

Sound Strike



Press Kit

THE SOUND STRIKE



This media packet serves to provide some useful tools in both understanding the law and context of SB 1070 as well.

About the Sound Strike:

Sound Strike is a coalition of artists in the entertainment industry supporting the international boycott of the State of Arizona for the passing of the anti-immigrant law SB1070 and the States' continued oppression and harassment of the immigrant community.

Such high profile music acts as Calle 13, Kanye West, Conor Oberst and Rage Against the Machine came together to form Sound Strike as a call for artists to not only refuse to play in Arizona, but also to provide a united voice on behalf of human dignity and in opposition to the mistreatment of immigrants.

Sound Strike membership quickly skyrocketed to include such artists as Maroon 5, Juanes, MIA, Nine Inch Nails, Los Tigres del Norte and actors and film makers such as Chris Rock and Michael Moore.

Sound Strike has become the entertainment community's galvanizing voice against intolerance and for equality in Arizona, throughout the nation and even extending the immigration debate internationally.

This media packet serves to provide additional information regarding Sound Strike, interview opportunities with Sound Strike artists and the impact of SB 1070 on the immigrant community.

So far we have had great success including:

- Raising Hundreds of thousands of dollars to support grass roots organizing and legal defense in Arizona,
- Built a public education campaign about the roots of this debate,
- Garnered massive media attention, artist support, and gone viral online,
- Conor Oberst was instrumental in pulling back copycat legislation in his home state of Nebraska, and
- Has a series of large scale powerful events planned.

For interested Media: Sound Strike Artists and grass roots partners are available to address key points of the debate:

- Opposition to Racial Profiling by local law enforcement,
- Their own personal opposition to SB 1070,
- Boycotts as effective tools to end injustice,
- The need to have a rationale and reasoned debate that moves beyond belligerent hatred
- Personal connections to the issue, &
- Galvanizing a new generation of fans and artists to move beyond yesterday ideas of inequality.

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Zack de la Rocha urges Artist to Join The Sound Strike

"When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, they arrested her. As a result, people got together and said we are not going to ride the bus until they change the law. It was this courageous action that sparked the Montgomery bus boycott. What if we got together, signed a collective letter saying, 'we're not going to ride the bus', saying we are not going to comply. We are not going to play in Arizona. We are going to boycott Arizona!"

ARTISTS CALL TO BOYCOTT ARIZONA

JOIN THESE ARTISTS IN THE BOYCOTT OF ARIZONA!

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For expanded List: (<http://www.thesoundstrike.net/content/artist-boycotting-sb-1070>)

Sound Strike Timeline:

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April 29, 2010 – Paul Rodriguez cancels Arizona comedy show in protest over SB1070

May 10, 2010 – Cypress Hill announces cancel their May 21 show in downtown Rialto Theatre as a protest to Arizona's new immigration law.

May 13, 2010 – Pitbull cancels his "Mr. Worldwide's Carnival" Concert in Arizona scheduled to take place on May 31 at the Phoenix' Celebrity Theatre

May 13, 2010 – Conjunto Primavera cancels June 19 show at Phoenix' Dodge Theatre along with Los Rieleros del Norte

May 25, 2010 Zack de la Rocha sends out letter to artists asking them to boycott performances in Arizona.

Over 300 artists join Sound Strike

May 28, 2010 – Kanye West Urges Musicians to Boycott Arizona

June 2010 SOUND STRIKE LAUNCHES WEB SITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA EFFORT

June 1, 2010 – Lilith Fair Phoenix Arizona stop gets cancelled. GoGo's Belinda Carlisle voiced her opinion that she was against the Arizona law and did not want to perform at the event.

June 3, 2010 – Los Lobos cancels concert at Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale AZ scheduled for June 10.

June 6, 2010 – Tucson's La Caliente 102.1FM (KCMT) cancels its annual Tusa Festival before tickets went on sale. The event was to include regional music artists including La Arrolladora Banda el Limon, Banda MS, K-Paz de la Sierra and Julion Alvarez.

June 7, 2010 – Hall and Oates cancel post-game concert at Chase Field, which was to follow a Arizona Diamondbacks game.

