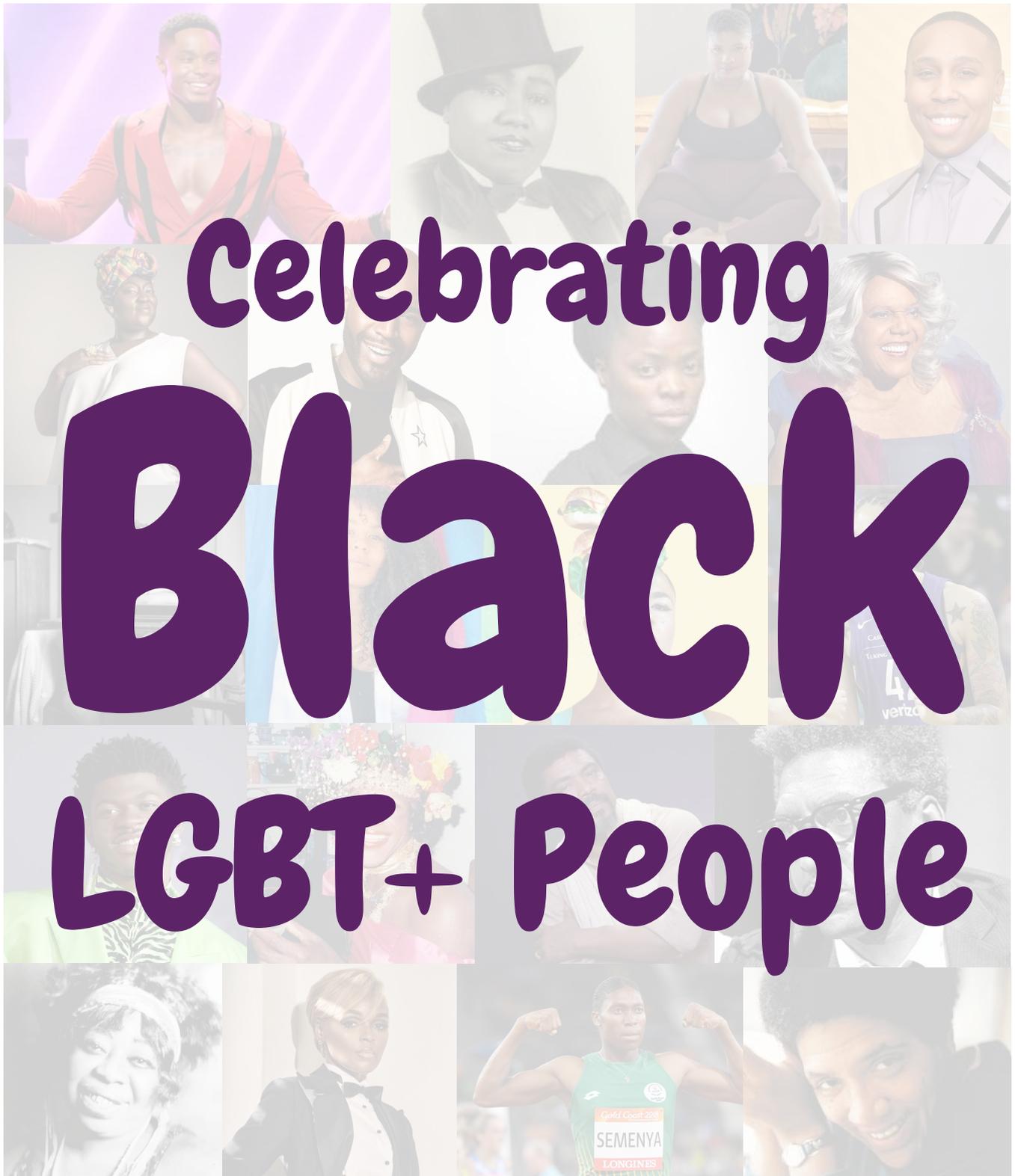


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of Visibility





**“In our work and in our living, we must recognize that difference is a reason for celebration and growth, rather than a reason for destruction.”**

Audre Lorde

Children & young people often tell us that coming to Allsorts provides opportunities to meet 'others like me'. One of the challenges many of us may face when growing up as LGBT+ is that we are not presented with many or any positive LGBT+ role models in our immediate proximity, or in mainstream culture.

Those of us with intersecting or mixed marginalised identities are often most misrepresented or non-existent in mainstream culture and this is particularly true for LGBT+ people of colour. At Allsorts, we believe it is important to provide all LGBT+ children & young people with LGBT+ role models as a reminder of the endless ways there are to be LGBT+, that you are not alone, and there are people in all walks of life that have had similar experiences, and faced similar challenges to you.

**Allsorts of Visibility: Celebrating LGBT+ People of Colour** is a series of resources intended to celebrate and showcase LGBT+ people of colour. This edition focuses on **Black LGBT+ people**. The resources are by no means an exhaustive list of all LGBT+ people, nor can they ever be. But they are a continual work in progress, and an expanding collection. The people in these resources have been selected by Allsorts young people, volunteers, staff and supporters of the project.

Allsorts does not support every action of every individual within these resources. We believe it is important that it is acknowledged that no one is perfect, and have only withdrawn individuals from the resource under extreme displays of offensive or harmful attitudes and/or actions.

We would like to thank everyone involved in updating, maintaining and feeding into this project, with huge thanks to its creator, Marquita Smith. Thank you!



## MARSHA P JOHNSON

Gay Liberation Activist  
Aug 24, 1945 – July 6, 1992

Johnson is an American activist and the founding member of the Gay Liberation Front and co-founded the radical activist group Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R.), alongside close friend Sylvia Rivera.



## ALICE WALKER

Author and Political Activist  
February 9, 1944 - Present

Walker is a bisexual African American novelist, short story writer, poet, and social activist. In 1982, she became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, awarded for her novel *The Color Purple*.



## LADY PHYLL

Political Activist  
Nov 1974 - Present

Phyllis Akua Opoku-Gyimah is co-founder of UK Black Pride, executive director of Kaleidoscope Trust, a former trustee of Stonewall and the coeditor of *Sista!*, an anthology of writings by LGBT women of African/Caribbean descent.



## DAVID KATO

LGBT Rights Activist  
1964 – Jan 26, 2011

Kato was a Ugandan teacher and LGBT rights activist, considered a father of Uganda's gay rights movement and described as "Uganda's first openly gay man". He served as advocacy officer for Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG).



## JUSTIN FASHANU

Professional Footballer  
February 19, 1961 – May 2, 1998

Fashanu was an English professional footballer between 1978 - 1997. He became the first professional footballer to be openly gay. He was also the first black footballer to command a £1 million transfer fee.



## SKIN

Singer, Song Writer & DJ  
Aug 3 1967 - Present

Skin is an openly bisexual British singer song writer. She is best known as the lead vocalist of rock band Skunk Anansie. In 1999 Skin made rock history when the band headlined Glastonbury, making her the first black woman to perform as a top-billing act at the festival.



## AUDREY LORDE

Writer & Civil Rights Activist  
18 Feb 1934 - 17 Nov 1992

Lorde dedicated both her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. Her poems largely deal with issues related to civil rights, feminism, lesbianism, illness and disability, and the exploration of black female identity.



## JOSIAH WISE

Musician  
9 July 1988 - Present

Wise identifies as gay and from a young age used gospel music to express his sexuality. He is known professionally as serpentwithfeet, and is an experimental musician based in New York City.



## ALICIA GARZA

Civil Rights Activist & Writer  
4 January 1984 - Present

Garza is an American civil rights activist and writer known for co-founding the international Black Lives Matter movement. She currently directs Special Projects at the National Domestic Workers Alliance and is the Principal at the Black Futures Lab.



## JANET MOCK

Writer, Director & Activist  
10 March 1983 - Present

Mock is an American writer, TV host, director, producer and transgender rights activist. She is a writer, director, and producer on the TV show POSE, and is the first trans woman of color hired as a writer for a TV series in history. She is also the producer and interviewer of 'The Trans List' which features eleven prominent transgender figures.



## MICHAEL SAM

American Footballer  
7 January 1990 - Present

Sam is an American former professional football player who was a defensive end. He became the first publicly gay player to be drafted in the NFL and the CFL. Sam spoke with LGBTQ advocacy groups at the Missouri State Capitol against a bill that would enable discrimination against LGBTQ people and personally lobbied state legislators.



## MNEK

Singer and Performer  
9 November 1994 - Present

MNEK is a British singer, songwriter and record producer. He has been nominated for a Grammy and he received the ASCAP Vanguard Award. MNEK hosted a songwriting camp for LGBT singer-songwriters in association with Pride In Music, helping emerging LGBT talent find a safe space to work in.

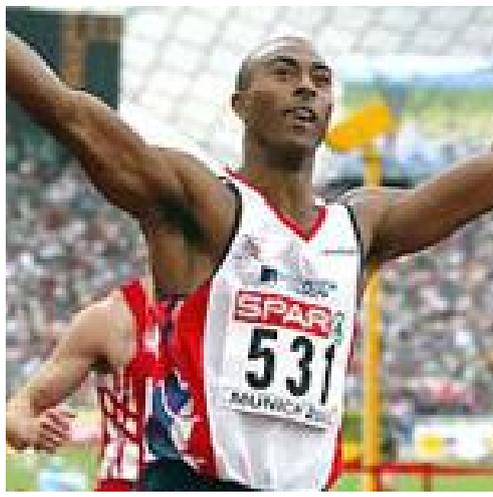


## **STORME DELAVERIE**

Gay Civil Rights Icon

24 December 1920 – 24 May 2014

Delaverie worked for much of her life as an MC, singer, bouncer, bodyguard and volunteer street patrol worker. She is an American gay rights activist best known for her part in the Stonewall uprisings and being part of the official formation of the Stonewall Veteran's Association.



