

**"TO ACHIEVE HARMONY IN  
BAD TASTE IS THE  
HEIGHT OF ELEGANCE."**

**JEAN GENET** (1910-1986) was an infamous French writer and political activist. Genet created novels, plays, poems, essays and a film, inspired by his life as a thief and convict, as well as African American, Algerian, and Palestinian liberation movements. Genet's writing investigated desire in its raw form: eschewing the redemption of the pure, Genet sought the sordid and messy corners where desire activates, unites and troubles across boundaries. He received an international following that granted him a pardon from prison and a reputation as one of the greatest writers of the 20th century. Eloquently nasty, much art has been influenced by or adapted from Genet's work, including books and films by Jean-Paul Sartre, Rainer Werner Fassbinder and Todd Haynes.

**CHANCES DANCES** invites you to celebrate the magic of Jean Genet 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