June 30, 2010 – Rage Against the Machine Announces Protest Concert

July 2010 Hundreds of Organizations, and Governments in the US and world join economic and travel boycott of Arizona.

July 21, 2010 Sound Strike Artists Rage Against the Machine and Conor Oberst hold press conference to denounce SB 1070.

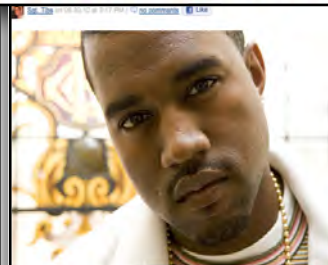
July 23, 2010 Sound Strike Artists Rage Against the Machine and Conor Oberst then hold benefit show in LA, CA.

July 28, 2010 Federal Judge Blocks some provisions of SB 1070. Apraio defiant and says will continue raids.

July 29, 2010 – Taboo from Black Eyed Peas introduces his video "One Heart, One Beat" against SB1070.

July 31, 2010 Omaha, NE, several bands including Bright Eyes, Cursive, and Desaparecidos, play a benefit show for the ACLU Nebraska who prepared a law suit against the town of Fremont, Nebraska.

Kanye West among artists boycotting Arizona



Kanye West is among several other big name artists in the world of music such as Rage Against the Machine, Cypress Hill, and even Tenacious D who are boycotting Arizona in light of the passing of SB1070. The law essentially sanctions racial profiling with an aim to identify, prosecute, and deport legal immigrants (more details [here](#)). The boycott is spearheaded by [TheSoundStrike.net](#), where you can read more about their goals and [sign the official petition!](#)

It is amazing to see the music world step up and stand for what they believe in with the strong influence they have on others. Entertainers can make such a difference in this world and this is yet another case for the positive. We have already seen some in the hip hop world stand against SB1070 including [Sade](#), [Stevie Nicks](#) and the unity of [Arizona's](#) [band](#), [hip](#), [hop](#), [artists](#), and now that the likes of Kanye West and Cypress Hill have stepped up to the plate as well, we should see even more of a response for change!

For more details about Latin artists and Chicanos speaking out against SB1070, visit our [ChicagoNow](#) item [Tenacious D Chicanos](#), where I had originally heard of the story. And if your stance is the same, remember to [SIGN the petition!](#)

M.I.A. and other music artists draw new borders on immigration

As our nation's immigration issues triggered by Arizona's new law that will lead to unconstitutional racial profiling reaches a point now of debate, artists not only the fact that many artists are protesting the law that restricts people that live in Arizona, often are trying to draw people into Arizona for concerts against the new law. However, one thing hundreds of musicians share - the belief that putting up walls of hatred towards immigrants is wrong.

Placed in Time magazine's 2009 list of "World's Most Influential People" for having "global influence across many genres," M.I.A. has now boldly responded to Arizona's immigration law by making her latest album "Mezzanine" her last in Arizona. The singer alternative dance pop star said in an interview with [Rockstar](#) last week.

Head First - For so many people everyone who's crossed the Arizona border are welcome at my show and I'll make you a human passport.

This decision was a spontaneous result of the pop star's disbelief that SB 1070 (Arizona's new anti-immigration law) is still a matter of debate.

I just can't believe it's all happening and it's happening now. I can't even get past that part. It's sort of like moving backwards in time.

M.I.A. EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

need to know on PBS

Eugene Hütz, immigrant punk

Need to Know recently caught up with Eugene Hütz, the front man of gypsy-punk band Gogol Bordello, in New York City. Gogol Bordello is on a world tour to promote its fifth album, "Trans-Continental Hustle," released on Rock Ridge's American Recordings. Its summer tour, which includes most major American cities, will not be making any stops in Arizona. In June, the band signed on to "The Sound Strike," a collective of bands boycotting performing live in Arizona this summer in reaction to the initial passing of SB 1070.

In this Web-exclusive video, Hütz talks about the band's new album, his Ukrainian roots and the importance of safeguarding immigrants' rights.

Producer: Alexandra Nikolchev



Pitbull on why he cancelled shows in Arizona

"The reason that I cancelled the date in Arizona is very simple. It's bigger than music. It's bigger than Pitbull, it's about human rights. We're living in a country that stands for opportunity and a better future for your family, and for a state to strip that from somebody not just because of where they're from, but because of how they look, that is racism and discrimination. . . . Little by little people have been taking their stance, and it's definitely worldwide news, so obviously we're making some type of noise, and with noise comes change."

