

"I
**AM NOT A BOY, NOT A GIRL, I AM
NOT GAY, NOT STRAIGHT, I AM NOT
ADRAG QUEEN, NOT A TRANS-
SEXUAL - I AM JUST ME, JACKIE."**

JACKIE CURTIS (1947 –1985) was a performer, playwright, poet and revolutionary fashionista. Curtis was the first to dip into the glitter pot and create the often replicated flashy and trashy super-glam-sensual persona. Ripped fishnets, teased red hair and fantastically plump lips, Jackie predated glam rock, Bowie and punk and inspired a generation of glittering copycats (performers/stars). America's original epic drag queen and superstar film muse to Andy Warhol, Jackie Curtis created a world that critiqued and indulged in the fantasies of fame, glamour and excess, performance and satire. She ascended to stardom in previously unexplored realms of improvised performance and gender transgression and remained there until her accidental death (of a heroin overdose) in 1985. This "Superstar in a Housedress" lived a life uncompromised, building an unprecedented stage for herself and sharing it with her contemporaries. As close friend Andy Warhol once said, "Jackie is not a drag queen, Jackie is an artist. A pioneer without a frontier."

CHANCES DANCES invites you to celebrate the magic of Jackie Curtis 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