## **COLIN JACKSON**

Track Athlete

18 February 1967 – Present

Jackson is a Welsh former sprint and hurdling athlete. He won an Olympic silver medal, became world champion twice and World indoor champion once. His world record of 12.91 seconds for the 110m hurdles stood for over a decade and his 60 metres hurdles world record stood for nearly 27 years.



## **INDYA MOORE**

Model & Actor

17 January 1995 – Present

Moore is transgender and non-binary American actor and model. They are known for playing the role of Angel Evangelista in the television series Pose and have started the production company Beetlefruit Media, which provides a platform for stories about disenfranchised groups.



## **LEE DANIELS**

Film Writer & Director

24 December 1959 – Present

Daniels is the first African-American film producer to solely produce an Oscar-winning film. He directed Precious which was nominated for six Academy Awards and has co-created, directed and produced television show Empire. In 2018, amfAR (The Foundation for AIDS Research) paid tribute to Daniels .



## **MUNROE BERGDORF**

Model & Social Activist

September 1987 – Present

Bergdorf came to public attention in August 2017 when she was employed as the first transgender model to front a L'Oréal campaign in the UK. In July 2019, Bergdorf was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Brighton in recognition of her campaigning for transgender rights.



## **FREDDIE JACOB**

Writer & Activist

? – Present

Jacob uses social-media digital activism and physical protesting to fight queerphobia, transphobia, sexism, and classism that shapes who SARS (Special Anti-Robbery Squad) targets in Nigeria. They are a writer who is passionate about amplifying the voices of marginalized/disenfranchised members of society.



## **BAYARD RUSTIN**

Civil Rights Leader

March 17, 1912 – August 24, 1987

Rustin was a gay man and an influential adviser behind the scenes to civil-rights leaders including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the 1980s, he became a public advocate on behalf of gay causes, speaking at events as an activist and supporter of human rights.



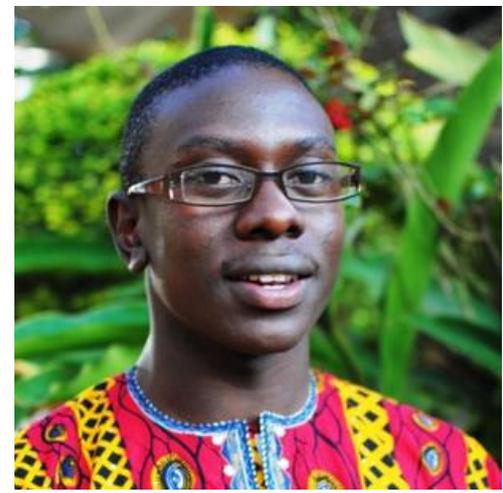
## **LAVERNE COX**

Actress & LGBT Advocate

May 29 1972 - Present

Cox is famous for playing Sophia Burset on the Netflix series Orange Is the New Black. She is the first transgender person to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award in any acting category.

Cox has also won numerous awards for her activist approach in spreading trans awareness.



## **RICHARD LUSIMBO**

LGBT Activist & Documentary

Filmmaker

1986 - Present

Lusimbo is a Ugandan LGBT activist, documentary filmmaker, and has gained recognition as the Research and Documentation Officer at Sexual Minorities Uganda. He is also helping to lead PrEP advocacy campaigns in Uganda and regionally.



## **LIL NAS X**

Rapper & Singer

9 April 1999 - Present

Lil Nas X is an American rapper and singer who has won multiple awards including the first openly LGBT Black artist to win a Country Music Association award. He has also been awarded the inaugural Suicide Prevention Advocate of the Year Award from the advocacy group The Trevor Project in 2021.



## **CASTOR SEMENYA**

Track Athlete

7 January 1991 – Present

Semenya is a South African middle-distance runner and winner of two Olympic gold medals and three World Championships in the women's 800 metres. She also runs the Caster Semenya Foundation which raises awareness, funds for selected campaigns, and local communities.



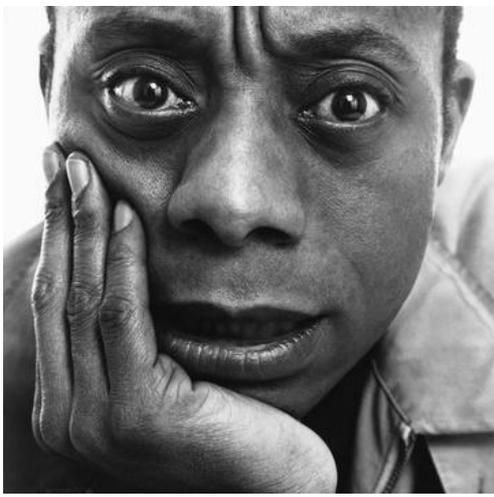
## **ALEX KOFI DONKOR**

Human Rights Advocate &

LGBTQ activist

? - Present

Donkor is the founder and director at LGBT+ Rights Ghana. He serves as Project Manager for Priorities on Rights and Sexual Health (PORSH). He is also a Communication member of AfED (a pro-LGBTQI alliance) and Human Rights Defenders Ghana.



## **JAMES BALDWIN**

Writer & Activist

2 August 1924 – 1 December, 1987

Baldwin is an American essayist, novelist, and playwright whose passion on the subject of race made him an important voice in the USA and later Europe. His book of essays, *Nobody Knows My Name*, explores Black-white relations in the USA and his novel *Another Country*, examines sexual as well as racial issues.



## **FALLON FOX**

Mixed Martial Artist

29 November 1975 – Present

Fox is an American former Mixed Martial Artist and the first who was openly transgender. In 2014, Fox was inducted into the National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame. The film *Game Face* is a biopic of her life.



## **TOPHER CAMPBELL**

Filmmaker, Artist & Writer

January 1970 – Present

Campbell is British award winning filmmaker and theatremaker. In 2000 he co-founded rukus! Federation, a Black Queer arts charity dedicated to presenting work by Black LGBT artists. In 2017, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Sussex for his work.



## **JANELLE MONAE**

Singer, Rapper & Actor

1 December 1985 – Present

Monae is an American singer, songwriter, producer, model and actor. Monae has been nominated and won many music awards and acted in several award-winning films including *Moonlight* and *Hidden Figures*.



## **TRAVIS ALBANAZA**

Writer & Performer

15 November 1995 – Present

Alabanza is an award winning writer, performer and theatre maker. Their writing has appeared in numerous anthologies including *Black and Gay* in the UK. Their work surrounding gender, trans identity and race has been noted internationally.



## **FANNYANN EDDY**

Lesbian & Gay Rights Activist

1974 – 29 September 2004

Eddy was a Lesbian & Gay rights activist. She was a courageous woman with a deep commitment to LGBT Rights in her native Sierra Leone and throughout Africa. She founded the Sierra Leone Lesbian and Gay Association, the first organization of its kind in the country.



## **LENA WAITHE**

Screen Writer & Actress

17 May 1984 – Present

Waithe is known for her role in comedy-drama series *Master of None*, film *Ready Player One* and show *West World*. She is writer and producer of the film *Queen and Slim*. She is the first black American woman to win the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series.



## **KEVIN MWACHIRO**

Writer, Activist & Podcaster

8 March 1973 - Present

Mwachiro is founder of Finger Piano Productions and host of *Nipe Story* a fortnightly Kenyan podcast that gives a voice to written short stories. He is also author of *Invisible: Stories from Kenya's Queer Community* and his debut play was published in the anthology *Six and the City: 6 Short Plays on Nairobi*.



## **GLADYS BENTLEY**

Blues Singer & Entertainer

12 August 1907 - 18 January 1960

Bentley was a top entertainer during the Harlem Renaissance, she headlined at The Cotton Club and The Clam House where she openly flirted with the women in the audience. In the 1930s she headlined at The Ubangi Club - with a chorus of drag queens to back her.



## **SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON**

Track & Field Athlete

25 March 2000 - Present

Richardson is an up and coming American track and field sprinter who competes in the 100 meters and 200 meters. In April 2021, Richardson ran a new personal best of 10.72 seconds, becoming the sixth fastest woman of all time and the fourth fastest American woman in history.



## **ANGELA DAVIS**

Political Activist

26 January 1944 - Present

Davis is an African American educator and activist for civil rights and other social issues. She is the author of several books, including *Women, Race, and Class*, *The Meaning of Freedom: And Other Difficult Dialogues* and *Blues Legacies and Black Feminism: Gertrude Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, and Billie Holiday*.

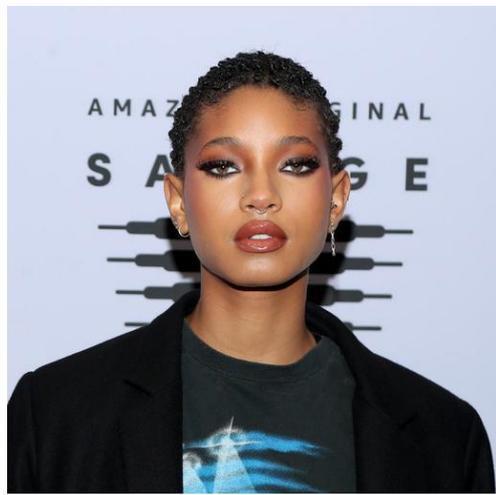


## **BILLY PORTER**

Actor & Singer

21 September 1969 - Present

Porter is an American actor and singer who first became famous on Broadway. Porter starred in the TV series *Pose*, for which he won the 2019 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series, becoming the first gay black man to be nominated and win in any lead acting category at the Primetime Emmys.



## WILLOW SMITH

Singer, Song Writer & Host  
31 October 2000 – Present

Smith made her acting debut in 2007 in the film *I Am Legend*, next to her father Will Smith. She launched her music career with the single "Whip My Hair" in 2010. In 2018, Smith began co-hosting the Facebook Watch talk show *Red Table Talk*, which has earned her two NAACP Image Awards.



