio more than 2,500 people signed petitions and hundred of letters were sent on our behalf. ABC No Rio supporters in Prague protested the attempted eviction at the U.S. Consulate there.

C ABC No Rio now has a tremendous opportunity. The City of New York has offered to sell ABC No Rio's four-story building we occupy at 156 Rivington Street for one dollar if we can raise the money to renovate and maintain it.

Finally, we can create for ourselves a secure home for the programs and events that make ABC No Rio so special to so many people, and expand the scale and scope of our activities.



Charles Branson at ABC NO RIO • Photo by Chris Boarts

We are already realizing our vision of a multi-use community center, an open and accessible resource for artists, activists, a youth. Complementing existing ABC No Rio programs and projects, our facilities now include a silk-screen printshop, a zine library, a computer center, and a photo darkroom.

To accomplish this ABC No Rio must raise a \$500,000. This is far more than we have ever raised but a fundraising effort to reach our target has begun.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO
MEET THIS CHALLENGE.**