

**“I HAVE NOTHING
TO PROVE. THE WORLD
ALSO BELONGS TO ME.”**

JAMES BALDWIN (1924-1987) was an acclaimed African-American novelist and intellectual. In his 17 books of prose, poetry, plays and essays, Baldwin boldly addressed the systematic oppression of Blacks in America. His first novel, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*, was published in 1957. Baldwin also frankly and humanely addressed homosexuality in later works, such as the novel *Giovanni's Room*. Baldwin stated that the book was about what happens to you if you're afraid to love anybody" Because of his eloquence, and his prominence within literary and intellectual circles, Baldwin was invited to appear at many Civil rights events in the 60's, but was often not invited to larger scale events. Other organizers considered his homosexuality too controversial, and too much of a liability. Ever defiant and radical far beyond his years, James Baldwin left an inspiring legacy of resistance through language.

CHANCES DANCES invites you to celebrate the magic of James Baldwin and all queer revolutionaries, deviants, and witches! These masks portray a selection of radical queers and allies, some from the past and some from the present, some recognized and others hidden. We hope their lives and work will inspire current and future generations to

SUMMON A NEW QUEER REALITY!

We offer this mask as a symbol of power through knowledge and community through history! Please pass it on!

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Chances events, go to

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Chances Dances is a LEZ BI GAY TRANS INTERSEX HETERO DANCE PARTY
that functions to bring together the varied queer communities of Chicago.

It happens on the third Monday of every month,
at Subterranean, 2011 North Avenue