## WILLI NINJA

Dancer & Choreographer  
12 April 1961 - 2 September 2006

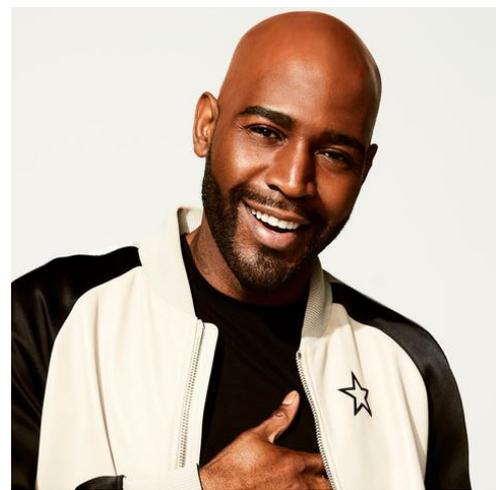
Recognised as the "Grandfather of Vogue," Ninja rose to fame in the Harlem Drag Ball scene in the 1980s and took the dance form of voguing around the world. Willi Ninja founded the House of Ninja in 1982, acting as a "mother" to a group of adopted gay and transgender "children" in New York City, which is still active.



## UYAIEDU IKPE-ETIM

Screenwriter & Filmmaker  
1989 - Present

Ikpe-Etim is a Nigerian film producer, screenwriter and filmmaker, who creates works which tell the stories of Nigeria's marginalised LGBTQ communities. She made her directorial debut with *Ìfẹ́*, a short film she wrote about a love story between two Nigerian women.



## KARAMO BROWN

TV Host, Author and Activist  
2 November 1980 - Present

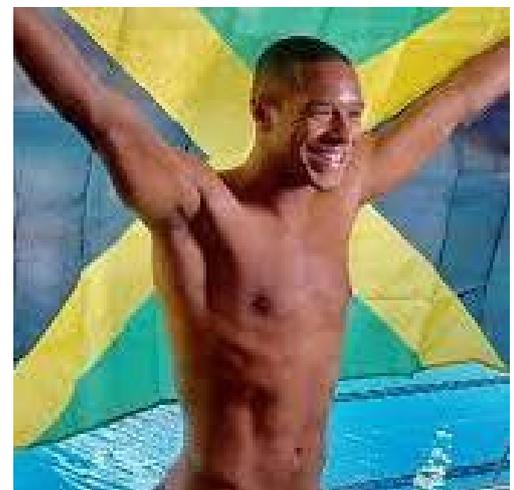
Brown began his television career in 2004 on the hit MTV reality series *The Real World*. He is mostly known as the culture expert on the Emmy-nominated TV show, *Queer Eye*. He wrote a memoir *Karamo: My Story of Embracing Purpose, Healing, and Hope* which was released in 2019.



## LUCY HICKS ANDERSON

Socialite and Chef  
1886 - 1954

Hicks Anderson was a renowned chef and hostess for wealthy families throughout her community and was known for her generous donations to community charities. It is said she is the first transgender person to fight for marriage rights, when a court ruled her marriage to her husband to be fraudulent.



## MICHAEL GUNNING

Competitive Swimmer  
29 April 1994 - Present

Gunning represents Jamaica as a competitive swimmer and is best known for participating in the 200 metre butterfly and the 200 and 400 metre freestyle events. He won the Pride Award at the Attitude Pride Awards 2019 for his efforts to raise LGBTQ+ visibility around the globe in sports.



## HOPE POWELL

Footballer & Manager  
8 December 1966 – Present

Powell is an English former international footballer and women's first-team manager of Brighton & Hove Albion. She was the coach of the England women's football team and the Great Britain women's Olympic football team until August 2013. As a player, she won 66 caps for England and scoring 35 goals.



## DR. FRANK MUGISHA

Advocate for LGBT Rights  
? - Present

Mugisha is an Ugandan LGBT advocate and Executive Director of Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG). He won the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award for his activism. He is one of the most prominent advocates for LGBT rights in Uganda and in 2014 was a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.



## PATRICIO MANUEL

Professional Boxer  
22 July 1985 - Present

Manuel is a Personal Trainer, Social Entrepreneur, Wellness Coach, Stress Management Specialist and Professional Boxer. In 2018 he became the first transgender boxer in the history of the United States to have a professional fight and in 2019 he became the new face of Everlast boxing equipment.



## BILLIE HOLIDAY

Singer  
7 April 1915 - 17 July 1959

Holiday was a bisexual American jazz and swing music singer. She had an innovative influence on music and is said to have changed jazz forever. Holiday won four Grammy Awards, all of them posthumously, for Best Historical Album. She was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame and the National Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame.



## SAMIRA WILEY

Actress  
15 April 1987 - Present

Wiley is an American actress best known for her role as Poussey Washington in the comedy-drama series Orange Is the New Black and as Moira in the drama series The Handmaid's Tale, for which she won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Drama Series.



## MATTHEW BLAISE

LGBTQI+ Activist  
? - Present

Blaise is a non-binary LGBTQI+ activist from Nigeria. They are one of the fore-soldiers of the #EndhomophobiaInNigeria campaign which trended on Nigerian Social Media space. Matthew is currently marching alongside other young people in Nigeria in peaceful protests to end SARS.



## **MISS MAJOR GRIFFIN-GRACY**

**Activist & Community Leader**  
25 October 1940 – Present

Major is an activist and community leader for transgender rights, with a particular focus on women of color. She served as the original Executive Director for the Transgender Gender Variant Intersex Justice Project. She has participated in activism for a wide range of causes, including the 1969 Stonewall riots.



## **BANDY KIKI**

**Blogger & LGBT Activist**  
20 February 1991 - Present

Kiki is a Cameroonian blogger, LGBT activist based in the UK. Her blog is one of the most frequented by English speaking Cameroonians. She is a spokesperson for the Rainbow Equality Hub, an NGO that supports LGBT people in Cameroon.



## **FRED ROSSER**

**WWE Pro Wrestler**  
2 November 1983 - Present

Rosser is an American Professional Wrestler. Competing under the name Darren Young, he is the first professional wrestler ever to publicly come out while still signed to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).



## **STACEYANN CHIN**

**Poet, Actor & Writer**  
25 December 1972 - Present

Chin is a Jamaican spoken-word poet, actor and performing artist. She is author of the poetry collection Crossfire: A Litany for Survival, the critically acclaimed memoir The Other Side of Paradise, cowriter and original performer in the Tony Award-winning Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam on Broadway.



## **FRANK OCEAN**

**Singer, Song Writer & Rapper**  
28 October 1987 - Present

American singer, songwriter, record producer, rapper, photographer, and visual artist. Among Ocean's awards are two Grammy Awards, a Brit Award for International Male Solo Artist in 2013 and an NME Award for Best International Male Artist. 2021, Ocean announced the launch of Homer, a luxury jewelry company of his own design.



## **JOHN AMAECHI**

**Psychologist & NBA Athlete**  
26 November 1970 - Present

British-American Amaechi is a respected organisational psychologist, best-selling author, public speaker, CEO of APS Intelligence Ltd and former NBA Player. He is the first Briton to have a career in the NBA and the first former NBA player to publicly come out as gay after doing so in his memoir Man in the Middle.



## **ZANELE MUHOLI**

Artist & Photographer  
19 July 1972 – Present

Muholi is a non-binary South African artist and visual activist working in photography, video, and installation. Their work focuses on race, gender and sexuality, documenting and celebrating the lives of South Africa's Black lesbian, gay, transgender, and intersex communities.



## **NICOLE DENNIS-BENN**

Poet & Author  
20 February 1991 - Present

Dennis-Benn is the Jamaican author of *Here Comes The Sun* and *Patsy*. She is the winner of several awards including Lambda Literary Award, and New York Times Editors' Choice Award. She is the founder of the Stuyvesant Writing Workshop.



## **BRIAN MICHAEL SMITH**

Actor  
29 January 1983 - Present

Smith is an American actor and advocate for trans representation in media. He became the first out black trans man in a series regular role on network television and is known for his roles on *Queen Sugar*, *L Word Generation* *Q*, *Girls* and *Homeland*.



## **JACKIE KAY**

Poet, Playwright, & Novelist  
9 November 1961 - Present

Kay is a Scottish lesbian writer and poet. She is the third ever modern Makar, the Scottish equivalent to the Poet Laureate. She has written many wonderful novels and poems highlighting the lives of LGBTQ+ people, including her own life in her autobiography *Red Dust Road*.



## **RIKKI BEADLE-BLAIR**

Singer, Script Writer & Dancer  
July 1961 - Present

Beadle-Blair is a British actor, director, screenwriter, playwright, singer, designer, choreographer, dancer and songwriter. He is the artistic director of multi-media production company Team Angelica. He wrote and directed *FIT*, a play for young people, developed to help tackle homophobic bullying in Britain's schools.



## **CHRIS DICKERSON**

Former Pro Bodybuilder  
25 August 1939 - Present

Dickerson is an former American body builder, whose competitive career spanned thirty years. He is one of the world's most titled bodybuilders and was the first African-American AAU Mr. America, the first openly gay winner of the IFBB Mr. Olympia contest.



## **KINGSTON FARADY**

Writer, Actor & Speaker  
? – Present

Kingston advocates for trans men and particularly trans men of colour by speaking throughout the USA via various media outlets. As a spoken word artist he co-produced LGBTQI events as: Burning Bush, and SisterFire. He has been celebrated for his role as “Black” in the 2014 short film, “Black Is Blue.”



## **DOROTHEA SMARTT**

Poet & Author  
1963 - Present

Smartt is London born and of Barbadian heritage. Her poetry appears in several journals and anthologies such as IC3: The Penguin Book of New Black Writing in Britain (2000). In her work she explores socio-political and personal issues in the intertwined themes of distant heritage, home and hair.



