

The long awaited issue five is finally in your hands, and although it took a little longer than usual,

Photo by Laura Johnston

the new collective:



Top: Laura Johnston, Margo Mercedes Rivera, April Miller, Sondra Solovay, Bertha Pearl,
Bottom: Susannah, Oso, Selena (not pictured)

we hope you feel it was worth the wait.

There have been some changes in the FaT GiRL collective since we last came out. I'm excited to say that we have three new, very enthusiastic, collective members who have all pledged to devote their lives to FaT GiRL. After over a year of lots of hard work and not many changes in the original collective, three of our members decided to leave FaT GiRL. The choice to leave the collective was not an easy one. Although I'm sure they made the right decision, I personally miss working with all of them. Barbarism, Max and Candida willingly gave up sleep, posed naked and put themselves on the line for FaT GiRL; they worked really hard and their contributions helped to shape and form the way FaT GiRL is today. Although they are no longer collective members, I'm sure we haven't seen the last of them. I believe that they're all going to be contributing some of their work to the upcoming issues. I want to take this opportunity to formally say good-bye to the three of them, and thank them for everything they did for FaT GiRL.

There were some tense moments when those of us who were left wondered if we could continue putting out the 'zine. Lucky for us, we found three extremely dedicated people with a lot of good ideas to help keep FaT GiRL going. With the arrival of FaT GiRL # 5 we officially welcome Sondra, Margo, and Susannah.

When we first decided to start FaT GiRL, it was our hope that the collective would not change much over the years. We thought that the more continuity there was within the collective, the better chance she had of surviving. But as happens, people changed and so did the collective, and it's been a good learning experience for us to discover that there was enough of a want and need to see FaT GiRL continue that other people jumped in and were not willing to let the 'zine die. It seems that FaT GiRL is bigger than the collective, and that somehow, even with changes, she'll survive.

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