About The Sound Strike

Sound Strike is a coalition of Artists that have committed to supporting the International Boycott of Arizona in the wake of the passage of SB 1070. These artists have made a commitment to work together to be part of a larger artist community to raise awareness and opposition to the predatory and punitive treatment of immigrants in Arizona. Sound Strike wants to not only play a role in repealing SB 1070, but also in galvanizing a new generation of ideas that reject the old ways of thinking while affirming that we are all equal.

Why Sound Strike is needed?

The battles raging in Arizona against immigrants are not typical of wedge issues we see from right wing extremists. **In most cases the extremists influence the political system, in Arizona the extremists ARE the political system.** A shocking number of Arizona law enforcement officials, politicians, and demagogues have close connections to organizations that believe diversity in American equals the deterioration of America.

As a result, immigrants in Arizona have become a metaphor for 'those people' in campaigns of hate that prey on the dizzied spirits of everyday people of all races battered by the economic malaise. Working class communities have been tricked into support for policies to create intolerable conditions for immigrant workers, children, communities and all those who as **Tom Morello** said, "have become suspects first and people second."

Law enforcement agencies in Arizona engage in protracted and fanatical harassment of immigrants. Arizona is a place where immigrant parents are routinely separated from their children for simply having a broken taillight. The agitated climate has allowed the most notorious sheriff to establish frightening almost all White "volunteer posses" in his immigrant sweeps, many of whom are armed.

While SB 1070 has been a wake up and rally cry, it is only the latest policy in a State that is embroiled in fuming racial divisions and hateful rhetoric towards Latinos.

What Sound Strike does?

- Help raise money for organizations fighting in Arizona,
- Perform at benefit shows and speak about this issue in our art,
- Provide online written and video content to help raise awareness,
- Conduct press interviews to build opposition to the injustices in Arizona, and
- Engage fans in dialogue about moving beyond hatred.

We must see the Arizona boycott as a fight we must not only win, but a fight we must stand up against anywhere in America. This is our opportunity to show the yesterday thinking extremists that our generation does think different and that we will act on it.

"I support the boycott and support the Sound Strike. Viva Sound Strike." – **Sal Reza** Grassroots leader in Arizona.



Gogol Bordello on The Sound Strike

"If a country's founding values include welcoming newcomers, there must be a commitment to pursue this ethic. If a newcomer is officially welcomed, he shall be able to keep feeling welcomed once he is here, right? Not intimidated, threatened and humiliated. . . we can not look the other way when double standards and face control is taking place. Please learn about the situation and take action to preserve progressive thought."

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Timeline and Background: WTF is happening in Arizona. *(to View click on Video Clips)*

1992 Joe Arpaio is Elected Maricopa County Sheriff in Arizona.

1994 - Present Dramatic increase in Immigration as Mexican corn & coffee farmers are devastated by NAFTA.

1994 Then President Clinton institutes "Operation Gatekeeper" begins to enforce immigration crossings in California effectively driving immigrant entry into harsh Arizona desert.

1994 Unpopular California Governor Pete Wilson wins re-election in a harsh anti-immigrant scapegoating campaign resulting in the passage of Proposition 187. Republicans discover a new boogie man - Mexicans.

1996 Samuel Huntington writes book 'The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order' about the threat of loss of Anglo Protestant US Culture. Eugenics and racists take note of "Challenge to American Identity"

2002 In Response to 9/11 attacks little know Law Professor **Kris Kobach** working under John Ashcroft's Justice Department begins work on new immigration restrictions and registration systems.

2002 US Attorney Gen. John Ashcroft's Office issues memo, Kobach contributed to, introducing "inherent authority" theory.

2002 Under President George W Bush and then Arizona Governor **Janet Napolitano** Sheriff Joe Arpaio begins to receive federal funds and authority for local immigration law enforcement under 287(g) program.