## **MEL TOMLINSON**

Ballet Dancer  
3 January 1954 - 5 February 2019

Tomlinson an American dancer, who brought modern technique and stunning skill to the ballet stage. He was an advocate for getting more underrepresented and low-income students into the dance world. He helped start the CITYDANCE initiative, to get inner city youth on stage and build the next generation of dancers.



## **AKWAEKE EMEZI**

Artist & Writer  
1987 - Present

Emezi's is a Nigerian artist and writer. FRESHWATER their debut autobiographical novel won the 2019 Otherwise Award and the Nommo Award. Their art practice uses video, performance, writing, and sculpture to create rituals processing their embodiment as a nonhuman entity/an ogbanje/a deity's child.



## **MICHAELA JAÉ RODRIGUEZ**

Actress & Singer  
17 January 1991 - Present

Rodriguez is an American actress and singer who appeared in the theatre production Rent and in television roles, including Nurse Jackie and Luke Cage. She became the first transgender woman to earn an Emmy Award nomination in a major acting category for her role as Blanca Evangelista on the TV show Pose.



## **JASON COLLINS**

Pro Basketball Player  
2 December 1978 - Present

Collins is a retired professional basketball player. He publicly came out as gay in 2013 making him one of the first openly gay athletes to play in any major professional sports league in the USA. Since then, Collins has been a vocal advocate for LGBTQ equality, serving as an inspiration for other LGBTQ athletes.



## **ROTIMI FANI-KAYODE**

Photographer

20 April 1955 – 21 December 1989

Fani-Kayode was born in Nigeria and amid the Nigerian Civil War, moved with his family to Brighton, England aged 11. Responding to homophobia in both Nigeria and England he produced images that call attention to the politics of race and representation, and explore notions of cultural identity and difference.



## **CHERYL DUNYE**

Film Director, Producer & Writer

13 May 1966 - Present

Dunye is a Liberian-American film director, producer and writer. Her work often concerns themes of race, sexuality, and gender, particularly issues relating to black lesbians. She's know for her film 'Watermelon Woman', which is a depiction of Black women in cinema, short film 'Black Is Blue' as well as directing episodes of Lovecraft Country and Queen Sugar.



## **GENESIS LYNEA**

Actor, Dancer & Model

20 October 1989 - Present

Lynea is a Bermudian-born actress, singer, dancer and model, whose work includes stage roles in productions of The Bodyguard & Bend It Like Beckham: The Musical. She founded dance crew the Krump Crew and appeared in TV series Casualty, Silent Witness and Shadow and Bone.



## **ANGELICA ROSS**

Actress & Business Woman

20 November 1980 - Present

Ross is an American actress, business woman and trans advocate. She is founder and CEO of TransTech Social Enterprises, a firm that helps employ transgender people in the tech industry. Her acting roles include Candy Ferocity in Pose and Donna Chamber in American Horror Story.



## **LABI SIFFRE**

Singer & Song Writer

25 June 1945 - Present

Siffre is British singer, songwriter, musician and poet. Famous for writing and singing "(Something Inside) So Strong" and "It Must Be Love", (later covered by Madness). His song "I Got The..." was sampled by Eminem for "My Name is". Siffre also wrote poetry Blood on the Page and Monument as well as the play Deathwrite.



## **DR. KORNEY RYAN ZIEGLER**

Entrepreneur & Filmmaker

15 December 1981 - Present

American entrepreneur, filmmaker, visual artist, blogger, writer, and scholar. He directed the documentary Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen, and is the founder of Trans\*H4CK: the only tech event of its kind that spotlights trans-created tech and trans-led startups.



## CAMPBELL X

Film Writer & Director

? - Present

Trinidad born and UK based Campbell X is a transgender writer/director who directed the award-winning queer urban romantic comedy film *STUD LIFE*.

Campbell directed and produced the short film *DESIRE* and the documentary *VISIBLE* which headlined the Scottish Queer Film Festival in 2018.



## RUDY LOEWE

Visual Artist

? - Present

Loewe identifies as a Black non-binary queer person. They are a visual artist and arts educator engaging in critical social issues through painting and drawing. Rudy uses a visual language to disentangle threads relating to Black histories, colonialism, gender, sexuality, and Caribbean folklore.



## GINA YASHERE

Comedian & Voice Artist

6 April 1974 - Present

Yashere is an award winning British comedian appearing on *Live At The Apollo*, *Mock The Week*, and *Comedy Central* and has self produced 3 separate 1 hour *Stand Up Specials*. She is also an in demand voice artist working on various animations, including *Bromwell High*.



## BISI ALIMI

Public Speaker & HIV Advocate

17 January 1975 - Present

Alimi is a Nigerian gay rights activist, public speaker, blog writer and HIV/LGBT advocate.

He is the founder and the Executive Director of the Bisi Alimi Foundation, an organisation working to accelerate social acceptance of LGBT people in Nigeria. He's also the first Nigerian to come out on television.



## AARON ROSE PHILLIP

Model & Author

15 March 2001 - Present

Phillip is an Antiguan-American model. In 2018, she became the first black, transgender, and physically disabled model to ever be represented by a major modeling agency. In 2016 at age 14, Phillip published a memoir called *This Kid Can Fly: It's About Ability (Not Disability)* detailing her experiences growing up with cerebral palsy.



## GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

Scientist

1864 - 5 January 1943

Carver was born into slavery and was an American agricultural scientist, who rose through the academic fields while researching crop rotation. In 1894, he became the first African American to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. He developed more than 300 food, industrial and commercial products from peanuts.



## **BACKXWASH**

Rapper & Producer  
1991 - Present

Backxwash is a transgender  
Zambian-Canadian rapper and  
producer. Her musical style  
blends hip hop with heavy metal  
and post-rock, including Black  
Sabbath samples and  
instrumental interludes influenced  
by Godspeed You! Black  
Emperor.



## **MICHELLE-LEE AHYE**

Track Athlete  
10 April 1992 - Present

Ahye is a Trinidadian sprinter,  
who won the gold medal at the  
2018 Commonwealth Games.  
She was part of Trinidad and  
Tobago's squad that finished  
fourth in the women's 4 x 100 m  
relay at the 2011 World  
Championships in Athletics, while  
running a national record time of  
42.50 seconds in the heats.



## **DARNELL L MOORE**

Writer and Activist  
24 January 1976 - Present

Moore is an American media  
maker, educator, writer and  
thought leader. He is currently  
Director of Inclusion for Content  
and Marketing at Netflix and is  
the author of memoir, No Ashes in  
the Fire: Coming of Age Black &  
Free in America. He assisted in  
organizing the Black Lives Matters  
Ride to Ferguson.



## **T'NIA MILLER**

Actress  
? - Present

Miller is a British Actress who has  
made appearances in The Bill and  
Holby City, before her first  
starring role as JJ in the 2012  
feature film Stud Life. She has  
also appeared in Babylon, Dr  
Who, Haunting of Bly Manor, Sex  
Education and Years and Years.



## **REVD. JAREL ROBINSON-BROWN**

Reverend and Author  
8 October 1991 - Present

Robinson-Brown is a Jamaican  
born British Reverend. He  
contributed a chapter in the Book  
of Queer Prophets and is author  
of Black, Gay, British, Christian,  
Queer: The Church and the  
famine of grace, a book about his  
experiences being black and gay  
within Christian churches.



## **ALAIN LEROY LOCKE**

Writer, Philosopher & Educator  
13 September 1885 - 9 June 1954

Locke was an American writer,  
philosopher, educator, and patron  
of the arts. He is frequently  
included in listings of influential  
African Americans including Dr.  
Martin Luther King Jr. He was  
heralded as the "Father of the  
Harlem Renaissance" for his  
publication in 1925 of The New  
Negro—an anthology of poetry,  
essays, plays, and music.



## **GERTRUDE 'MA' RAINEY**

Blues Singer

26 April 1886 - 22 December 1939

Rainey was an influential American blues singer who was dubbed the "Mother of the Blues." She was known for her powerful vocal abilities, energetic disposition, majestic phrasing, and a "moaning" style of singing. Her lyrics portrayed black female sexuality, including those opposing heteronormative standards.



## **STEPHEN K AMOS**

Comedian

3 December 1967 - Present

Amos is a British stand-up comedian and television personality. He has regularly performed stand up at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and during 2006 Fringe, he performed the revealing solo show *All of Me*, in which he publicly acknowledged his own homosexuality to his audience for the first time.



## **SHANAZE READE**

BMX Racer & Track Cyclist

23 September 1988 - Present

Reade is a British former bicycle motocross (BMX) racer and track cyclist. She has won the UCI BMX World Championships three times. Reade also took first place in Team Sprint at the UCI Track Cycling World Championships in Palma de Mallorca in 2007 along with Victoria Pendleton. It was also the first ever Women's Team Sprint Gold Medal title in that event.



## **KELE OKEREKE**

Singer, Songwriter & Musician

13 October 1981 - Present

Okereke is an English singer, songwriter, and musician. He is best known as the lead singer and rhythm guitarist of the indie rock band Bloc Party. The band's debut album *Silent Alarm* reached number three in the UK charts, and won NME's Album of the Year. The record was also nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in the same year.



## **DOMINIQUE JACKSON**

Model, Author & Actress

20 March 1975 - Present

Jackson is a Tobagonian-American actress, author, model, and reality television personality. As an actress, she is most known for her leading role of Elektra Abundance on the FX television series *Pose*. As a model, she has appeared in *Vogue España* and has released her autobiography *The Transsexual from Tobago*.



## **DEAN ATTA**

Author & Poet

? - Present

Dean Atta is a Black British author from London, now based in Glasgow. He is co-director of the Scottish BAME Writers Network. He is a member of Malika's Poetry Kitchen, an ambassador for National Poetry Day, and a patron of LGBT+ History Month. He was listed as one of the most influential LGBT people in the UK by the *Independent on Sunday*.



