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# The Squeeze

OC PULP ARTS COLLECTIVE



## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

### 2023 OC Trans Pride “Writing Our Stories”

*Saturday, Sept 16th - 12-6pm - Delhi Center, Santa Ana - FREE!*

Join for local resources, artists, workshops, prizes, and community! “This event is all about coming together, uplifting one another, and showing our unwavering support for the beautiful transgender community. Let’s paint the town with love, pride, and unity!” Register online at [bit.ly/octranspride\\_2023](http://bit.ly/octranspride_2023)

### Brain & Body Open Stage & OC Pulp Mini Zine Workshop-

*Saturday, Sept 16th - 6-9pm - DTSA - FREE!*

Come to B&B Music Studio’s monthly Open Stage in Downtown Santa Ana! Open Stage is every third Saturday of the month, and features an open mic followed by a jam session with community access to all sorts of instruments from drums to guitars! Each Open Stage, a community craft project is also held and this month, OC Pulp founder, Chantal Elise, will be hosting a fall-themed mini zine-making workshop, riding the coattails of the immensely inspiring OC Zine Fest, held this past Saturday at the Anaheim Public Library. Stop by and listen to local musicians and poets (or perform yourself!) and participate in the zine workshop! Learn about the history of zines, meet a local zinester, Miquela Davis, and make your very own zine!

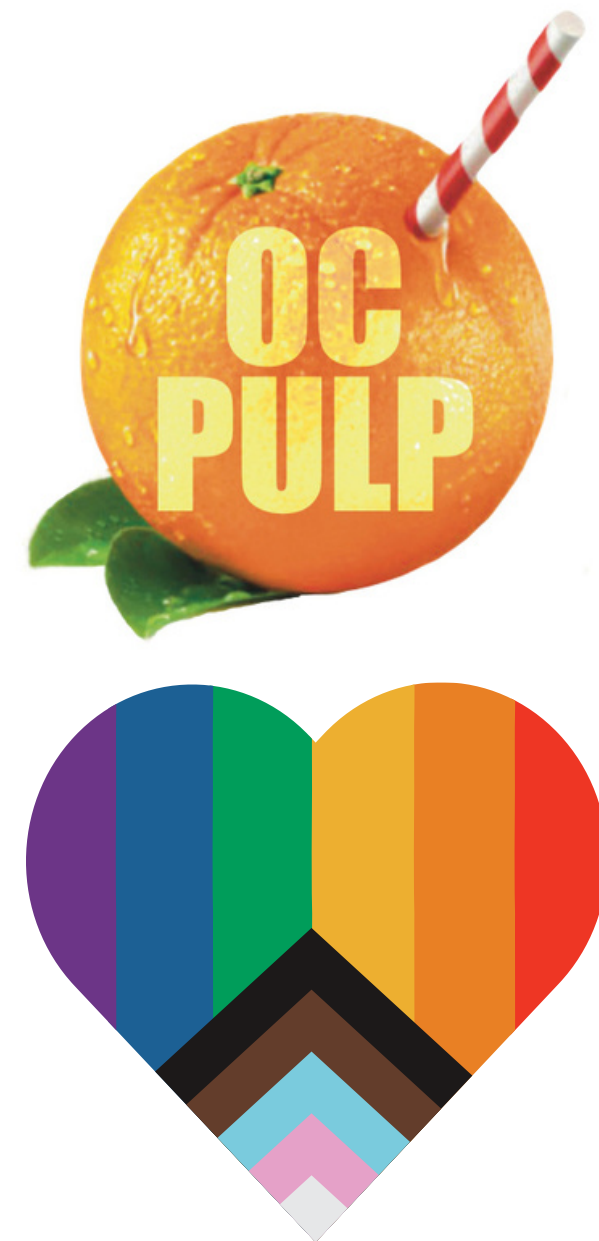
### Art Party - Angie Stalker Solo Show

*Friday, October 6th - 6-9pm - Rewild & Gather - La Habra*

Come view local Fullerton artist, Angie Stalker’s latest body of works! Engage with her colorfully abstracted compositions, listen to the musical soundscapes of Goose Lamp Hi-Fi, and make your own art at an activity table!

## WHO ARE WE?

OC Pulp is a blooming arts collective based in Orange County, California, founded with the goal of helping local artists find community and a platform to share their work. We are a very small collective, still very much in our infancy, but we have big plans! Currently, we are hosting mini workshops at local arts events such as Brain & Body Music Studio’s monthly Open Stage. If you would like to join the collective, offer venue space, collaborate, submit artwork, or to be featured in our Artist Spotlight, head to our website, [www.ocpulp.org](http://www.ocpulp.org)!



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REALITIES OF ITS  
UNFULFILLED  
DESIRE.”**

**-EMMA GOLDMAN**

# LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

## ANIHUASCA (SHE/HER)

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Anihasca (she/her) is a singer, songwriter, occasional model, and constant ray of light hailing from Claremont, CA. Her music, a unique blend of conscious rap and R&B, delivers positive vibes and spiritual messages with a tangible power.

"I would go back all the way to when I was twelve years old--I was always finding an excuse to sing, whether that was putting a musical on the television, or writing little stories that turned into songs," says Anihasca. "I was a very musically inclined child. The love for singing and self expression started at a very young age."

Moving through high school, Anihasca nurtured that inclination by joining a performance choir and broadening her musical horizons. "I'm very inspired by the '90s; A Tribe Called Quest, the stylings of Biggie Smalls, and Erykah Badu. I also love music that comes with a spiritual message or an authenticity. Freedom music! Jazz is a huge influence, because of its rawness."



Cover for Anihasca's new single, "Energy," Available on [bandcamp!](#)



Anihasca performing at OC Pulp LIVE on 5 Aug 2023

Spirituality is central to Anihasca's songwriting. In songs like her newly-released "Energy," there are lines like "I bring the energy, I am the blessing // You best believe that I am out here manifesting" that make clear exactly what Anihasca intends to speak into existence. "I am bringing a consciousness," she explains. "I want to send that message to the hip-hop community. I personally believe that the hip-hop scene, today, is oversaturated with commercialism--it's like watching a big advertisement, all of the time. It's missing an organic-ness and a reminder of unity. So that's what I set out to change. I enjoy bringing a universal message, because music is right next to love."

She has also found a powerful inspiration in the ritual use of psychoactive plants, hence the nom de plume. Anihasca is an amalgamation of her birth name and the word "ayahuasca," a brewed tea with hallucinogenic and medicinal properties, traditionally used in religious ceremonies by the Indigenous people of the Amazon and Orinoco Basin. "I was just curious to know more about who we are and where we are," she says of her psychedelic experiences, "and I was opened up to such a different world. I learned and took so much away from those trips, and I want to share what I've experienced through my music."

You can find Anihasca's music on your streaming platform of choice, but using Bandcamp is encouraged, as that platform supports artists most directly. Her newest single, "Energy," is out now and available to stream. She maintains a social media presence on Instagram [@anihasca](#), where you can experience for yourself the energy, the power, and the light of such a talented artist.