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The Revolution of Everyday Life

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Dear Friends,

Last year was a big year for Clamor!

From finally moving out of a home office and hiring our first part-time employee, to publishing our special Five Years of Interviews edition and starting the innovative InfoSHOPdirect program, it's been more than a little exhausting!! Thanks to our amazing editorial team, Clamor has continued to publish timely and relevant content from new voices, earning us another "Best Social/Cultural Coverage" nomination in the Utne Reader Independent Press Awards. Just listen to what Courtney Martin, a contributor from Brooklyn, New York, had to say about working with Clamor in a recent letter she sent along with her donation:

Clamor was a place where my emails were answered, my ideas always considered respectfully. Clamor was a place where the editors didn't ask me for my clips. Jason trusted that my heart was in the right place and that I would do my best and welcomed me to write. It was a turning point for me. [...] It was Clamor that first made me feel like a writer. It was Clamor that didn't have gatekeepers, prerequisites, naysayers.

And that is what makes Clamor special – the drive to shine lights in the margins and highlight the stories of people and communities typically ignored by mainstream media. As a magazine made "of, by, for, and with marginalized communities," Clamor often works with first-time writers to make sure their story is heard, and we pay each writer for his or her story.

We will build on this momentum by re-launching the magazine in March. The new quarterly format will feature new sections (like photo essays and reader stories on the theme), 25 more pages of content, and a new binding to secure Clamor's long-term place on your kitchen table, coffee table, or bookshelf – 2006 will be another amazing year.

Unlike other magazines that rely on selling their readers to advertisers as target markets, Clamor keeps our advertising limited and depends on the financial support of our readers to continue this important work. This year we will raise \$25,000 from individual donations -- from people just like you, sending in your contribution of \$25, \$100, or \$500. Every donation, no matter the dollar amount, helps us reach this goal. These funds go directly to support small payments for writers and artists and essentials like postage and office supplies. We depend on you to make our future possible.

Please help us start the year off right by mailing your donation now.

Sincerely,


Jen Angel & Jason Kucsma