

**“WHEN I DARE TO BE POWERFUL -TO USE MY
STRENGTH IN THE SERVICE OF MY VISION, THEN IT
BECOMES LESS AND LESS IMPORTANT WHETHER I AM AFRAID.”**

AUDRE LORDE (1934-1992) was a self described "Black lesbian, mother, warrior, poet," and has written numerous books of poetry, essays and *Zami, A New Spelling of My Name*, an acclaimed "biomythology" of her life. One of the most beloved 20th century poets, Lorde was named New York State's Poet Laureate. An influential feminist, Lorde fought prejudice within political movements and consistently voiced the profound interconnectedness of all oppressions. Through this framework, she co-founded the Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, formed the Sisterhood in Support of Sisters in South Africa, was a featured speaker at the first national march for gay and lesbian liberation, and played a central role in preserving and celebrating African-American culture. When Lorde defiantly announced that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer, she wrote: "The struggle with cancer now informs all my days, but it is only another face of that continuing battle for self-determination and survival that black women fight daily, often in triumph." Through her struggle against disease, she exposed a medical establishment that was frequently unsympathetic to cultural difference and women's health issues.

CHANCES DANCES invites you to celebrate the magic of Audre Lorde 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