

**"BENEATH THIS MASK, AN-
OTHER MASK. I WILL NEVER BE
FINISHED LIFTING OFF ALL THESE FACES."**

CLAUDE CAHUN (1894 – 1954) was a French artist whose provocative body of work centered around sexual inquiry. Long before the advent of identity politics, Cahun and her lover (and stepsister), Marcel Moore, explored the ambiguities of sexuality and gender through writings, sculptures, collages and photography. She is most recognized for a career-spanning practice of photographing herself posed in a vast repertoire of "male," "female," and androgynous attire. As Marxist Jewish lesbian artists, Claude and Marcel resisted the spread of Nazi power by using their chameleon skills to access German military events and spread anti-fascist propaganda. The couple slipped instructions for shooting Nazi leaders, collaged clippings on Nazi brutality, and anti-Germany fliers into the pockets of Nazi sympathizers and SS officers until their eventual capture in 1944. After months in prison, Claude and Marcel narrowly escaped death sentences when the Allies defeated Hitler's army. Cahun's treatment of gender as a loose-fitting "costume," earned her an alignment with the French Surrealist group. Yet, her art was so ahead of its time that it was largely forgotten or suppressed afterwards. Increasingly, Claude Cahun is being championed as an important artist and pioneer of trans identity politics.

CHANCES DANCES invites you to celebrate the magic of Claude Cahun 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 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