

INTERVIEW

FOOD NOT BOMBS CO-FOUNDER KEITH McHENRY

"Since when did feeding the homeless become a terrorist activity?" asked ACLU Associate Legal Director Ann Beeson. **"When the FBI and local law enforcement target groups like Food Not Bombs under the guise of fighting terrorism, many Americans who oppose government policies will be discouraged from speaking out and exercising their rights."**

Food Not Bombs co-founder Keith McHenry is a dynamic, inspiring and experienced public speaker with a wealth of knowledge about the peace movement, community organizing, nonviolent civil resistance, poverty and hunger, disaster relief, alternative media, human rights, homelessness, domestic surveillance and the history of the peace and social justice movement. He has traveled all over the world collecting food, cooking, sharing free meals and working for peace, justice and the environment. Mr. McHenry helped start the micro-powered radio movement, a national campaign to end police violence, the freegan movement, Indymedia, Homes Not Jails and the anti-globalization movement in North America.

Food Not Bombs shares free vegetarian food in hundreds of communities all over the world. Keith helped start the first chapter in Boston in 1980 and the second group in San Francisco in 1988. He designed the movement's logo and co-wrote the book, *Food Not Bombs, How to Feed the Hungry and Build Community*. Keith collects, cooks and serves free food with his local chapter in Taos, New Mexico. He also has a unique view of global efforts to end war and poverty. He maintains the Food Not Bombs website and answers the movements toll free number and is in daily contact with activists from all over the world. Keith can share what he has learned from helping start new Food Not Bombs groups and working with activist from all around the globe.

Food Not Bombs has no formal leaders and each chapter is autonomous yet the movement is united around the principles of nonviolence, that decisions are made by consensus, that the food is free to anyone who wants it and that the food is vegetarian or vegan. Food Not Bombs has inspired several generations of dedicated activists.

Keith was arrested over 100 times for "making a political statement" by sharing free food in San Francisco. According to the district attorney he has spent over 500 nights in jail for his peaceful protest against militarism. The San Francisco Police beat him 13 times and tortured him 3 times. In 1994 Keith was framed under the California Three Strikes law. Amnesty International campaigned for Keith's unconditional release and his case was taken up by the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland. He is listed by the U.S. State Department as one of America's 100 most dangerous people and Food Not Bombs and Indymedia are listed on the FBI's Terrorist Watch List. In May 2006 Keith was taken off a flight from Turkey and questioned for over an hour by



Homeland Security about his work with Food Not Bombs. The contents of his wallet were input into a Homeland Security database.

Mr. McHenry has been featured in numerous books including *A Peoples History of the United States* by Howard Zinn, *No Trespassing* by Anders Corr, and *Interviews With Icons* by Lisa Law. There is a chapter about Keith in *50 American Revolutions You're Not Supposed to Know* by Mickey Z. His work is featured in a number of books including *Recipes for Disaster* by CrimethInc., *Food Not Lawns*, by Heather Coburn Flores and *The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved* by Sandor Ellix Katz.

Keith has been a keynote speaker at many colleges and events. He has spoken at Oberlin College, MIT, The University of Toronto, University of Calabar Nigeria, National Autonomous University of Mexico DF, University of Oregon, Reed College, University of Vermont, and the Bioneers Conference. He has also spoke in over 50 communities on the *Unfair Trade Tour* and 60 cities on *The Rent is Theft Tour*, over 65 cities in Europe and the Middle East on *The Drop Bush Not Bombs Tour* as well as at universities through Europe, Mexico, Canada, Africa, the Middle East and the United States.

Keith has been interviewed by many journalists appearing in many of the world's largest publications and news programs. His work in Africa was featured on SBS TV's program *Dateline* in Australia and re-broadcast on Link TV. He has also been on the Thom Hartmann Show, The Peter Werbe Show, Laura Ingraham Show, The Michael Medved Show, many Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's news programs, Pacifica Radio, Link TV, CNN Turkey, National Television Authority of Nigeria, Radio Dreyeckland from Freiburg, Germany, National TV and Radio in Slovakia and many other programs. He has also interviewed with the New York Times, London Times, San Francisco Chronicle, the Sunday Punch in Nigeria, Z Magazine, and many other publications.

Invite Mr. McHenry to speak on your program. Your audience will find Keith's message hopeful, motivating and full of useful information sure to be an inspiration to everyone.

Schedule an interview with Keith McHenry.

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