

100 Women We Love: Class of 2017

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Every June, GO compiles a select list of talented tastemakers, influencers and all-around inspirational women who are making their mark on the LGBT community and on the world at large.

Taleen Kali



On her website, Taleen Kali describes herself as “a Los Angeles multi-hyphenate to the core” who “plays cosmic femme punk.” The musician premiered as a solo artist at LA’s Echo Park Rising music festival last summer, played the all-women’s festival Mothership in the fall and released two demos, “Who The Fuck Is Taleen Kali?,” on Bandcamp in March. She is also an instructor of what she calls “Kali Punk Yoga,” a writer whose work has appeared in SPIN and the Onion (among other outlets) and the editor-in-chief of the DUM DUM Zine and Press, which distributes other queer, feminist and punk self-publishing. “I love music, visuals, writing and yoga, and I’m grateful I get to express all these loves in my interdisciplinary art practice,” she tells GO. “As an Armenian child of immigrants, it’s a huge part of my identity to embrace the intersectionality of culture and different art mediums. Whether I’m on stage, coming up with a new zine [or] teaching a [yoga] workshop, I can bring this practice with me to support me wherever I go.” For those still reeling from the election, she offered this bit of advice on an Urban Outfitters’ blog post: “The world is terrifying right now, and if we keep having tough conversations, cultivating empathy for ourselves and others, we’re going to get through this horrific cycle of nature, revolt, and transcend to what inevitably comes next.”—SJ

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