2004 **November** Proposition 200 passes in Arizona require individuals to produce citizenship documents when voting or receiving government social services

2004 Kris Kobach runs for Congress in Kansas and gives birth to the strategy of suing pro-immigrant governments bodies while crafting anti-immigrant legislation to build public hostility against immigrants.

2005 First Arizona Minuteman Border Patrol attended by heavy armed Nazis and White Supremacists

2005 Arizona passes Human Smuggling Law making it a state crime to smuggle humans, already a federal crime. Racist prosecutors begin arresting immigrants for 'self-smuggling.'

2006 (April) Center for Immigrant Studies publishes notorious Policy Paper "**Enforcement Through Attrition**"

2007 Southern law Poverty Center identifies **Immigration Reform Law Institute (IRLI)** as a hate group.

2007-2008 Known Racist Arizona State Senator **Russell Pearce** begins to work with Kobach to introduce draconian anti-immigrant legislation and funding for.

2009 February Department of Justice begins investigating MCSO for Civil Rights Violations

2009 East Valley Tribune wins Pulitzer Prize for 5 part series on Arizona and Sheriff Joe.

Feb 2010 Arizona State Senate Passes SB 1070.

2010 March AZ man [Robert Krentz](#) Killed with unsubstantiated blame on immigrant builds support for SB 1070.

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May 2010 **Zack de la Rocha** - letter asking artists to join Arizona boycott. Over 300 artists join Sound Strike.

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Chomsky on NAFTA and beginning of Border Wars.



GOOD Magazine does nice job of Immigration US History



California Governor Wilson wins surprise re-election by hating on Mexicans.



SB 1070 Author: Russell Pearce takes picture with Neo Nazi JT Ready.



AZ Governor has close ties to Private Prison CCA.

"I already have a concentration camp it's called Tent City" -Sheriff Joe Arpaio

Answering to a suggestion he set up concentration camps for immigrants he catches at Italian American Luncheon in Arizona.

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Helpful Links to Articles, Studies and Background to better understand what is happening in Arizona. (To view click Video Clips)

Background

"Reasonable Doubt." 2009 — Local Reporting Pulitzer Prize winning Serious, East Valley Tribune by Ryan Gabrielson and Paul Giblin.

"The Racist Roots of SB 1070." Rachel Maddows Show.

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"America's Worst Sheriff (Joe Arpaio)" NY Times By THE EDITORIAL BOARD Dec 31, 2008,

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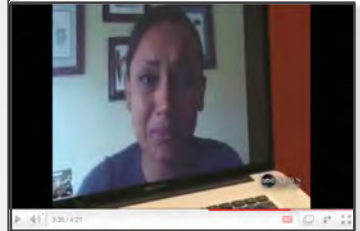
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Deportation is not just a word! Watch 9 year old plea to Obama for her parents.



At a time when students should view the world with optimism Arizona immigrant students live under cruel terror.



Arpaio's Sheriff's deport a mother and leaves two young children at gas station. Sheriffs carry teddy bears to ease the pain. How nice!



Arpaio tells Lou Dobbs, "it's an honor" to be compared to the KKK. WTF?!?!?



Arpaio tells All White supporters his "tent City" Prisons are "Concentration Camps"

"To better tackle illegal immigration, both Arizona and ICE must realize that upholding civil rights must go hand in hand with upholding the law. One cannot be neglected at the expense of the other."

Editorial, Christian Science Monitor 4/21/10

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Federal Deportation Policies: ICE 287(g), Secure Communities Programs Shortfalls & Ineffectiveness.

Federal Immigration-Enforcement provision 'leads to racial profiling,' is a 'civil rights violation,' Marcos Restrepo – July 12, 2010 – The Florida Independent.

"Why Immigration Reform Will Fail in Arizona." David A Graham. Newsweek 26 Apr. 2010.

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Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio

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Arpaio's Tent City:
Attrition in Action



Rachel Maddows Breaks Down
Racist Roots of SB 1070



Stop Separating Families:
Kids Speak out!



SB 1070: To Drive out
Mexicans.



Arpaio – "If I were President I'd
solve this problem in a year . . .
you arrest them that's how"

"To start forcefully asserting the central federal role in immigration, the administration should rescind a once-secret 2002 memo from President George W. Bush's attorney general, John Ashcroft, that declared that state and local police had "inherent authority" to make immigration arrests. It should have done that long ago."