## **DR. VALERIE MASON-JOHN**

Public Speaker

22 November 1962 - Present

Dr. Mason-John was born in Cambridge and is a public speaker and master trainer in the field of conflict transformation, leadership and mindfulness. They are the co-author and co-founder of Eight Step Recovery: Using The Buddha's Teaching to Overcome Addiction, which offers an alternative to the 12 step program for addiction.

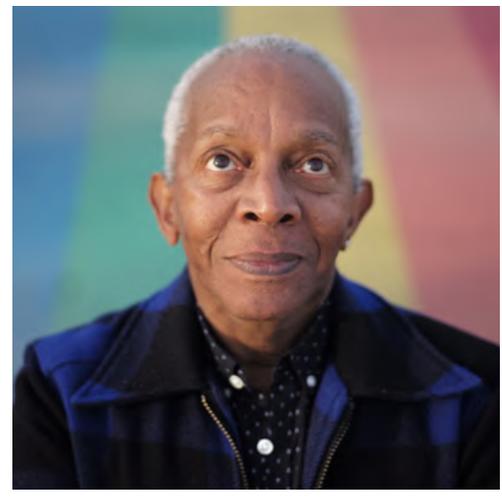


## **ISAAC JULIEN**

Filmmaker & Installation Artist

21 February 1960 - Present

Julien is a filmmaker and installation artist born in London. His multi-screen film installations and photographs incorporate different artistic disciplines to create a poetic and unique visual language. His 1989 documentary-drama titled Looking for Langston explores author Langston Hughes and the Harlem Renaissance.



## **TED BROWN**

Gay Rights Activist

1950 - Present

Brown was born in New York City to British Jamaican parents. He was a member of the Gay Liberation Front and founder of the group Black Lesbians and Gays Against Media Homophobia (BLGAMH). He led a boycott against The Voice magazine following their reports on first openly gay professional footballer Justin Fashanu.



## **DR. CHANDA PRESCOD-WEINSTEIN**

Theoretical Physicist

? - Present

Dr Prescod-Weinstein is a Theoretical Physicist and Feminist Theorist. She is Barbadian and American and an advocate for increasing the diversity within science by considering intersectionality and proper celebration of the underrepresented groups who contribute to scientific knowledge production.



## **SHAUN T**

Fitness Trainer

2 May 1978- Present

Shaun T is a celebrity fitness trainer, choreographer, and creator of INSANITY, MAX:30, Focus T25, The Asylum, Hip Hop Abs, and Rockin' Body. He is the founder of Shaun T Inc. & Team Shaun T whose mission is to inspire people to realize their full potential by promoting positivity through health, fitness, and motivation.



## **ANGEL HAZE**

Rapper & Singer

10 July 1991 - Present

Haze, is an American rapper and singer. She raps about themes such as homophobia, rape culture and racism. She uses her personal experiences to condemn a culture that breeds the self-harm of queer youth. She has also been open about her experience with mental illnesses such as addiction, posttraumatic stress disorder and depression.



## **ALVIN AILEY**

**Choreographer & Activist**  
5 January 1931 - 1 December 1989

Ailey was an American dancer, director, choreographer, and activist who founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT). He created AAADT and its affiliated Ailey School as havens for nurturing Black artists and expressing the universality of the African-American experience through dance.



## **ADERONKE APATA**

**LGBT Activist**  
20 January 1967 - Present

Aderonke Apata is a Nigerian LGBT activist, and former asylum seeker. She received widespread media attention due to her asylum case in the United Kingdom. She is the founder of the African Rainbow Family charity a non-for-profit charitable organisation that support LGBTIQ people of African heritage and the wider Black Asian Minority Ethnic groups.



## **STEVE LETSIKE**

**Human Rights Activist**  
? - Present

Letsike currently serves as the deputy chairperson of The South African National Aids Council (SANAC). She co-chairs the National Task Team on Hate Crimes and is the Founding Director of Access Chapter 2, a human rights organisation with a specific focus on LGBTI populations and issues of gender equity.



## **LE1F**

**Rapper & Producer**  
6 April 1989 - Present

Le1f is an American rapper and producer. He also cofounded the record label Camp & Street. As a gay rapper he's garnered attention for his musical and performance styles.



## **LAZARUS LYNCH**

**Chef**  
? - Present

Lynch's is an American Chef with a best-selling cookbook 'Son of a Southern Chef: Cooking With Soul'. He was two-time reality TV show Chopped champion and the host of Snapchat's first-ever cooking show, Chopped. He is also a World Food Prize Ambassador and activist for food security, hunger awareness, LGBTQ, and healthy living.



## **DJ CARMEN**

**DJ & Radio Host**  
? - Present

Carmen is an award winning promoter, radio host and DJ with an extensive career, which includes a number of BBC Radio 1Xtra takeovers under her belt and a treasured spot as a resident Notting Hill Carnival DJ, and DJing for Kojo Funds on tour.



## BRITTANY GRINER

Basketball Player

1 December 1989 - Present

Griner is an American professional basketball player for the Phoenix Mercury of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She is the only NCAA basketball player to score 2,000 points and block 500 shots. She received a Gold medal in both 2016 & 2020 Olympics with USA Women's Basketball Team.



## DEXTER POTTINGER

LGBT Activist

6 November 1982 - 30 August 2017

Activist best known for being Jamaica's Face of Pride. He was a stylist, fashion designer, and reality TV judge. He headed Pride Week in 2016, which was organized by the Jamaica Forum of Lesbians, All-Sexuals and Gays. He directed music videos and worked with dancehall artists such as Tifa and Ce'Cile.



## DERAY MCKESSON

Civil Rights Activist

? - Present

Mckesson is an American civil rights activist focused on issues of innovation, equity and justice. He is a leading voice in the Black Lives Matter Movement and a co-founder of Campaign Zero. He has worked to connect individuals with knowledge and tools, and provide citizens and policy makers with commonsense policies that ensure equity.



## ISIS KING

Model & Fashion Designer

1 October 1985 - Present

King is an American model, actress, and fashion designer. Most widely known for her role on both the eleventh cycle and the seventeenth cycle of the reality television show America's Next Top Model, she was the first trans woman to compete on the show, and became one of the most visible transgender people on television.



## CLAUDE MCKAY

Poet & Writer

15 September 1890 - 22 May 1948

McKay was born in Jamaica and was a key figure in the Harlem Renaissance. His work ranged from celebrating peasant life in Jamaica to poems that protested racial and economic inequities. He influenced later poets and paved the way for black poets to discuss the conditions and racism that they faced in their poems.



## CYRIL NRI

Actor, Writer & Director

25 April 1961 - Present

Nri is a British-Nigerian actor, writer and director who is best known for playing Superintendent Adam Okaro in the police TV series The Bill. He had a role as Graham, a barrister colleague of Miles and Anna, in both series of the cult BBC TV drama series This Life. He was also one of the original patrons of LGBT History Month.



## **RICHARD AKUSON**

Lawyer, Activist & Writer  
26 July 1993 - Present

Akuson is a Nigerian lawyer, LGBT rights activist, writer, editor, and the founder of A Nasty Boy magazine, Nigeria's first LGBTQ+ publication. He was named one of Forbes Africa's 30 Under 30 change-makers for challenging rigid notions of masculinity, gender, and sexuality in Nigeria where homosexual acts can be punished with 14 years in prison.



## **LANGSTON HUGHES**

Social Activist & Writer  
1 February 1901- 22 May 1967

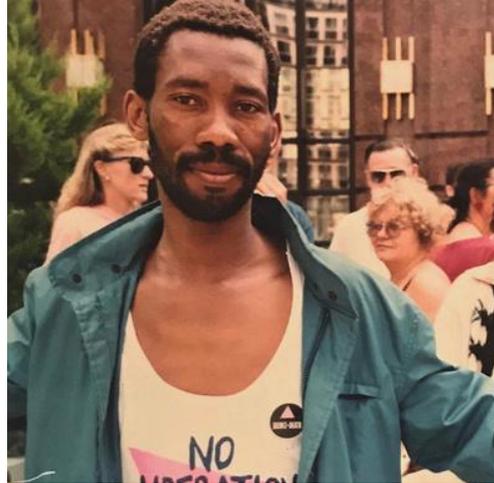
Hughes was an American poet, social activist, novelist, playwright, and columnist. He is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance. From 1942 to 1962, as the civil rights movement was gaining traction, he wrote an in-depth weekly column in a leading black newspaper, The Chicago Defender.



## **CHAR BAILEY**

Educator, Facilitator & Speaker  
? - Present

Bailey identifies as Lesbian and gender fluid. They are neuro-diverse and are the Education & Inclusion officer for UK Black Pride. They facilitate workshops in schools, focusing on self awareness, confidence and success/resilience mindset. As of September 2021, they became the features writer for Diva Magazine.



## **SIMON NKOLI**

Anti-Apartheid Leader  
2 Nov 1957 - 30 Nov 1998

Nkoli was a gay activist and anti-apartheid leader who fought for freedom and social justice in South Africa during the anti-apartheid struggle. His courage to live openly as a gay man coupled with his tireless work within the anti-apartheid movement help shift the anti-gay opinions of many of those within the movement.



## **MARYLIZE BIUBWA**

LGBT Activist  
? - Present

Biubwa is a queer lesbian womxn and other than seeing homosexuality decriminalised in Kenya, her activism and feminism is to see a world where human beings can live out their lives fully without the worry of being ostracised and abused because of their queerness. To see a world that embraces and respects diversity as it should be.



## **RUPAUL**

Actor, Writer & Director  
17 November 1960 - Present

RuPaul is an American drag queen, actor, model, singer, television personality, and author. Since 2009, he has produced and hosted the reality competition series RuPaul's Drag Race, for which he has received eleven Primetime Emmy Awards, the most-awarded to any person of color in the show's history.



## **RICHABINYAVANGA WAINAINA**

**Author & Journalist**

18 January 1971 – 21 May 2019

Wainaina was a Kenyan author, journalist and 2002 winner of the Caine Prize for African Writing. In 2014, Time magazine included him in its annual Time 100 as one of the "Most Influential People in the World". He wrote for outlets that included the East African, National Geographic, and the Guardian.



