

Feminist Porn

How to find it, and feel good
watching it

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What have you let yourself in for?

What you can expect from this workshop:

- NSFW (not safe for work)
- Sexually explicit and kinky material
- Enthusiastic consent from performers
- You might experience strong reactions
- You will have the chance to contribute and ask questions
- You don't have to share anything unless you want to
- You can step out at any time

What is feminist porn?

“Feminist porn seeks to take back the landscape of sexually explicit media, offering a more positive and inclusive way of depicting, and looking at, sex.” - *Ms Naughty*

- Distinct from ethical porn and ‘female-friendly’ porn
- Female and genderqueer directors
- Ethical standards and good working conditions
- Expands the boundaries of sexual representation
 - Diversity of bodies, genders, sexualities and sexual acts
 - Inclusive of marginalised communities
 - Performers have power in their pleasure
 - Consent and communication

Brief history of the feminist porn movement

Notable female and genderqueer porn directors:

- Candida Royalle - Femme Productions
- Annie Sprinkle
- Nina Hartley, Ms Naughty, Shine Louise Houston, Courtney Trouble, Tristan Taormino, Ovidie, Erika Lust

Feminist Porn Awards

- now Toronto International Porn Festival

Annie Sprinkle



Four Chambers

Gloaming

Rooster and Bishop Black



How can we recognise feminist porn?

- Subverts the hetero male gaze
- Challenges and disrupts traditional structures of oppression
- Centers people from marginalised communities in cast and crew
 - People of colour
 - Trans and non-binary
 - Lesbian, gay, bisexual
 - Fat
 - Differently abled (disability is not always visible)
 - Mature
- Consensual and positive
- Good working conditions

Foxhouse Films

Silver Star

Alyx Fox, Chelsea Poe and Gaperiella Holl



Pink and White

Bed Party

Jack HammerXL and Nikki Darling



Red herrings

Feminist porn **isn't** defined by:

- Softcore
- Soft focus / sensual
- Lighting and aesthetics
- Vanilla sex
- Romance
- Girl/girl

Feminist and kinky?

Feminist porn can include:

- Rough/violent sex
- Consensual BDSM
- Acts often found in stereotypical mainstream porn (eg blowjobs, double penetration, cum shots)
- Dark, edgy, sinister storylines
- Roleplay and acting

The key is **ethical business practices** and **performer consent** - and how that consent is communicated to the viewer.

Porn is a medium, not a genre

Porn films, including feminist porn films, can be:

- Drama
- Comedy
- Documentary
- Gonzo
- Soap
- Horror
- Sci fi + fantasy
- Romance
- Political
- Or any other TV/film genre you can think of!

Working conditions – how can we tell?

Listen to performers

- Blogs, social media (Twitter, Tumblr)
- What producers and scenes do they promote and talk about?
- Do we get a sense of the performers as real people?
- Performer interviews
 - “End of shoot” interviews are not always reliable
- Behind the scenes videos and outtakes
 - Crash Pad Series livestreams porn shoots

Porn ethics: what to look out for

Respect, fairness and transparency

- Honest, respectful communication – before, during and after the shoot
- Respect for performer agency and choice
- Consent, consent, consent!
- Respect for people's time
- Good working environment
- Fair pay
- Respectful language
- Transparency

Be an ethical porn consumer

“I’ve performed in porn for over 12 years. The only time I’ve felt ‘exploited’ is when I find my work pirated on tube sites! If consumers are concerned about ‘ethical porn’ then they need to think about ethical consumption. Ethical porn starts when you pay for it.”

-Jiz Lee, performer/producer Pink and White Productions

#payforyourporn

What's the matter with tube sites?

- Stolen content shared without consent
- Posted out of context - working conditions hard to judge
- You won't find much ethical, queer or feminist porn
- Disrespectful language
- Distorted curation reinforces stereotypes and upholds existing power structures

How to find feminist porn

Some recommendations

- Video on demand sites:
 - PinkLabel.tv
 - HotMoviesforHer.com
- Find people working in feminist porn:
 - FemalePornDirectors.com
 - FeministPornGuide.com
 - Ethical.porn
 - FeministPornAwards.com (check out the winning films)
- Performers' own websites
- Porn film festivals

How to find feminist porn

Just some of my favourites

- [AFourChamberedHeart.com](#) – Vex Ashley, Four Chambers
- [SensateFilms.com](#) – Gala Vanting, Sensate Films
- [BrightDesire.com](#) and [ForTheGirls.com](#) – Ms Naughty
- [QueerPorn.tv](#) and [IndiePornRevolution.com](#) – Courtney Trouble, TroubleFilms
- [CrashPadSeries.com](#) – Shine Louise Houston, Pink and White Productions
- [BleuProductions.com](#) – Maria Beatty
- [BlueArtichokeFilms.com](#) – Jennifer Lyon Bell
- [FoxhouseFilms.com](#) – Alyx Fox
- [LucieMakesPorn.com](#) – Lucie Blush
- [Permission4Pleasure.com](#) – Morgana Muses
- [AntonioDaSilvaFilms.com](#) – Antonio Da Silva
- My site [DreamsofSpanking.com](#)!

International Porn Film Festivals

People are watching porn on the big screen all over the world:

- Berlin Porn Film Festival
- Toronto International Porn Film Festival
- Fete du Slip, Lausanne
- Porny Days, Zurich
- Cinekink NYC
- What the Fuck? Fest, Paris
- Perv Queererotic Film Festival, Sydney
- London Porn Film Festival

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