NY Times Editorial 4/29/10

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Interview Subjects and personalities:

On The Constitutionality of the law:

Chris Newman, National Day Laborer Organizing Network - Attorney, newman@ndlon.org.
Tom Saenz, President MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund)
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Zack de la Rocha, Tom Morello Among Speakers At Sound Strike Press Conference



Zack de la Rocha & Tom Morello
Organizers of *The Sound Strike*, the group heading the artist movement against Arizona's SB1070 immigration law, held a press conference today at the Palladium, just days before *Rage Against The Machine* are set to take over the legendary venue. Speakers included both Zack de la Rocha and Tom Morello, as well as Conor Oberst (leader of The Mystic Valley Band) and representatives from Puente, the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, and the United Farm Workers, as they discussed the current issue in Arizona and what their efforts through Sound Strike were. *Rage Against The Machine* will be performing an anti-SB1070 show, with proceeds benefiting the Sound Strike, this Friday night at the Palladium. It's their first show in LA in 10 years. Don't bother trying to score tickets, they sold out in about 10 minutes on Monday morning. Click more to see the full story.

Residente Talks New Arizona Immigration Law

by Latin Gossip Staff on 04-25-2010 - Listed under Calle 13



Calle 13's Residente is never one to keep quiet and we thank him for it.

At a press conference over the weekend, he touched on the new Arizona law that permits authorities to ask people to prove their immigration status even if no crime has been committed. He said:



Taboo's 'One Heart, One Beat': A powerful condemnation of Arizona's SB1070



You know, we progressives like to rely on rational appeals a lot. And we're often frustrated when we discover that they're not working -- while Republican crooks and liars prosper with their often irrational appeals to people's emotions.

Thus, in the immigration debate, we can recite the whole litany of facts debunking the people -- like those in Arizona who passed and are now promoting its police-state immigration law, SB1070 -- who are trying to convince Americans that Latino immigrants are bringing with them a wave of crime. And you know what? The lizard-brain appeal often wins out.

We can point out till we're blue in the face that:

Rene Perez "Residente" from Calle 13 on SB 1070

"It's a horrible law, I don't understand where it comes from. If you're going to ask Latinos for documents, then you're going to have to ask Asians, Europeans, Americans, and everyone for their documents. If that's the way it is, then ask everyone for their papers. It's a racist law."

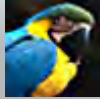
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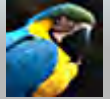
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<http://www.thesoundstrike.net/content/press-release-artists-boycott-arizona-call-artists-and-fans-music-stop-sb-1070>.

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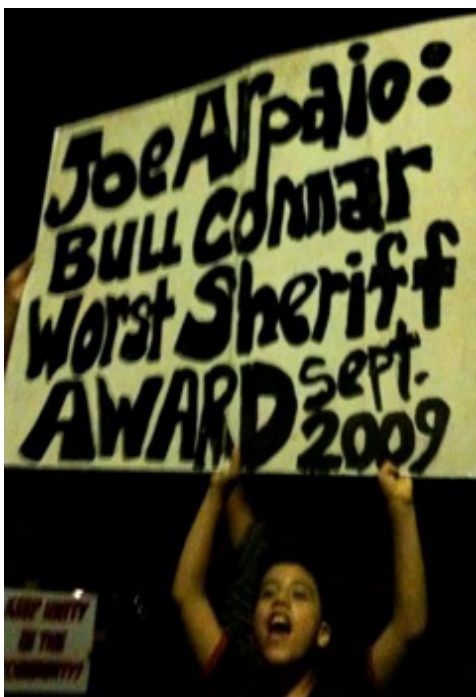
"In a show of resistance to the criminalization of immigrant communities and in opposition to SB 1070, recently signed into Arizona legislation, Cypress Hill has elected to cancel a performance scheduled in Tucson for May 21, 2010. This decision was made in an effort to show support and solidarity with those, undocumented and otherwise, being directly affected by this unconstitutional "law." Cypress Hill recognizes those living in the struggle for their basic civil rights. Rise Up!"

-Cypress Hill



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★★★★★ **STOP SB1070 BENEFIT SHOW**

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