## **ANDRE LEON TALLEY**

**Fashion Journalist**

16 October 1948 – 18 January 2022

Talley was an American fashion journalist, and the former creative director and American editor-at-large of Vogue magazine. He was the magazine's fashion news director from 1983 to 1987 and then its creative director from 1988 to 1995.



## **WANDA SYKES**

**Comedian & Actress**

7 March 1964 – Present

Sykes is an American actress, stand-up comedian, and writer. She was first recognized for her work as a writer on The Chris Rock Show, for which she won a Primetime Emmy Award in 1999. She has also had a career in film, appearing in films such as Monster-in-Law (2005), and Ice Age: Collision Course (2016).



## **MABEL HAMPTON**

**LGBT Activist**

2 May 1902 – 26 October 1989

Hampton was an American lesbian activist, a dancer during the Harlem Renaissance, and a volunteer for both black and lesbian/gay organisations. Hampton was a founding member of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in 1974. In 1985 Mabel was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

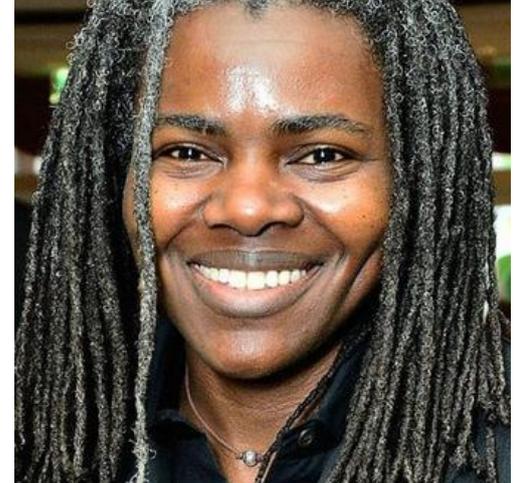


## **LITTLE RICHARD**

**Musician, Singer & Songwriter**

December 1932 – 9 May 2020

Richard, was an American musician, singer, and songwriter. He was an influential figure in popular music and culture for seven decades. Self-described as "the architect of rock and roll", his performances during this period resulted in integration between White Americans and African Americans in his audience.



## **TRACY CHAPMAN**

**Musician, Singer & Songwriter**

March 1964 – Present

Chapman is an American singer-songwriter, known for her hits "Fast Car", "Give Me One Reason", "Talkin' 'bout a Revolution", and "Baby Can I Hold You". She is a multi-platinum and four-time Grammy Award-winning artist. Chapman has been involved with elementary schools, producing an educational music video highlighting achievements in African-American history.



## **JOSÉPHINE BAKER**

Entertainer & Activist  
3 June 1906 – 12 April 1975

Baker was a bisexual American-born entertainer, French Resistance agent and civil rights activist. She was the only official female speaker at the March on Washington next to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In 2021 she was interred in the Panthéon in Paris, the first black woman to receive one of the highest honors in France.



## **KAMARI ROMÉO**

Artist, Actor & Producer  
? - Present

Roméo is a multidisciplinary artist, actor and creative producer. He is founder of Creative Humblebee, a London-based not-for-profit that produces theatre, film, literature, archiving and community projects. One such project is Kamp Kiki, a UK-based retreat for trans people from the African and Caribbean diaspora.



## **DEWANNA BONNER**

Basketball Player  
21 August 1987 - Present

Bonner has been an American professional basketball player for the Connecticut Sun of the Women's National Basketball Association since 2009. She scored 4,000th career point on July 15, 2018 at Indiana, becoming second player in franchise history to reach 4,000 career points .



## **ANDREW GILLUM**

Former Politician  
26 July 1979 - Present

Gillum is a former American politician who represented the Democratic Party. He identifies as bisexual and was the 126th mayor of Tallahassee, Florida. Gillum championed the opening of the first Tallahassee Teen Center, The Palmer Munroe Center, which serves as a safe haven for many area youth and operates a restorative justice program.



## **SADE GILIBERTI**

Presenter, Actress & Producer  
? - Present

Giliberti is a South African TV presenter, actress, producer and advocate. She advocates for mental health and wellness, and and equality and representation for all LGBTQ+ humans, and ethnic minorities. She was also Production Manager on the award winning web series Different For Girls and Producer for Ask Real Queers: JHB.



## **DALTON HARRIS**

Singer  
29 December 1993 - Present

Harris is a Jamaican singer. In 2010, he won Digicel Rising Star, and subsequently signed with VP Records. After his win, he began releasing music in Jamaica and travelled across the United States. In 2018, he won the final season of The X Factor in the United Kingdom. In 2020 Harris stated that he was pansexual.



## SANDRA CALDWELL

Actress  
? - Present

Caldwell is an American actress, singer, and writer. She is known for recurring roles in Canadian TV series like *Little Men*, Disney shows *The Cheetah Girls* and *Shall We Dance*. Her pioneering experience as a trans woman was discussed in the 2020 documentary *Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen*.



## LEVI DAVIS

Rugby Union Player  
12 March 1998 - Present

Davis is an English rugby union player who plays the position of wing for Ealing Trailfinders. He is the first currently playing rugby union player to come out as bisexual.



## CHLOE FILANI

Poet & Performance Artist  
? - Present

Filani is a Black British-Nigerian. She's a Black feminist, poet, performance artist, public speaker and workshop facilitator. Her poetry works on her lived experiences and the broader themes of identity and power structures, dealing with ideas of precolonial African trans femme ancestors as poetic stories.



## BERTO PASUKA

Dancer & Painter  
? - 1963

Pasuka was a Black queer Jamaican dancer, choreographer, director, performer, writer, and painter. He co-founded the Black ballet company *Les Ballets Nègres*. He also trained as a painter, in 1959 exhibiting at the 70th exhibition of the *Société des artistes indépendants* at the Grand Palais des Champs-Élysées.



## ADONIS BOSSO

Model  
10 July 1990 - Present

Bosso is an Ivorian-Canadian model. He identifies as sexually fluid and has modeled for brands including *Dolce & Gabbana*, *H&M*, *Armani Exchange*, *Belstaff*, *Gap Inc.*, *Levi's*, *TOM FORD*, *Yeezy*, *Vivienne Westwood*, *Banana Republic*, and *Thom Browne*.



## PEARL MACKIE

Actress & Singer  
29 May 1987 - Present

Mackie is a bisexual British actress and singer. Her first major television role came in 2014, when she played Anne-Marie Frasier in BBC One soap opera *Doctors*. She is best known for playing Bill Potts in the long-running television series *Doctor Who*. Her character was the first openly gay companion to *Doctor Who*.



## JACOB V JOYCE

Artist, Illustrator & Facilitator  
? – Present

Joyce's work ranges from afro-futurist world building workshops to mural painting, comic books, performance art and punk music with their band Screaming Toenail. Best known for their illustrations, They have self published a number of books and illustrated international human rights campaigns for Amnesty International.



## KEN "SNAKEHIPS" JOHNSON

Band Leader & Dancer  
10 September 1914 – 8 March 1941

Johnson was a swing band leader and dancer. He set up the West Indian Dance Orchestra, a nearly all-black swing band. He was a leading figure in black British music of the 1930s and early 1940s.



## ANGEL MCCOUGHTRY

Basketball Player  
10 September 1986 - Present

McCoughtry is an American professional basketball player for the Las Vegas Aces of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and a two-time Olympic gold medalist. She has also played overseas in Turkey, Slovakia, Lebanon, Hungary and Russia.



## KUCHENGA SHENJE

Writer & Journalist  
? - Present

Shenje identifies as a Black transsexual feminist. She is a writer and journalist who has been published in online magazines including Vogue and Harper's Bazaar and whose writings have appeared in several anthologies including 'This Is How We Come Back Stronger'. She is currently writing a novel telling the tale of a young black trans girl from North London.



## KAWIRA MWIRICHIA

Artist  
1986 - 2020

Mwirichia was a queer artist and curator from Kenya. She was a multi-disciplinary artist known for her kangas along with more traditional fine arts mediums such as painting, drawing, and sculpture. She aimed to create Kangas for all 196 countries of the world. The design of each Kanga is inspired by that country's historical moments in their fight for LGBT rights.



## SON OF A TUTU

Drag Queen  
? - Present

Son of a Tutu was born in Nigeria and worked in the financial services industry in New York before deciding to become a full time drag queen in London after 9/11. She has often spoken in a professional setting about her experiences as an LGBTQ+ person of colour, an LGBTQ+ immigrant and being LGBTQ+ in the workplace.



## O'SHAY EDWARDS

Pro Wrestler  
? – Present

Edwards is an American independent professional wrestler known as The Big Bad Kaiju. He identifies as bisexual. He is a former firefighter and is currently training and wrestling with Ring of Honor as a developmental talent.



## BERNICE MULENGA

Artist  
? – Present

Mulenga is a London based multidisciplinary artist. Their work centres their community and their experiences within it most noticeably their photo series #friendsonfilm. Their work also explores reoccurring themes, surrounding their identity, sexuality, grief, family and Congolese culture.



## BOBRISKY

Social Media Personality  
31 August 1991 - Present

Bobrisky is a Nigerian transgender woman and LGBT personality. She is also known for her presence on the social media apps Snapchat and Instagram.



## NIECY NASH

Actress & Comedian  
23 February 1970 - Present

Nash, is an American actress, comedian and television host. She played the role of civil rights activist Richie Jean Jackson in the historical drama film Selma and she portrayed feminist leader Florynce Kennedy in Mrs. America. She has been nominated for several awards for her role as nurse Denise "DiDi" Ortley in Get On.



## LOGAN ROZOS

Actor  
2001 - Present

Rozos is a trans actor and artist known for playing Star Child in the television series David Makes Man. He's currently making What will I become a documentary on trans masculinities, mental health, and imagining a way forward. In 2019, he won the Parity Award from Parity a faith-based organisation in NYC that builds bridges across the LGBTQ+ and faith divide.



