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Erotic Service Providers Union

PRESS ADVISORY

Erotic Service Providers Union Stands in Solidarity With Adult Film Performers Actors Guild At Instagram

Where: Instagram headquarters in California and New York

When: Wednesday June 19, 2019

10am to 1pm PT
Instagram Headquarters
1 Hacker Way Menlo Park, California

1pm-3pm ET
770 Broadway
New York, New York

SAN FRANCISCO — When the Adult Film Performers Actors Guild comes to Menlo Park, Erotic service Providers Union Members will be on hand to add our voices to the strike action against Instagram taking place simultaneously at their corporate headquarters in California and New York.

On June 19, the Erotic Service Providers Union (ESPU) will welcome the members of the Adult Film Performers Actors Guild who are organizing a strike known as #instastrike to the San Francisco Bay Area. Video performers, dancers, cam performers and all other types of sex workers will come together to demand a meeting with Instagram to discuss the unfair and discriminatory treatment of having over 800 accounts deleted for 'violating the Terms of Service agreement'. We will be demanding Instagram reinstate the accounts.

"Adult performers, exotic dancers, web cam performers, and sex workers are being wrongfully deleted from the social media platform Instagram. For two months, we have been organizing those wrongfully deleted to stand up and fight the social media giant owned by Facebook," said Alana Evans, president of the Adult Performers Actors Guild. "At this time we have nearly 1000 people signed on to our legal fight. We have a team of lawyers looking into a class action lawsuit against Instagram because of their blatant discrimination against sex workers across the world."

"Many folks in the sex trades have been arbitrarily targeted by these social media companies under the guise of complying with the Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act (FOSTA), said ESPU organizer Maxine Doogan. "Its just too convenient that the whole Internet was monetized on the backs of the adult film performers and now these Silicon Valley giants just decide anyone they don't want is in violation of

their overboard terms of agreement, which really positions them as a third party bosses deciding who gets to work today and who doesn't".

Of particular concern are recent reports that Instagram has reinstated some deleted accounts when the performers who owned them have paid money to yet another third party.

See these articles for more details <https://jezebel.com/instagram-s-solicitation-policies-are-exposing-porn-per-1834765381>

<https://thenextweb.com/tech/2019/05/29/creepy-programmer-builds-ai-algorithm-to-expose-adult-actresses/>

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