## 'MAMA' GLORIA ALLEN

Icon & Community Leader  
1945 - Present

Allen is a transgender icon who became a leader in her community in the Chicago's South Side drag ball culture in the 1960s. She is most famous for pioneering a charm school for young transgender people that served as inspiration for the hit play Charm. The film Mama Gloria documenting her life was release in 2020.



## **SYRUS MARCUS WARE**

Activist, Artist & Scholar  
1977 – Present

Ware is a Canadian artist, activist, scholar and a founding member of Black Lives Matter Toronto. His work explores social justice frameworks and Black activist culture through performance, large scale drawing, installations, paintings and dance. He specifically focuses on issues surrounding gender, sexuality and race.



## **DON LEMON**

News Anchor  
1 March 1966 – Present

Lemon is an American primetime national news anchor for CNN and serves as a correspondent for major news stories. In his autobiography, "Transparent" (2011), he discusses his sexual orientation. He is one of few openly gay national newscasters.



## **JAZZIE COLLINS**

Activist & Community Organiser  
24 September 1958 - 11 July 2013

Collins was an African American trans woman activist and community organizer for transgender rights, disability rights, and economic equality in San Francisco. Her activism spanned a decade and a wide variety of community organizations, boards, and initiatives focusing on fighting for the rights of minority communities.



## **QUEEN LATIFAH**

Rapper & Actress  
18 March 1970 - Present

Latifah is a multi-award winning American singer-songwriter, rapper, actress, and producer. She released her debut album All Hail the Queen in 1989 and she is the first Hip Hop Artist to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. As an actress she is known for her roles in 'Set it Off', 'Beauty Shop', the big-screen adaptation of 'Chicago' and the TV film 'Bessie.'



## **CECIL BELFIELD CLARKE**

Doctor & Community Leader  
1894 – 28 November 1970

Clarke was a leading figure in race relations in London and internationally from the early 1930s. He was a founding member of the League of Coloured Peoples and an active supporter of the West African Students Union. He was also elected First Chairman of the House Committee of Aggrey House, a hostel for African students and students of African descent.



## **TIQ MILAN**

Media Maker & Journalist  
? - Present

Milan has been an advocate in the LGBT community for over a decade. He is also a writer and consultant who carved a niche for himself as a media advocate and one of the leading voices for transgender equality. As a public speaker shares his story of being transgender and how that informs his views on masculinity, race and gender.



## 'PANAMA' AL BROWN

Professional Boxer  
5 July 1902 – 11 April 1951

Brown was a Panamanian professional bantamweight boxer. Turning professional before his 20th birthday, he made history by becoming boxing's first Latin American world champion. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest bantamweight boxers in history and has been inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame.



## MONICA ROBERTS

Trans Advocate & Journalist  
4 May 1962 – 5 October 2020

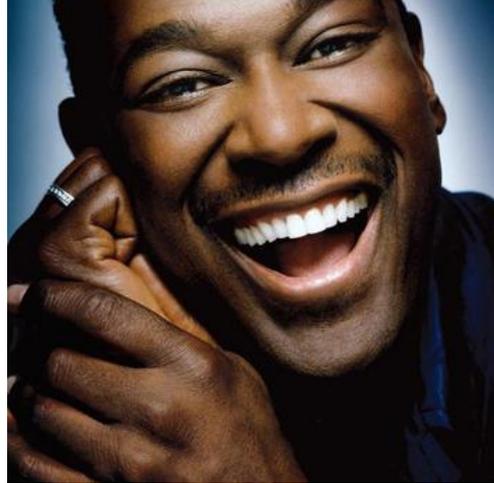
Roberts was a GLAAD award winning blogger, writer, and award winning trans human rights advocate. She's was founding editor of TransGriot and worked to foster understanding and acceptance of trans people inside and outside communities of color.



## PEARL ALCOCK

Artist & Shebeen Owner  
1934 - 2006

Alcock was born in Jamaica and moving to the UK in her mid 20s. She was known for opening a shebeen in the basement of her bridal shop in Brixton during the 1970s. Her establishment drew Black gay men from all around London who wanted a queer space without the racism common in the predominantly white gay scene.



## LUTHER VANDROSS

Singer & Songwriter  
20 April 1951 - 1 July 2005

Vandross is an American singer/songwriter who sold over 40 million records throughout his career, with songs such as "Never Too Much". He had eleven consecutive Platinum albums and received eight Grammy Awards including Best Male R&B Vocal Performance four different times. He also had duets with Beyonce, Mariah Carey and Janet Jackson.



## ELLE MOXLEY

Community Organiser  
1986/87 – Present

Moxley is an artist, community organiser, speaker, and writer. She is the Executive Director and Founder of The Marsha P. Johnson Institute and was a co-founding member and former strategic partner of the BLACK Lives Matter Network. She is credited for organizing the first ever National Day of Action for BLACK Trans Women in 2015.



## BESSIE SMITH

Blues Singer  
15 April 1894 - 26 September 1937

Smith was an American blues singer widely renowned during the Jazz Age. Nicknamed the "Empress of the Blues", she was the most popular female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s. She is often regarded as one of the greatest singers of her era and was a major influence on fellow blues singers, as well as jazz vocalists.



## SIR LADY JAVA

Entertainer & Activist  
20 August 1943 – Present

Java is an American entertainer and trans activist, cited as being the first trans person of colour to perform in the LA club scene. Her popularity grew, and was met with heavy backlash from police and local authorities. Java organised public rallies, pickets, and protests against this discrimination, and her activism was pivotal to the fight towards transgender equality



## JESSAMYN STANLEY

Yoga Teacher & Body-Positivity Advocate  
27 June 1987 – Present

Jessamyn Stanley is a yoga teacher and body positivity advocate and writer. She gained recognition through her Instagram posts showing her doing yoga as a "plus-size woman of color," who self-identifies as a "fat femme" & "queer femme." She is the author of the book *Every Body Yoga: Let Go of Fear, Get On the Mat, Love Your Body*.



## YRSA DALEY-WARD

Author, Actor & Model  
1989 – Present

Daley-Ward is an author, actor, model, and screenwriter of mixed Jamaican and Nigerian heritage, best-known for her debut book, *Bone*. Hailing from the north-west of England, Yrsa draws heavy inspiration from her own experiences and larger issues affecting our behaviour and quality of life and love.



## SYLVESTER

Singer & Songwriter  
6 September 1947 - 16 December 1988

Sylvester was a singer, primarily active in disco, rhythm and blues, and soul. He was known for his flamboyant and androgynous appearance, falsetto singing voice, and hit disco singles in the late 1970s and 1980s. Following his church's disapproval of his sexuality, he found community with other LGBT+ people, and embraced the counter-culture movement.



## ANDREA JENKINS

Politician & Trans Activist  
10 May 1961 - Present

Jenkins is an American politician, writer, performance artist, poet, and transgender activist. She is known for being the first black openly transgender woman elected to public office in the United States, serving since January 2018 on the Minneapolis City Council. She is the city council's vice president.



## NATHAN LEE GRAHAM

Actor & Singer  
9 September 1968 - Present

Graham is an American actor and singer, with a wide ranging filmography and stage credits. In 2017, Graham won the José Esteban Muñoz Award from CLAGS: the Center for LGBTQ Studies. The award is given to an LGBTQ Activist who promotes Queer Studies outside of academia.



## LORRAINE HANSBERRY

Playwright & Writer

19 May 1930 - 12 January 1965

Hansberry was the first Black female author to have a play performed on Broadway. Her best known work, the play *A Raisin in the Sun*, highlights the lives of Black Americans living under racial segregation in Chicago. At 29, she won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award, becoming the first African-American dramatist, the fifth woman, and the youngest playwright to do so



## SEIMONE AUGUSTUS

Former WNBA Player

30 April 1984 - Present

Augustus is a former basketball player who spent 14 of her 15 years in the WNBA with Minnesota Lynx, and last played for the Los Angeles Sparks of the WNBA, Dynamo Kursk, and the U.S. national team. As well as being an eight-time All-Star and winning multiple MVP honors, Augustus won four championships with Lynx, become one of the most recognizable faces in the WNBA.



## KAMAU MUIGA

Writer & Political Commentator

? - Present

Muiga is a writer, part-time lecturer and political commentator based in Nairobi, Kenya, whose articles and essays revolve around intersections of African politics, history and culture. Muiga's past work has included writings on colonialism, homophobia, the LGBTQI+ struggle, Western media, and more.



## AVERY WILSON

Singer & Songwriter

18 July 1995 - Present

Wilson is an American singer, songwriter and dancer. Wilson gained notice in 2012 as a contestant on season 3 of *The Voice*. Since then, he has been making duets with his fans on *Smule Sing!* as @AveryWilson. On his 25th Birthday, Wilson came out as bisexual on social media, simply writing; "I'm bisexual . Ok bye."



## MILA JAM

Singer & LGBT+ Activist

22 February 1989 - Present

Jam is an American trans singer, songwriter, dancer, actress and LGBT+ activist. Her early career launched through her Britney Houston impersonating and range of parody songs. Since, then she has had an array of TV appearances, is working on an album of original material, and has worked with a range of household names in all areas of her work.



## GLENN BURKE

Former Baseball Player

16 November 1962 - 30 May 1995

Burke was an MLB player for the LA Dodgers & Oakland Athletics from 1976-1979. He kept active in sports after retiring, competing in the 1982 Gay Olympics (renamed Gay Games) in track, and in 1986 in basketball. He died from AIDS-related causes in 1995 and was among the first class of inductees into the National Gay & Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.



## CLARE BYARUGABA

LGBT+ Activist  
? - Present

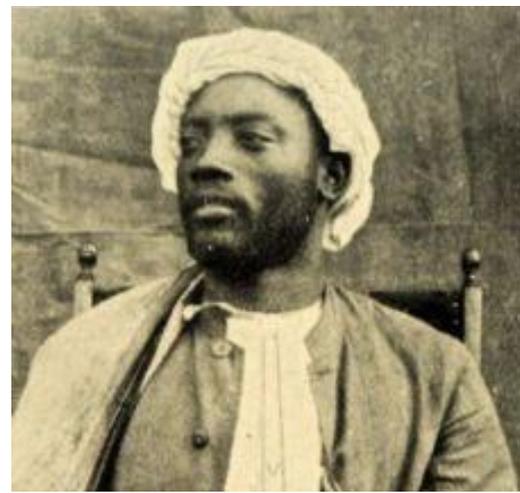
Byarugaba is a Ugandan LGBT+ activist who has spoken out against the government's anti-LGBT rhetoric. She is the co-coordinator of the Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights and Constitutional Law and in 2014, joined the Women in the World summit to share her personal story through the organization's mission to give women voice and agency.



## DA BRAT

Rapper  
14 April 1974 - Present

Shawntae Harris, better known by her stage name Da Brat, is an American rapper. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, she began her career in 1992, the year she signed with So So Def Records. Her debut album *Funkdafied* (1994) sold one million copies, making her the first female solo rap act to receive a platinum certification



## KING MWANGI II

31st Kabaka of Buganda  
1868 - 1903

Mwangi II became the king of Uganda at age 16. During his reign he was known to have regular relations with women as well as his male subjects. He was faced with opposition when British missionaries began converting the Ugandan people to Christianity. Due to his unwillingness to conform to the British, he was overthrown in 1888.



## SHONA KAMBARAMI

Medical Doctor & Scholar  
? - Present

Kambarami is a medical Doctor who graduated in 2009, who also holds a Bachelor of Biomedical Science and a Master of International Affairs with a special interest in gender discrimination in women's health and migration policy. Her writing has included work on being an LGBT+ woman, the depiction of decolonized African feminism in Western film, and more.



## MICHAEL ARCENEAUX

Writer  
12 April 1984 - Present

Arceneaux's collection of 17 humorous personal essays entitled *I Can't Date Jesus: Love, Sex, Family, Race, and Other Reasons I've Put My Faith in Beyoncé* (2018), debuted at number 14 on The New York Times best-seller list for paperback nonfiction, and focuses on his early life as a young Black gay man growing up in a religious household in the southern US.



## NAKHANE

Singer-Songwriter & Actor  
3 February 1988 - Present

Nakhane is a non-binary singer, songwriter, actor, and novelist, whose work celebrates their queerness. Their music has been championed by Elton John, who interviewed Nakhane on his Beats 1 radio show, and Madonna, who cited them as one of her two favourite artists.



## CORINNE HUMPHREYS

Athlete

7 November 1991 - Present

Humphreys is a sprinter and former football and basketball player whose accomplishments to date include a silver medal at the U23 European Championships, British University Gold Medalist, World University Games Finalist and Commonwealth Games semi-finalist. She has been outspoken about her hopes for LGBTQ+ equality in sport.



## J AUGUST RICHARDS

Actor

28 August 1973 - Present

Jaime Augusto Richards III, commonly known as J. August Richards, is an American actor. He is best known for his portrayal of vampire hunter Charles Gunn on the WB television series *Angel* and Mike Peterson/Deathlok on *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* Richards described coming out in 2020 as "one of the best days of his life".



## TITUS BURGESS

Actor & Singer

21 February 1979 - Present

Tituss Burgess is an actor and singer who has appeared in numerous Broadway musicals and is known for his high tenor voice. He is best known for starring as Titus Andromedon on the Netflix comedy series *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, for which he has received five Primetime Emmy Award nominations.



## RAVEN SAUNDERS

Athlete

15 May 1996 - Present

Saunders is an American track and field athlete who competes in the shot put and discus throw. She was the silver medalist in shot put at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, throwing a distance of 19.79 m (64 ft 11 in). She holds a personal record of 19.96 m (65 ft 5+3/4 in) for the shot put. Saunders is openly lesbian and has been outspoken about struggles with depression. She has worked as an advocate for racial justice and mental health.



## SEA SHARP

Poet, Performer & Playwright  
? - Present

Sea Sharp is a British-American poet, performer, and playwright whose work explores themes of home, trauma, identity, and anything else that makes them feel uncomfortable. They are the author of 'Black Cotton' (Waterloo Press, 2019) and of the Prairie Seed Poetry Prize-winning book, 'The Swagger of Dorothy Gale & Other Filthy Ways to Strut' (Ice Cube Press, 2017).



## EDDIE NDOPU

Activist & Humanitarian  
1990 - Present

Ndopu is a South African activist, humanitarian, and public intellectual. He is one of seventeen eminent global advocates appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Sustainable Development Goals. Born with a spinal muscular atrophy, a degenerative disease that affects the nervous system, he describes himself as "black, queer, disabled and brilliant."



## BELL HOOKS

Author, Professor & Activist  
25 Sept 1952 – 15 Dec 2021

Hooks was an American author, professor, feminist, and social activist. Her writing explored the intersectionality of race, capitalism, gender, and what she described as their ability to produce and perpetuate systems of oppression and class domination. She published around 40 books, including her memoir *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood*.



## SEYI ADEBANJO

Media Artist  
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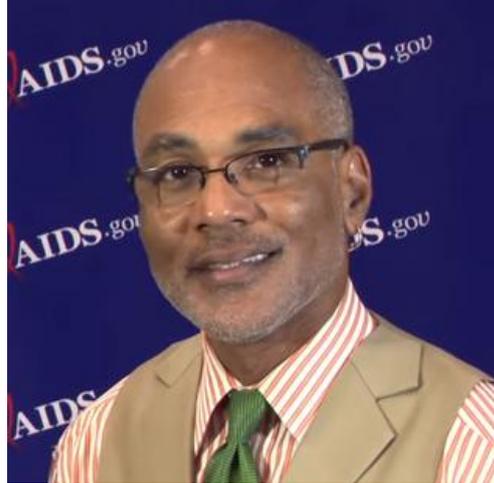
Adebajo is a genderfluid, queer MFA media artist, born in Nigeria and now resident in New York City. Adebajo's work aims to generate social awareness about issues of race, gender, and sexuality through the use of multimedia photography, film, digital video, and writings. Their films include *Trans Lives Matter!: Justice for Islan Nettles*.



## KACEN CALLENDER

Author  
19 September 1989 - Present

Callender is Black, queer, trans, author of children's fiction and fantasy. They were born and raised in Saint Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Their debut novel, *Hurricane Child*, received the Stonewall Book Award in 2019. *King and the Dragonflies*, Callender's second middle-grade novel that explores race and sexuality, was published in 2020.



## PHILL WILSON

Activist & CEO  
? - Present

Wilson is an American activist who founded the Black AIDS Institute in 1999, and served as its CEO, and is a prominent African-American HIV/AIDS activist. In 2010, Wilson became appointed to President Obama's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, becoming the co-chair of the disparities subcommittee.



## ZAZU NOVA

Activist  
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Nova worked with STAR, the Gay Liberation Front and other trans rights organizations. She was a sex worker who called herself "The Queen of Sex" and was known to carry herself as though she were actually royalty. She was there on the night of the infamous Stonewall Riot, and she may have thrown one of the legendary first bricks.



## UNOMA AZUAH

Writer & Author  
23 June 1969 - Present

Asuah is a Nigerian writer, author, and activist whose research and activism focus on LGBT writing in Nigerian literature. She has published three books, two of which have won international awards. She focuses on issues relating to queer Nigerians, such as in *Blessed Body: Secret Lives of LGBT Nigerians* (2016).



## TESSA THOMPSON

Actress

3 October 1983 - Present

Thompson is an American actress with breakthrough roles drama films Mississippi Damned (2009) and For Colored Girls (2010). She gained mainstream attention for her role as Valkyrie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. She also has received critical praise for her performances in independent films such as the the period film Passing (2021).



## BILLY STRAYHORN

Composer & Pianist

29 November 1915 - 31 May 1967

Strayhorn was a Gay American jazz composer, pianist, lyricist, and arranger. His compositions include "Take the 'A' Train" and "Lush Life". As a committed friend to Martin Luther King Jr., he arranged and conducted "King Fit the Battle of Alabama" for the Ellington Orchestra in 1963 for the historical revue (and album) My People, dedicated to King.



## PASTOR DAVID OCHAR

Pastor & Church Founder

? - Present

Ochar, a co-founder and pastor at the Cosmopolitan Affirming Church (CAC). CAC is an inclusive faith community in Kenya that openly welcomes LGBTIQ people of faith, mostly Christians; to explore and experience their faith in an affirming environment.



## SOMIZI MHLONGO

Actor & Choreographer

23 December 1972 - Present

Mhlongo is a South African actor, media personality and choreographer. In 1992, he appeared on the musical and political film, Sarafina! which gained him prominence. He became lead choreographer for numerous shows and events, including the opening and closing ceremonies for the 2010 FIFA World Cup and 2013 Africa Cup of Nations.



## RÉGIS SAMBA-KOUNZI

Photographer & Activist

? - Present

Samba-Kounzi is a French-Congolese-Angolan photographer and activist who lives and works between Paris and Kinshasha. His 'Lolendo' series (2015) is a documentary and artistic project that strives to decolonize fixed imaginaries about sexual minorities in Kinshasha, Democratic Republic of the Congo.



## ROXANE GAY

Writer & Social Commentator

15 October 1974 - Present

Gay is an American writer, professor, editor, and social commentator. She is the author of The New York Times best-selling essay collection Bad Feminist (2014), and the short story collection Difficult Women (2017). She is founder of Tiny Hardcore Press and co-editor of PANK, a nonprofit literary arts collective. She was also one of Marvel Comics first lead black women writers with the 6 issue comic book 'World of Wakanda'.

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